

1000) General Eligibility

HEREAFTER, MASCULINE PRONOUNS SHOULD BE READ AS INCLUDING THE FEMININE.

NOTE:

This Section is for general, overall eligibility requirements. More specific eligibility requirements for competitors are listed under each category of competition. Extra information is also included in the rulebook as guidelines and instructional helps.

1001) Eligibility: Basic Entrance Requirements

The PNTSDF is primarily a Square Dance oriented Festival. Our main thrust is to further Square Dancing and its related activities.

To compete in the PNTSDF, a minimum of one "Team" of Square Dancers is required. ("Team" is defined elsewhere.) [see rule 2110]

1002) Eligibility: Individual Affiliation

An individual must be a member of at least one recognized Club participating in the PNTSDF.

An individual may be a member of more than one recognized Club.

"Teams" may be made up of more than one Club affiliation.

"Couples" may be made up of more than one Club affiliation.

Regulation of this situation is left up to the Clubs involved.

1010) Eligibility: Basic Club Recognition

To compete in the PNTSDF, a "Couple" and/or a basic "Team" must belong to a "Club" defined as follows (the generic term "Club" will be used throughout the rulebook):

- 1) A privately operated (either club run or caller run) organization which meets for the express purpose of furthering square dancing. Usually a square dance club retains a caller to teach and perform the dance but to be recognized as a Square Dance Club a caller is not required. This may include, but is not limited to, "regular" Square Dance Clubs, Caller operated Clubs, Tape Clubs, etc.. Or...
- 2) A Community sponsored organization which meets for the purpose of furthering square dancing and it's activities. This may include, but is not limited to, Schools, Community Centers, Beneficial Organizations, etc. Or...
- 3) Groups approved by the PNTSDF representatives, not covered by the above regulations, voted upon at any regular PNTSDF representatives' meeting.

1020) Registration Forms: Submissions

Only the official Club Representative shall Submit Registration and other Forms and be the sole contact person. See Appendix A for official submission forms.

1050) Eligibility: General Participation in Competition

Everyone entering into competition does so as a competitor.

1051) Eligibility: Proof of

The burden of proof of eligibility is on the advisor/club caller/club representative.

Proof of the following may be helpful to have on hand:

- 1) Age
It is recommended that proof of age be available for all entrants.

- 2) Previous participation in the PNTSDF or similar festivals.
Please be prepared to defend Category placement (capacity) for any individual. Failure to comply could mean disqualification of the "Dancer", "Caller", "Cuer", **and/or** "Couple", "Team", "Exhibition".

Limits of Category Regression are designated by the PNTSDF.

1052) Eligibility: Challenge of

Any competitor or adult advisor/caller may challenge the eligibility of any competitor(s), in writing, to the Chief Judge who may either suspend competition or withhold awards from the individual(s) challenged until satisfactory proof of eligibility is given.

1053) Eligibility: Individual competitor's eligibility limitations

An individual may compete only in one capacity in each of: Square Dancing, Square Dance Calling, Round Dancing, Round Dance Cueing, and Exhibition Dancing.

Policy: A competing Caller may, if eligible, dance either with his own Team wherever he is not actually calling for them, or with some other Team, but will not be allowed to dance with more than one Team.

1100) General Competitor Definition

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A standard competitor may be a square dancing individual as defined by Rules 1002, 1050, 1053, 2115, 2141, 2220, 4120, 4140, 4170, 4440, 5120, 5220, 6120, 6220, 7112, 7120 and 7150

1150) Exceptions:

Exceptions to the above standards are addressed in Rules 1010.3, 2150, 2222, 2240, 2320, 2380, 2480, 2816, 4150, 4151, 4220, 4322, 4363, 4380, 4463, 4480, 5150, 5222, 5480, 6363, 6380, 6463, 6480, 7112 (see Section 1800)

1800) Allowable Eligibility Exceptions

- 1850)** General Rules and/or competition regulation are 1002, 1020, 1053. Exception in Rulebook, to above standards is 1010.3. This is subject to Festival Day grievance potential.
- 1851)** Particular standard competitor regulations are 2115, 2141, 4130, 4140, 4170, 5120, 6120, 7112, 7120, 7150. Exceptions, in Rulebook, to above standards are 2150, 4150, 4151, 5150. These are subject to Festival Day grievance potential.
- 1852)** Standard rules applicable to categories are 2220, 4220, 5220, 6220. Exceptions, in Rulebook, to above standards are 2222, 2230, 2240, 4230, 5222, 5230, 5240, 6230. These are subject to Festival Day grievance potential.
- 1853)** Standard rules applicable to round one (circuit one) are 2320, 4320, 5320, 6320. Exceptions, in Rulebook, to above standards are 2380, 4322, 4363, 4380, 5380, 6363, 6380. These are subject to Festival Day grievance potential.
- 1854)** Standard rules applicable to further rounds (circuits) are 2440, 4440. Exceptions, in Rulebook, to above standards are 2480, 4463, 4480, 5480, 6463, 6480. These are subject to Festival Day grievance potential.
- 1855)** The exception committee (see 9620) may, by March 15th of the current festival year, make exceptions to appropriate rules in sections 1000, 2100 to 2400, 4100 to 4400, 5100 to 5400, 6100 to 6400 and 7100. They have no jurisdiction in any other sections. Rulings/decisions by the committee cannot be overturned by grievances on day of competition.
- 1856)** Exception request forms **must** be submitted and received by the Exception Committee by March 1 of the current Festival year. [11/15]

NOTE:

The following cannot be altered by any type of exception

- 500 Judges
- 600 Scoring
- 700 Terminology
- 800 Policies
- 900 Awards

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