



# ROUND DANCE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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The Round Dance Teachers' Association of Southern California (RDTASC) is composed of persons interested in perpetuating itself as a professional organization, in elevating standards, ethics, and ideals of its members, in promoting and enhancing the knowledge of its members, and in the promotion and regulation of Round Dance Activities, and in calculating the principles of harmony, integrity, and goodwill among its members.

The undersigned hereby makes application for membership in the RDTASC, and, if accepted, agrees to conform with the established principles of this organization.

I/We am/are applying for (see attached for category descriptions): Make check to **RDTASC only**.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Probationary Teacher Member (\$30*) | <input type="checkbox"/> Subscriber Member (\$35)                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Probationary Cuer Member (\$30*)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Dancer Member (\$25) <b>[Skip to Yellow Area]</b>      |
|  | <b>[Highest Dance Level: _____]</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apprentice Teacher Member (\$35*)   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apprentice Cuer Member (\$35*)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstated Member - Cuer / Teacher (circle one) (\$75) |

\*To be applied to \$75 annual dues when converted to full Member

I/We was/were an experienced Round Dance Teacher/Cuer in another area prior to moving here. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

I/We am/was an experienced Round Dance Teacher/Cuer in this area. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If YES to either of above, please attach a short resume.

Member Unit's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ (Work)

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell)

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended/Sponsored By \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Endorsed by Membership Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

I/We teach or cue rounds at a square dance club. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
I/We teach a round dance class regularly. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If YES to either of above: Night \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Level \_\_\_\_\_  
If NO, state your teaching/cueing activities on back  
Night \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Level \_\_\_\_\_

Use reverse side of this form (or add attachment) for additional information or for information about yourself that you feel would be helpful to the Committee and Board. PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION. RETURN APPLICATION & REMITTANCE TO MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Membership Chairman Signature / Date

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### **MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:**

*{From Nov. 2023 Constitution}*

#### **ARTICLE IV — MEMBERS**

**SECTION 1:** The word “Member” when used in this Constitution shall refer to a unit, which can be either a solo teacher or cuer or a couple who applied for membership as a team.

**SECTION 2:** The categories of membership shall be:

- A. Teacher Member
- B. Cuer Member
- C. Apprentice Member
- D. Subscriber Member
- E. Honorary Lifetime Member
- F. Affiliate Member
- G. Dancer Member

#### **SECTION 3: TEACHER MEMBER**

A. Teacher membership shall be open to any round dance leader who:

- 1) Is nominated in writing by a current RDTA member describing the applicant’s qualifications for membership, and
- 2) Is actively teaching round dancing (either in a class or privately). A class shall be interpreted as any group of dancers who attend a regularly scheduled session at which the member teaches round dancing, for which a fee is charged, and
- 3) Is accepted by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present and voting on the application.

B. Teacher Members may attend general meetings, participate in the Dance Workshop, hold any office, serve on committees, and vote on any matter before the membership.

C. To become a Teacher Member, the applicant must take an oral examination given by the Examining Board and show and teach a Qualifying Dance (as defined in the Rules and Procedures) to the membership present at a monthly meeting.

D. Until the applicant passes the oral examination and shows and teaches a Qualifying Dance, the applicant shall be considered a probationary teacher member. Probationary teacher members may attend general membership meetings and the Dance Workshop but may not nominate or present a dance as new material (unless it is their qualifying dance) or vote at the General Membership Meeting until after their Qualifying Dance. They may vote for dances during the Dance Workshop. They may serve on a committee but may not chair a committee or hold an executive office.

#### **SECTION 4: CUER MEMBER**

A. Cuer membership shall be open to anyone who cues round dances at square or round dances, festivals or a class, and:

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- 1) Is nominated in writing by a current RDTA Member, describing the applicant's qualifications for cuer member, and
- 2) Is accepted by vote of two-thirds of the membership present and voting on the application.

B. Cuer Members may attend general meetings, participate in the Dance Workshop, serve on committees, and vote on any matter before the general membership. Cuer members may chair committees and hold an office but shall not be eligible to be President.

C. To become a Cuer Member, an applicant must take an oral examination given by the Examining Board and cue a Qualifying Dance (as defined in the Rules and Procedures) for the membership present at a monthly meeting.

D. Until the applicant passes the examination and cues a Qualifying Dance, the applicant shall be considered a probationary cuer member. Probationary cuer members may attend general membership meetings and the Dance Workshop but may not nominate or present a dance as new material (unless it is their qualifying dance) or vote at the General Membership Meeting until after cueing their Qualifying Dance. They may vote for dances during the Dance Workshop. They may serve on a committee but may not chair a committee or hold an executive office.

### SECTION 5: APPRENTICE MEMBER

An Apprentice Member is an applicant who does not meet the requirements of Teacher Member or Cuer Member, but shows an intent to cue and/or teach round dancing by working with a Member in good standing. The applicant shall have two years from joining the organization as an Apprentice Member to apply to change their status and complete the necessary examinations. After two years, if an Apprentice Member is not qualified to become a Teacher Member or Cuer Member, he/she shall submit a letter of intent explaining what efforts have been made to become a teacher or cuer member. The Executive Board shall decide whether to extend the apprenticeship period.

A. An applicant for apprentice membership must be sponsored by a current RDTA Member and accepted by two-thirds of the membership present and voting on the application.

B. An Apprentice Member may attend general membership meetings and the Dance Workshop and show dances as New Material. They may also serve on committees, but cannot chair a committee or hold office, or vote on any procedural matter. They may vote for dances during the Dance Workshop.

C. An apprentice member **must** show, teach and/or cue a minimum of two dances per year to the membership at a regular meeting, starting from the month in which his or her membership was approved.

### SECTION 6: SUBSCRIBER MEMBER

Subscriber membership is open to any active or retired Round Dance leader who, due to conflicting dance activities, physical limitations or living out of area, is not able to attend RDTA meetings but wants to be a member. A Subscriber Member shall receive minutes and other member mailings but they may



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not hold office. They are eligible to vote on any matters-before the association if they are present either in person or virtually (Zoom, etc.) at the time of the voting. Annual dues for subscriber members shall be determined by the Executive Board in a reduced amount. They shall not be considered in the basis for determining a quorum.

### **SECTION 7: HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBER**

The Executive Board may recommend to the membership from time that Honorary Lifetime Member status be conferred on individuals for their contributions to round dancing. The names of the Honorary Lifetime Members shall be published in the R.D.T.A. Roster. Honorary Lifetime Members are not eligible to vote or hold office. They do not pay dues and do not receive minutes or other monthly mailings.

### **SECTION 8: AFFILIATE MEMBER**

Any person or organization interested in round dancing may become an Affiliate Member. This category is intended to cover other round dance organizations, suppliers, publications and anyone interested in round dancing. An Affiliate Member may not participate in meetings or the Dance Workshop and may not hold office. They will receive notices and minutes of meetings and pay dues in an amount to be determined by the Executive Board.

### **SECTION 9: DANCER MEMBER**

Dancer membership shall be open to any round dancer who:

- 1) Is nominated in writing by a current RDTA member describing the applicant's qualifications for membership, and
- 2) Is accepted by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present and voting on the application.

Dancer members shall receive minutes and other member mailings and are eligible to participate in the selection of dances. They shall have voting privileges only on dances, not on any other matters of the organization. Annual dues for dancer members shall be determined by the Executive Board in a reduced amount.

### **SECTION 10: TENURE**

A person who qualifies as a Teacher or Cuer Member at the time of joining the organization shall be entitled to retain that membership status, even if their circumstances change. Teacher or Cuer Members also may move from one membership category to another, at their discretion, as they meet the qualifications for the new category.