

Distribution of Handicapable Funds

Since it is difficult for Handicapable clubs to know exactly how many of their members will be attending until the convention actually occurs, the allotment of funds will be addressed in the following manner.

The application for registration reimbursement must be received by July 31st indicating the number of Handicapable dancers in attendance at the National Square Dance Convention® just past.

The amount of reimbursement could be anywhere from partial registration reimbursement to full registration reimbursement. The total per Handicapable dancer will not exceed the full registration fee.

The amount of reimbursement depends on available funds and the number of requests. The amount of funds available will be determined at the USDA annual meeting. The funds available will be divided equally among those submitting applications.

Once all applications are received by the cut-off date of July 31st, the Handicapable Committee will review all forms for completeness and then send them on to the Treasurer for reimbursement. A check will be sent to the contact person in the club's name.

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USDA HANDICAPABLE Wheelchair PROGRAM



This information sheet was developed by the Handicapable Committee of the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, INC. and will provide information on a part of the Handicapable Program supported by USDA.

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Identification Names I've heard over the years



Remember, this activity is primarily for the residents. If you want to have fun with the volunteers, perhaps a line dance just for them. Or, get a few extra wheelchairs, put the chauffeurs in the chairs and call one tip that way. But they have to maneuver the chairs on their own.

Try not to put too many turning movements together. It can cause the dancer dizziness and motion sickness. Squares can get big because of the room a wheelchair takes to maneuver. When doing a wheelchair dance, allow 20 by 20 area per square.

Involve the staff, volunteers, friends and families to partake in this activity. Wheelchair square dancing works very well as an intergenerational program. Enjoy programs that promote many different aspects of life. This activity is an exercise, a sing along, and a reminiscing program all rolled up into one event.

SOME WHEELCHAIR CALL FIGURES

Heads Square Thru	Swing Thru
Ferris Wheel, Pass thru	Boys Run
Promenade (Short)	Take Corner

Wear a glove on your left hand for two reasons. The direction right and left are too difficult for some dancers. So directions are given as gloved and bare. We also find that gloves help reduce the spread of colds.

Wheelchair Square Dancing has an additional challenge in that you are not touching anyone. This means the dancers have to keep track in their mind where they are in a square in relation to other dancers.

HELPFUL HINTS

1. It's very helpful if the wheelchairs have foot rests.
2. Make sure the breaks to the chairs are not locked down.
3. Too much spinning of the chairs can make residents dizzy.
4. Gerry beds are a very different to handle than wheelchairs.
5. Sometimes, residents have afghans on their laps. Be careful, they do not get tangled in the chairs.
The chauffeurs should not be other resident.
The execution time of the calls is longer than normal

Extra staff needs to be on standby in case of emergencies.

Motorized scooters work well with a square of all motorized scooters

If you are the chauffeur, introduce yourself to the resident in the chair before standing behind and maneuvering them.



Some residents really enjoy WATCHING the square dance, but do not want to participate. Please respect their wishes.



Being certified in CPR and First Aid is a great benefit to have when you are pitching the ideas to the Activity Directors. Plus, it's just a good thing to learn as a square dance caller or leader.

Explanation of Program

The USDA Handicapable Program is monetary in nature. It is for registration fee for eligible Handicapable dancers who attended the National Convention just past.

Eligibility

Must be a Handicapable Dancer in a Handicapable club. Any Handicapable Club in the United States may apply for these funds.

How to apply

In order to apply for funds a club contact person must fill out the application form IS-022 found on the USDA web site at www.usda.org. For more information, please Email: USDA Handicapable Chair at usda.handicapable.dancers@usda.org

Important

This application for reimbursement must be received by the USDA Handicapable Committee by July 31st for the National Square Dance Convention just past. The amount of reimbursement will depend on the available funds and the number of applicants.