

2008 SQUARE DANCING **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Canadian Old Tyme square dancing is mandatory.
2. Each set shall consist of 4 couples. Each couple must contain 1 female and 1 male dancing as partners.
- 3(a). A maximum of 3 dancers from any one set may dance in another set in each class except for the Canadian Open Class.

(b). Only in the case of illness or injury, and with the permission of the Dance Association, may a dancer be substituted before/during competition.
4. A time limit of seven minutes per set for the optional dance will include entrance and exit.
5. Each set will dance one dance to the compulsory caller which may be a combination of any two (2) of the compulsory dances and one dance to the group's own caller. The optional dance must not contain any of the compulsory dances for Amateur, Mature or Canadian Open classes.
6. The compulsory dances for 2008 will be 1. Dive Through, Pass Through, 2. Texas Star, 3. Double Pass Through and 4. Four Poster Bed. Elementary classes dance to 1, 2 and 3. Amateur, Mature and Canadian Open classes will dance to all four.
7. Dancers must dance to the music provided by the Dance Association.
8. No square dance caller may call and dance at the same time.
9. Any set who has won the Amateur or Open class or who has won \$250.00 or more in any one competition in the past two years is not eligible to
10. Previous winners of the Amateur or Open class or sets who have won \$250.00 or more in any one competition in the last 2 years must have at least five new members to be eligible to dance in the Amateur class.
11. Mature class dancers must be 35 years of age or older except with special permission from the committee in charge.
12. In the event the musicians or compulsory caller make(s) an error sufficient to throw the set off time or an accident beyond the control of the set or musicians or compulsory caller, the set may be permitted to repeat the routine at the discretion of the judges.
13. Send names and ages with the entry form. Proof of age may be requested.
14. Any decision or ruling pertaining to eligibility made by the committee is final.
15. Dancers must remain on site, in a dance costume, until after the winners in their category are publicly declared or face disqualification.
16. Any decision made by the judges is final. Judges are not required to explain standings.
17. Each judge will score each set out of 200 points for the two routines and then must rank the sets 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. 1st place receives 1 point, 2nd receives 2 points, 3rd receives 3 points and so on. These points are then totalled for each group and the group with the lowest points total is first, next lowest is 2nd and the next lowest is 3rd, etc.
18. The summing of points will be used to break any ties.
19. At the discretion of the judges square dancers may be called on to dance again due to a tie or other circumstances.
20. If, in the opinion of the judges, a set does not conform to the rules and regulations of the competition the judges will place that set in last place of the class in which they competed. No prize money in any amount will be awarded that set.
21. Each entry will be mailed a copy of their score sheets after the competition .
22. Entries close Friday, June 13, 2008. Late entries will be charged regular admission in addition to the entry fee and will not appear on the printed program.
23. Contestant passes will be mailed prior to the competition. Preregistered contestants must check in at the admission table to confirm entry.
24. Late entries and contestants registering at time of competition will be required to dance in class entered before pre-registered contestants.
25. Contestants must be registered before the class being entered commences.
26. Contestants must report to the Contestant Coordinator (at stage area) on arrival to confirm entry.
27. Competition commences on:
Friday evening, June 20, 2008 at 7 p.m.
Saturday afternoon, June 21 at 1 p.m.
Saturday evening, June 21 at 7 p.m.
28. Amateur and Mature square dancing classes will be Friday evening, June 20, 2008.
29. Elementary square dancing class will be Saturday afternoon; Canadian Open square dancing class will be Saturday evening, June 21, 2008.
30. Winners are declared the afternoon/night danced.
31. Stage is approximately 20' x 20'.