

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR ROUNDALAB THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ROUND DANCE TEACHERS, INC.

(Please be sure to indicate country other than U.S.A.)

Date: _____

Check appropriate spaces: (See reverse side for Bylaw definitions and mailing address.)

I. PERSONAL DATA Apply for One Membership:

Active (AC) _____ **Associate (AS)** _____ **Cuer(Q)** _____ **Apprentice(APP)** _____ **Affiliate(AFIL)** _____

*Cuer Member-If you decide to become a teacher in the future, please contact the ROUNDALAB office.

**Apprentice Member-You must apply for Cuer or Associate Membership status after one (1) year as an Apprentice Member.

Name: _____
(First) (Last) (Name for Badge)

Address: _____
(P.O.Box) (Street) (E-mail)

(City) (State/Province) (Zip/Postal Code) (Country) (Telephone)

Are you the **Spouse or** **Partner?** Do you also **Cue or** **Teach?**

Name: _____
(First) (Last) (Name for Badge)

II. EXPERIENCE:

1. How long have you been cueing? _____ Teaching? _____
2. If you are actively teaching round dancing when did you start? Month/Year: _____
3. Have you taught rounds continuously or have there been interruptions of one or more years?
 Continuous Interrupted. If interrupted, please list the full years in which you were not teaching:
_____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

Partner: (only if different than teacher)

1. How long have you been cueing? _____ Teaching? _____
2. If you are actively teaching round dancing when did you start? Month/Year: _____
3. Have you taught rounds continuously or have there been interruptions of one or more years?
 Continuous Interrupted. If interrupted, please list the full years in which you were not teaching:
_____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

I/we verify that this teaching unit qualifies for membership in ROUNDALAB. _____
(signature of ROUNDALAB sponsor)

I/we have read the ROUNDALAB Code of Ethics and Dress Code and subscribe to its statements. _____
(signature of applicant)

Please charge my fees to my credit card _____
Visa, MasterCard, Discover EXP Date

Please call the ROUNDALAB office 877-943-2623 (877 Y I DANCE) to discuss which member category you should apply for and the fee structure.

Print your mailing address exactly as it should look to receive mail at your postal drop.

To have up to 3 of your cueing locations listed on the web please list the following on a separate page.
Physical Location of Dance
Physical Address, City, State
Phase, Day of Week, Time

ROUNDALAB MEMBERSHIP BYLAWS

The word **MEMBER**, except for Affiliate Member, when used in these Bylaws shall be considered a solo teacher or couple (team).

Active Member (AC): Is teaching and has taught for more than 3 years. "Candidates actively engaged in the teaching of round dance basics and/or other higher levels of round dance movements or forms. They shall have been teaching for at least three (3) years."

Associate Member (AS): Is teaching but has not taught 3 years. "Candidates shall be actively engaged in the teaching of round dance basics and/or other higher levels of round dance movements or forms and shall have been teaching less than three (3) years. **Associate Members** shall have all the rights and privileges of other classes of members, except they may not be elected to the Board of Directors, vote in the General Assembly, nor vote for the Board of Directors."

(After a three (3) year period, the **Associate Member** status is automatically changed to **Active Member**.)

Cuer Member (Q): Is cueing only not teaching. "One who is actively engaged in cueing or prompting round dances at square or round dance clubs, festivals or dance programs. A **Cuer Member** does not engage in the teaching of round dances, figures or basics. **Cuer Members** have all the rights and privileges of other classes of members, except they may not be elected to the Board of Directors and shall have no voting rights."

(If and when a **Cuer Member** fulfills the teacher requirements, they must contact the ROUNDALAB Office and apply for Associate Membership status.)

Apprentice Member (APP): Is working with a member under their insurance and license. Never works alone. "Candidates for Apprentice Membership shall have little or no cueing and/or teaching experience but demonstrates by actively working with a ROUNDALAB member in good standing, an intent to cue and/or teach Round Dance Basics and/or other higher levels of round dance movements or forms. **Apprentice Members** shall have all the rights and privileges of other classes of membership except they may not be elected to the Board of Directors, vote in General Assembly, vote in any committee meetings, nor serve on any committees. **Apprentice Members** may attend the annual ROUNDALAB Convention.

(After a one (1) year period, the **Apprentice Member** must contact the ROUNDALAB Office and apply for Associate or Cuer Membership status. If the Apprentice Member chooses not to, membership will be terminated or by resignation.

Affiliate Member (AFIL): "Round Dance Teacher Organizations may become **Affiliate Members** of ROUNDALAB through a certified procedure. Each affiliate teaching team must meet the ROUNDALAB standards including subscribing to the Code of Ethics and must have, as a minimum, one of its members who is a member in good standing in ROUNDALAB. The individual members of the affiliated organization, unless they are members of ROUNDALAB in their own right, have no membership status in ROUNDALAB. They may be referred to as members of the local teacher's organization which is a certified affiliate of ROUNDALAB. Affiliated organizations receive certain prescribed services and communications that will allow the organization to keep its membership apprised of the happenings, goals and progress of ROUNDALAB".

Please print or type the information requested on the membership application as completely as possible. If you have any questions, feel free to call the ROUNDALAB office. Please submit this application and your check for membership to:

ROUNDALAB
176 S Cole Rd
Boise ID 83709-0932
(800) 346-7522 - US/CANADA
(208) 377-1232
FAX: (208) 377-1236
E-mail: roundalab@roundalab.org

TO BE FILLED IN BY THE OFFICE:
DATE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION:

ROUNDALAB

The International Association of Round Dance Teachers, Inc.

CODE OF ETHICS AND DRESS CODE

By joining ROUNDALAB, I am affirming that I am a professional instructor of Round Dancing. As such I subscribe to the declared purposes and objectives for Round Dance Teachers. I shall be guided by the following:

1. ***As a Professional*** - I have an obligation to maintain the highest level of ethical and moral behavior in all relationships with dancers, other square and round dance leaders and organizations.
2. ***As a Professional Instructor*** - I have an obligation to the dancers for they are the whole reason for the existence of the activity. Therefore I must:
 - a. Provide instruction and guidance to assist the dancers to develop to their desired level. I shall not push dancers beyond their own capabilities for my own satisfaction or use my limitations to stifle their growth.
 - b. Provide leadership to dance organizations to ascertain that the dancers participating in their activities are having their needs fulfilled.
 - c. Remember that the majority of dancers joined the activity for recreation and sociability. I shall try to provide a healthy, social, educational and recreational balance.
 - d. Continue my own education so as to improve my dancing, instructional and leadership skills.
3. ***As a Professional Instructor of Round Dancing*** - I have an obligation to the activity to maintain its heritage and desirability. Therefore I must:
 - a. Demonstrate by my example the proper style of dance, etiquette, behavior and attire at all functions in which I participate as either a dancer or a leader.
 - b. Encourage all dancers to support this heritage in their apparel and style.
 - c. Work for and practice the standardization in dancing and terminology.
 - d. Remember while working for growth of new ideas, to keep them within the format of the round dance heritage and within the capabilities of the dancers.
 - e. Encourage participation in all phases of the activity, both as a separate entity and as a part of the square and round dance movement.
4. ***As a Professional*** - I have an obligation to my organization and fellow members. Therefore I will:
 - a. Think and speak positively of ROUNDALAB, respect and abide by their rules and decisions. Promote and continually work to improve the organization.
 - b. Always have the highest regard for my fellow members. Treat them and speak of them as the professional teachers they are.
 - c. Willingly help or assist any new and/or established leaders in the round dance and/or square dance movement upon request.

The Dress Code as adopted by the ROUNDALAB Membership is:

Featured clinicians at round dance functions, clinics, workshops, or conventions should be dressed as follows:

Men: Wear long sleeve shirt, trousers and shoes.

Women: Wear a skirt and blouse or dress with pettipants, tights or body suit and shoes.

When members are in attendance as dancers casual clothes are acceptable unless otherwise specified by the event.