

INTRODUCTION

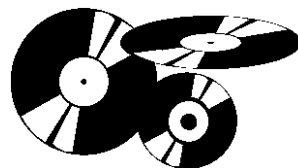
Most clubs are organized in a basic club format with officers or leaders performing their duties in a very specific manner. Clubs may use different titles for their leaders, but the duties and responsibilities are basically the same.

The Club Caller is also a leader of the Club and has certain responsibilities in the performance of his duties. The following is a list of typical responsibilities for a Club Caller that may meet the needs of most clubs but may require some variation or tailoring depending upon the type and organization of the club.

CLUB CALLER

1. Maintain Club dancing proficiency at the level designated by the Board of Directors of the club.
2. Conduct the club dances as scheduled by the Board of Directors.
3. Provide all sound equipment and records. Latest records will be utilized as deemed desirable by the Caller.

4. Conduct Club Classes in Western Style Square Dancing as scheduled by the Club Board of Directors.
5. Obtain approval of a substitute caller from the Club President or appropriate person in the event of absence.
6. If asked attend Club Board of Directors meetings in an advisory capacity. Report on activities of local and state caller associations, CALLERLAB, ACA, etc. Make recommendations for improvement of Club operations.
7. Promote proper square dance styling, dress, promptness, enthusiasm and attendance at Club, Area and State functions.
8. Adhere to a caller "Code of Ethics" to the maximum extent possible.
9. Prepare and offer a variety of programs to avoid boredom and stereotyped dance nights. Periodically develop gimmicks or special events to create an atmosphere of fun and excitement. Don't let interest wane.



10. Present a professional appearance and attitude at all club functions. Western style attire is required at all Club dances and square dance activities.
11. Try to participate in all Club functions. Mingle with the Club members to obtain the feelings of the Club dancers.
12. Assist in other Club activities as deemed necessary.
13. Set an example for Club officers and members to follow to include; dress, badge, promptness, enthusiasm, knowledge of the square dance community, activities, etc.





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