

**Royal Scottish Country Dance Society
Vancouver Branch Demonstration Team
Guidelines 2008**

The Vancouver Branch Demonstration Team represents the Vancouver Branch of the R.S.C.D.S and is accountable to its Board of Directors.

Purpose:

- To entertain
- To promote Scottish Country Dancing and the Vancouver Branch
- To demonstrate the style and variety of Scottish Country Dancing
- To exemplify the social spirit of Scottish Country Dancing
- To encourage the pursuit of excellence in dancing

Team Member Attributes.

As role models for other dancers and ambassadors for the Branch, team members should have the following attributes:

- Good deportment, energy, stamina and balance;
- Knowledge and demonstrable ability in conventional steps and figures;
- Positive team spirit and a demonstrable joy of dancing;

Membership:

All suitably qualified members of the Vancouver Branch shall be eligible for team membership either by invitation or personal application.

Membership will be drawn primarily from the Branch Advanced Dancing Class and otherwise from within the Branch at large at the discretion of the Artistic Director.

Attendance at the Branch Advanced Dancing Class is recommended for those preparing to join the Demonstration Team.

Special consideration will be given to visitors, temporary residents or those residing outside the Greater Vancouver Area.

Members will be expected to attend practices in order to qualify for inclusion in demonstrations.

Administration:

The Board shall appoint the Artistic Director annually at the start of each dance year.

The team members will elect a Team Manager each year.

The incumbents shall continue in their position until the next years appointments and elections are made.

The Artistic Director will be a fully qualified R.S.C.D.S. Teacher and with support from the Team Manager and team members will be responsible for:

- Selecting team members
- Leadership and team building
- Maintaining a team of appropriate size and mix
- Assignment of members for performances
- Organizing and running practices
- Dance and music selection and choreography
- Costume selection and design

The Team Manager will normally but not necessarily be a member of the dance team and with support from the Artistic Director and team will be responsible for:

- Practice venue arrangements and room booking;
- Booking engagements and setting performance fees;
- Maintaining performance and financial records
- Acquiring and maintaining equipment and costumes
- Organizing sound systems
- Maintaining good communication with the team.

Branch Engagements.

For engagements commissioned by the Branch, the team will be credited with a fee for the purpose of bookkeeping within the Branch. The fee will be reviewed by the Branch from time to time as needed.

The team will seek out engagements that will be achieve the Purposes listed above and will bring in income for its services, where appropriate.

Reporting

The Manager will report formally in November and March and as requested by the Vancouver Branch Board, on:

- Membership
- Engagements
- Equipment and costumes
- Finances
- Any other matters as required

August 5th 2008