



UCWDC® FINANCIAL PRACTICE No. 3 Annual Event Membership and Dollar-A-Dance Dues

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1. INTRODUCTION

The United Country Western Dance Council® is an international organization which promotes country western dance by producing festivals and competitions across the world. We host the annual Country Dance World Championships® for couples and line dancers and we advocate country dancing as a social activity for people of all ages and abilities.

1.1 Purpose

The UCWDC is registered in the state of Pennsylvania as a 501(c)(3) organization.

In accordance with the articles and sections of the current UCWDC Bylaws referenced below, this Finance Practice governs the annual payment of UCWDC Membership (event) dues.

1.2 Reference

Under Article 25 of the current UCWDC Bylaws: “Annual Membership dues shall be assessed per event, payable in advance, shall be fixed and published from time to time by the Board of Directors. Dues must be paid in full by January 31st for the next calendar year. Members delinquent after this date will subject to late fees and possible suspension as determined by the Board...”

2. INITIAL MEMBER DUES

2.1 Practice

1. Annual Membership Dues shall be set as \$350USD payable in advance by January 31st for the next calendar year for all Sanctioned events. For all newly approved provisionally sanctioned events, a sanctioning fee equal to the current annual dues for members shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days of the date the notification of approval is made by the Council.

2.2 Delinquency of Initial Dues

1. If the Member Event’s Initial Dues payment is not received on January 31st, a fine of \$100USD will be imposed.
2. If the Member Event’s Initial Dues payment is not received by the start of the General Council Spring Meeting, the Member Event will be suspended immediately and an additional fine of \$100USD will be imposed.
 - a. Suspended members are not able to;
 - i. attend any bi-annual General Council Meeting
 - ii. vote or assign a Proxy at any bi-annual General Council Meeting
 - iii. participate in any sanctioned UCWDC contest or as UCWDC contest staff required to have a current ‘active’ Associate Membership
3. Members may have their suspension lifted by following protocols set forth in the current UCWDC Bylaws except the late fees identified in Articles 2.1 and 2.2 of this policy shall still apply.



4. Before the conclusion of the General Council Spring Meeting the Treasurer will provide a written report of all 'active' UCWDC Member Events in good standing to the Associate Membership Director.

3. DOLLAR-A-DANCE FEE

3.1 Practice

1. At the conclusion of an event and submission of the required reports outlined in the UCWDC Bylaws and 'Competition Data Collection' policy, a Dance Entry Report will be issued by the Data Manager to the Treasurer.
2. The Treasure will generate and issue an invoice to the Member Event five to ten (5-10) calendar days after receiving the Dance Entry report.
 - a. The Initial Membership Dues noted under Article 2.1 of this policy will be deducted from the total amount of Dollar-A-Dance Fees owing.
 - b. IF the total amount of the Dollar-A-Dance Fees owing are less than the Initial Membership Dues paid, an invoice will be issued stating no addition fees are owed at this time. No refunds for the Initial Membership Dues will be provided.

3.2 Delinquency of Dollar-A-Dance Dues

1. If the Member Event's payment is not received within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of invoice, a fine of \$100USD will be imposed.
2. In addition to fines imposed in Article 3.2.1 of this policy, if the Member Event's payment is not received after sixty (60) calendar days from the date of invoice, a fine of \$500USD will be imposed.
3. In addition to both fines imposed in Article 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 of this policy, if the Member Event's payment is not received after ninety (90) calendar days from the date of invoice the Member Event's sanctioning will be reviewed at the next General Council Meeting.

END OF FINANCIAL PRACTICE