

2011 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 the same class.
b) Only in the case of illness or injury, and with the permission of the Dance Association, may a dancer be substituted before or during the Festival.
4. A maximum time limit of seven minutes per set for the optional dance will apply. This limit includes the exit.
5. Square dancing categories will be Elementary, Amateur, Mature and Canadian Open.
6. 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 optional dance to the set's own caller. The optional dance must not contain any of the compulsory dances for the Amateur, Mature or Canadian Open classes.
7. The compulsory dances for 2011 will be: 1) Canadian Breakdown 2) Ladies Do Ce Ballinet 3) Spin the Ends 4) Arch in the Middle.
8. Dancers must dance to the music provided by the Dundalk Dance Association.
9. No square dance caller may dance and call at the same time.
10. Any set who has won the Canadian Open class in the past two years is not eligible to enter the Amateur class with the exception of the Elementary class.
11. Previous winners of the Canadian Open class in the past two years must have at least 5 new members to be eligible to dance in the Amateur class.
12. Mature class dancers must be 25 years of age or older except with special permission from the Dundalk Dance Association.
13. Amateur class dancers must be 24 years of age or younger except with special permission from the Dundalk Dance Association.
14. In the event the musicians or compulsory caller make(s) an error sufficient enough to throw the set off time or an accident beyond the control of the dancers, musicians, or compulsory caller, the set may be permitted to repeat the routine at the discretion of the judges
15. Send names and ages with the entry form. Proof of age may be required.
16. Any decision or ruling pertaining to eligibility made by the Dance Association is final.
17. No stage props, other than those supplied by the Dance Association, are allowed. Only items related to the costume may be used.
18. Any decision made by the judges is final. Judges are not required to explain standings.
19. Each judge will score each set out of 200 points for the routines and then must rank the entry 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. 1st place receives one point, 2nd receives 2 points, 3rd receives 3 points and so on. These points will then be totaled across judges for each entry and the entry with the lowest points total is first, next lowest is second, and next lowest is 3rd etc.
20. The summing of points (out of 200) will be used to break any ties.
21. At the discretion of the judges, square dancers may be called on to dance again due to a tie or other circumstances.
22. If, in the opinion of the judges, a set does not conform to the rules and regulations of the Festival, the judges will place that set in last place of the class in which they entered. No prize money will be awarded to such a set.
23. Each set will be provided with a copy of their score sheets after the Festival.
24. Entries close on Friday June 17th, 2011. Late entries will not appear in the printed program AND will be charged regular admission in addition to their entry fee.
25. Late entries will be required to dance in the class entered before pre-registered entrants.
26. Pre-registered entrants must check in at the admission table **AND must report** to the Entrant Co-ordinator located in the stage area upon arrival to confirm entry.
27. Entrants must be registered before the class being entered commences. A schedule for the day can be found at www.dundalkdance.com by Wednesday June 22nd. Times are approximations only so please plan to check in at least 1 hour before your class is scheduled to commence.
28. The competition portion of the festival commences on Saturday June 25th at 9am. **All classes will perform on Saturday.**
29. Winners are to be declared at an awards ceremony upon completion of all performances on Saturday evening. Estimated time for the awards ceremony is 8pm.
30. Dancers must be present, **in a dance costume**, by the beginning of the awards ceremony Saturday evening or **may face disqualification**.
31. Dancers in the Elementary class will perform before 12 noon on Saturday. A separate awards ceremony for Elementary dancers will take place at approximately 12 noon.
32. Stage is approximately 20' x 20'.