



UCWDC® EVENT HIATUS-CANCELLATION POLICY

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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

Sanctioned UCWDC Event's shall be reviewed at General Council Meetings in accordance with our Bylaws. An event may request to be placed on 'Hiatus' or 'Cancelled' for the current calendar year and published on the UCWDC calendar. This policy identifies the terms and length of time an event may be placed on 'Hiatus' or 'Cancelled'.

1.2 Bylaw Reference

In accordance with Article 20.13 of the current UCWDC Bylaws: "Fully Sanctioned or Licensed Affiliate Events will be reviewed at the next Council meeting, as outlined in the current Policies and Procedures Manual, regardless of whether or not the event director is present."

In accordance with Article 25.1 of the current UCWDC Bylaws: "... The Board may suspend any Member, at any time whenever in the Board's judgment is in the best interests of the Council..."

2. NOTICE OF HIATUS

Sanctioned UCWDC events may request to be placed on 'Hiatus' for the current calendar year and published on the UCWDC Schedule of Sanctioned or Licensed Affiliate Events.

1. A notice of 'Hiatus' must be requested from the General Council when the Event Sanctioning is reviewed prior to the Events Base Date.
 - a. All requests must be submitted in writing to the Secretary thirty (30) calendar days prior to the General Council Meeting for which the event will have their Sanctioning reviewed.
2. If an Event Member remains on 'Hiatus' for a period longer than two (2) years the Event Member, before their third (3) year must notify the General Council, in writing to the Secretary of their intentions to remain on the calendar and their intent to run their event on its third year. The notification must include proof of hotel contract and marketing for the event.
 - a. The Secretary will immediately notify the President
3. If an Event Member remains on 'Hiatus' for a period of three (3) years, the Event Member will immediately lose its sanctioning and be removed from the UCWDC Schedule of Sanctioned or Licensed Affiliate Events. No vote of the General Council is required.
 - a. A letter will be dispatched to the Event Director(s) informing them of the General Council decision.
 - b. An Event Member will immediately cease to have all rights and privileges associated with membership in the Council in association with Article 25.1 of the current UCWDC Bylaws.



3. ALLOWABLE HIATUS NOTIFICATIONS

Allowable reasons for an event to request hiatus would be anything temporarily interrupting the time or continuity of the event outside of an event being identified as cancelled due to force majeure per Article 5 of this Policy.

4. NOTICE OF CANCELLED

Sanctioned UCWDC events may request to be 'Cancelled' for the current calendar year and published on the UCWDC Schedule of Sanctioned or Licensed Affiliate Events.

1. A notice of 'Cancellation' must be requested from the General Council when the Event Sanctioning is reviewed prior to the Events Base Date.
 - a. All requests must be submitted in writing to the Secretary thirty (30) calendar days prior to the General Council Meeting for which the event will have their Sanctioning reviewed.
2. An event that is approved by Council to be 'Cancelled' is not subject to the time restrictions and its status will not be counted towards their period of "Hiatus" per Article 2 of this Policy.

5. ALLOWABLE CANCELLED NOTIFICATIONS

The list of allowable reasons is only a sample of conditions in which an event may request 'Cancelled' Status. Other extenuating circumstances may apply.

1. The event venue (hotel, convention facility, sports facility) of choice cancels due to a force majeure and an alternative suitable venue facility within their area cannot be contracted.
 - a. "Force Majeure"—also known as acts of God events—are **natural disasters (or other destructive events) which are utterly outside of human control**. Some common examples of force majeure include the likes of hurricanes, earthquakes, tornados, and tsunamis or health pandemics.

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