



AUSTIN SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

GUIDELINES FOR BANNER CAPTURING

The following rules have been adopted by the Austin Square and Round Dance Association as of August 16, 1987. The Association requests all participating clubs keep in mind that the main objective of banner capturing (heretofore called "banner stealing") is to promote visitation of dancers between clubs. Fun and Fellowship will be enjoyed by all as they follow these rules and remember courtesy and sportsmanship.

1. In order to capture a banner, one or more squares (in case of a round dance club, four or more couples) of that club shall attend the host club dance for the majority of the evening.
2. The visiting club will notify the host club president or his representative immediately upon arrival of their intent to capture the host club banner.
3. A visiting club wishing to capture a banner must have regularly scheduled weekly or bi-monthly dances of the same kind, i.e., squares or rounds, so that the club whose banner is captured will have many opportunities to recapture at its convenience within the three month time frame. Square and round dance clubs may capture from other square and round dance clubs, squares only, or rounds only. Squares only or rounds only may capture from like clubs, or from square and round dance clubs.
4. Banners are not to be reserved for any visiting club. Clubs may not call ahead to see if a banner is available for capture.
5. Participants in a banner capturing visit must be current members of the capturing club.
6. Host club members cannot represent a visiting club for the purpose of banner capturing, nor may any dancer represent more than one club at the same time on a banner capturing visit.

7. The order of eligibility for capturing the banner when two or more clubs are represented is:

- a. Clubs traveling the farthest distance over fifty miles.
- b. Local clubs with the greatest number of dancers present.
- c. When representation is equal by two or more clubs, the host club will decide by lot who made the capture.

8. Should a host club have a capturing club's banner, the capturing club must recapture its own banner prior to capturing the host club's banner and cannot do both on the same visit. It takes a visit to recapture and it takes a visit to capture.

9. Clubs may have more than one banner to be captured, but there may not be anything else substituted. Therefore, if the host club does not have its traveling banner(s), NOTHING ELSE MAY BE CAPTURED.

10. Banners may not be captured by clubs that dance on the same night(s) as the host clubs.

11. Host club banners cannot be captured at any dance advertised as a special dance, however; banners captured by any club simultaneously advertising a special dance must be made available for recapture at that special dance.

12. Clubs not desiring to engage in banner capturing are not obligated to participate.

13. NOTE: Since BANNER CAPTURING is to encourage fun and fellowship, THE ABOVE GUIDELINES MAY BE SUPERSEDED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE CLUBS INVOLVED.

14. In lieu of or in addition to traveling banners, plastic badges may be given by host clubs to visiting clubs to signify they have made a visit and met the provisions of ASRDA Banner Capture Guidelines. Such badges shall then be treated by the capturing and host clubs the same way as traveling banners, i. e., they should be retrieved within three months. Clubs may have more than one traveling badge but no more than they can reasonably manage. Clubs may pin captured badges on their own banners to signify they have participated in the Fun and Fellowship of Banner Capturing, then display them proudly at ASRDA or State Dances wherever their banner are taken.