

SQUARE DANCE DEMONSTRATIONS

Discussion Guide - 3R July 21, 2012 – Northeast Colorado Square Dance Council

Types of Demonstrations:

1. For Recruiting
2. For Entertainment
 - a. Nursing Homes
 - b. Special Invitations
 - c. Done by Special Dance Exhibition Teams
 - d. Fun Nights

Location:

1. Time
2. Dancing surface
3. Inside or outside
4. Parade's
5. Consider driving time for Caller and Dancers
6. Weather

Audience:

1. Target Demonstration to audience
2. Size of audience and location of audience to demonstration site
3. Audience Involvement

Caller:

1. If for recruiting use the Caller that will be instructing the class if possible.
2. Discuss full details of the demonstration with your Caller.
3. No Caller – Dancer playing - cd/record or tape

Dancers:

1. Dancer selection & ability
2. Attitude
3. Consider forming a special group of dancers within your club to do demonstrations and practice.

Music:

1. Choose per targeted audience
2. Speed
3. Sounding – speakers & equipment being used

Dance Patterns:

1. Dance facing the audience as much as possible: Example circle left inside out: Backup on Grand Square: After a Promenade Home turn and acknowledge the audience – discuss this with your caller ahead of time.

Dress:

1. Be proud of Square Dancing wear Dance apparel!
2. Match at least color's
3. Match style all short or all prairie skirts
4. Really consider casual dress carefully – don't downgrade our activity – (Dances with Stars attracts dancers by being something different & professional looking) If people really want to Square Dance they will find away to have appropriate dance apparel.

Payment:

1. Mainly applies to invitations for Entertainment situations.

Comments:

1. Treat demonstrations like a business
2. Be professional – our future depends on it
3. Take time to plan
4. Sometimes all we get is a First Impression!
5. Don't be afraid to say NO its better to not do a Square Dance Demonstration if we can't look good, sound good and be professional.