

## 120.0 DELEGATE DANCING STANDARD AND BEHAVIOUR

- 120.1 a) Only Dancers capable of dancing to the Programme stated shall be permitted to dance.
- b) Where it is patently obvious a Delegate is unable to dance the stated Programme, the Committee shall approach the person in question and request his or her non- participation. If the offender persists, he/she is to be asked to surrender his or her Convention ribbon and leave the dance floor.
- c) The person may remain as a spectator providing an undertaking not to attempt further dancing is given.
- 120.2 a) Every Delegate are charged with the responsibility of being fully aware of the etiquette of Square Dancing and shall conduct himself/herself accordingly.
- b) Square Dance etiquette may be defined as follows:
- (i) A Dancer must conduct himself or herself with courtesy and good manners, in particular towards fellow Dancers.
  - (ii) When on the Dance floor one shall pay attention to and follow the instructions of the compère, marshals and Caller and shall remain in the set until the conclusion of the bracket.
  - (iii) When dancing a Dancer shall dance smoothly in such a manner as to assist in the enjoyment, safety and comfort of fellow Dancers.
  - (iv) A Dancer must maintain a high standard of personal hygiene and grooming so as not to give offence to fellow Dancers and maintain the general high standard of the Square Dance movement.
  - (v) Women dancing in the left hand position (usually referred to as the man's position) should be welcomed without discrimination. Such women may adopt either the ladies attire set out in clause 120.6, with the addition of a colored material sash or, if they exclusively dance in the left hand position, the attire set out in clause 120.5 for men.
- 120.3 a) The Committee shall reserve the right not to admit anyone, who in their opinion, is improperly dressed or who is not in fit and proper control of their faculties or is considered liable to give offence to other Dancers.
- b) It is recommended in the case where the person in question has a Convention ticket, the decision be made by the full Committee and the remaining portion of the ticket, less a cancellation fee, be refunded.
- 120.4 No person is to be permitted on the Dance floor who is not neatly, cleanly and correctly dressed in recognised Square Dance attire. This shall not preclude a person specially attired for novelty and demonstration items.
- 120.5 a) Square Dance attire for men shall be interpreted to include a buttoned, full length sleeve shirt, complete with bolo-tie, cravat or similar.
- b) Trousers, slacks or dress type jeans shall be neat and tidy. Dress shorts are permitted only in conjunction with long roll top socks.

- c) Clean shoes, dancing pumps or dress boots shall be worn and shall be of a type that will not mark or damage the floor.
  - d) The wearing of a hat indoors, except where it forms part of a demonstration, is unacceptable.
- 120.6 a) Square Dance attire for women shall be interpreted as including the wearing of a full-type Square Dance dress or skirt and blouse, complete with suitable discreet underwear. Full backless-type, bare back or bare midriff dresses or blouses are not acceptable.
- b) Dress and jewellery must be such that they will not damage other Dancers or their clothing.
  - c) Clean, low-heeled or flat-heeled shoes or jiffies of a type that will not mark or damage the floor shall be worn. Spike or small type heels are banned (heels must be a minimum 25mm long in all dimensions in contact with the floor surface).
- 120.7 a) Smoking in any form is not permitted in any Dance hall areas or meeting rooms.
- b) Appropriate "No Smoking" signs shall be displayed.
- 120.8 Alcohol shall not be consumed on the premises, except as noted under "meals".
- 120.9 All Delegates shall at all times wear their convention ribbon, state identification and name badges of some form.

## **121.0 CALLER ELIGIBILITY, REGISTRATION AND OBLIGATIONS**

- 121.1 PHILOSOPHY.** Eligibility to call at the various sessions of a National Convention is based on the caller-applicant's ongoing participation in specific Callerlab Programmes within the square dance activity. Therefore, callers have to satisfy the eligibility criteria for each of the Callerlab Programmes for which they apply to call (Mainstream, Plus, Advanced 1, Advanced 2 etc.) The purpose of the Eligibility Criteria is to ensure that all callers who are programmed for the various dance sessions at a National Convention have appropriate skills and experience to provide entertainment for the dancers.
- 121.2 CALLER REGISTRATION.** Please refer to Section 129.
- Eligibility of applicants will be based on validated information which is available to the Convention committee by the applicant. This will include use of the ACF caller database and callers therefore have an obligation to keep this up-to-date.
- 121.3 a)** The criteria for eligibility of a caller to call at a National Convention are maintained by the Australian Callers' Federation (ACF).
- b) On request the ACF shall supply to the convention committee a printout of all callers registered in the Australian Callers Database showing each caller's eligibility to call for the various dance programmes and the year when information was last updated.