

**REGULATIONS
OF
THE FLYING GHILLIES SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS
DAYTON, OH**

1. NAME

- 1.1. This organization shall be known as The Flying Ghillies Scottish Country Dancers, hereafter referred to as “The Flying Ghillies.” The Flying Ghillies are located in the greater Dayton metropolitan area, State of Ohio, United States of America.

2. POLICY

- 2.1. The Flying Ghillies shall be constituted as a class of the Cincinnati Branch of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, hereafter referred to as “RSCDS Cincinnati,” in accordance with Article IX of the Regulations of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Cincinnati Branch.
- 2.2. The Flying Ghillies are subordinate to and subject to the authority of RSCDS Cincinnati and The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, an international association headquartered in Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom.

3. OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The objectives of The Flying Ghillies shall be:
- 3.1.1. To preserve and further the practice of traditional Scottish Country Dances and modern dances of merit in the traditional style;
- 3.1.2. To provide or assist in providing instruction in the dancing of Scottish Country Dances;
- 3.1.3. To promote the enjoyment and appreciation of Scottish Country Dances by any suitable means; and
- 3.1.4. Generally to do such other things as are or may be considered by The Flying Ghillies to further the aims of RSCDS Cincinnati or The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 Membership in The Flying Ghillies shall be open to all persons sixteen (16) years of age or older who are interested in the objectives of The Flying Ghillies and who pay the required annual membership fee. There are three classes of membership:
- 4.1.1 Local members, who are not members of RSCDS Cincinnati Branch. Local members pay a nominal Flying Ghillies annual membership fee, but do not enjoy the privileges and prerogatives of membership in RSCDS Cincinnati and/or The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. Local members are entitled to one (1) vote in Flying Ghillies meetings on issues pertaining to Flying Ghillies matters.
- 4.1.2 Full members, who are also members of RSCDS Cincinnati Branch. Full members pay the required annual membership fee and current subscription established by RSCDS Cincinnati in accordance with Article IV of the Regulations of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Cincinnati Branch. “Full members” are equivalent to “Branch Members” as defined in Paragraph 4.1.1 of the Regulations of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Cincinnati Branch and shall be entitled to all the privileges and prerogatives thereof. Full members are entitled to one (1) vote in Flying Ghillies meetings on issues pertaining to Flying Ghillies matters. The annual Flying Ghillies membership fee is waived for full members.
- 4.1.3 Junior associates, who are persons under the age of sixteen (16) years interested in the objectives of The Flying Ghillies. Junior associates shall not be entitled to vote or hold an office in The Flying Ghillies, nor have an interest in any Flying Ghillies property. Annual dues for junior associates shall be an amount less than required of local members.
- 4.2 Local and full members shall hereafter be referred to as “members.”
- 4.3 Membership in The Flying Ghillies is not required to participate in Flying Ghillies classes, dances, or other activities.
- 4.4 Admission: Individuals desiring membership in The Flying Ghillies shall complete a Flying Ghillies membership form and submit it, together with payment of annual dues if applicable, to the Class Coordinator. Individuals desiring full membership shall submit their application and payment to the Membership Secretary of RSCDS Cincinnati in accordance with RSCDS Cincinnati procedures. The Flying Ghillies Class Coordinator shall facilitate application for full membership for Flying Ghillies participants.

4.5 Termination:

4.5.1 Local membership in The Flying Ghillies may be terminated for/by:

4.5.1.1 Failure to renew membership on or before November 1 of each calendar year.

4.5.1.2 A three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the class members in general meeting due to the failure of a member to adhere to the Regulations of The Flying Ghillies and whose behavior is likely to prove detrimental to the welfare of The Flying Ghillies. The member under consideration for expulsion must be notified of the charges against him/her by the Class Coordinator and given time to prepare his or her defense prior to the case being brought before the class meeting.

4.5.2 Full membership in The Flying Ghillies may be terminated for failure to maintain membership in RSCDS Cincinnati Branch, failure to renew Flying Ghillies membership with the Class Coordinator, or in accordance with Sub-paragraph 4.5.1.2.

4.6 A member may be reinstated by:

4.6.1 Payment of annual dues if termination was for non-payment.

4.6.2 Three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the class members in class meeting upon written application from the expelled member if termination was by class vote.

4.7 Fees and dues:

4.7.1 Local membership dues shall be required of each member, payable not later than November 1 of each year, or upon application for membership.

4.7.2 Full membership dues shall also be payable not later than November 1 of each year, or upon application for membership, in accordance with Paragraph 4.5 of the Regulations of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Cincinnati Branch.

4.7.3 All guests, after their first visit, and all members attending a dance class or other Flying Ghillies event shall be asked to contribute an amount, as determined by the members, toward the expenses of the class. This amount is subject to the approval of the Committee of Management of RSCDS Cincinnati in accordance with Paragraph 4.5.3 of the Regulations of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Cincinnati Branch.

4.8 Meetings:

4.8.1 The Flying Ghillies shall hold an annual meeting not less than two (2) weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of RSCDS Cincinnati. The purpose of

- this meeting shall be to elect a new Class Coordinator, for the consideration of Flying Ghillies inputs to the RSCDS Cincinnati AGM, and for other issues deemed necessary by the membership.
- 4.8.2 Special meetings may be held at such times and places as the Class Coordinator or a simple majority of the members may deem necessary.
- 4.8.3 The Class Coordinator shall ensure that sufficient notice of meetings is given to all local and full members of The Flying Ghillies. "Sufficient" shall normally be defined as two weeks. Notice may be in writing (hardcopy or electronic), telephone, or personal contact. The notice shall include the date, time, location, and purpose(s) of the meeting.
- 4.8.4 Quorum: At any class meeting, there shall be present in person or by proxy at least one-half (50%) of the members to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, a simple majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting. No other business may be transacted without the presence of a quorum.
- 4.8.5 Voting: At any class meeting, any person who is a member of The Flying Ghillies in accordance with Paragraph 4.1 of these regulations is entitled to one (1) vote on each matter properly submitted to the members for their vote, consent, release or other action. At any class meeting at which a quorum is present, all questions coming before the meeting shall be decided by a vote of a majority of members present at the meeting.
- 4.8.5.1 In the event of a tie vote, the Class Coordinator shall cast a separate, tie-breaking vote to decide the issue.
- 4.8.5.2 At any class meeting, members who cannot be physically present may vote by proxy assigned to another member. Said proxy must be submitted in writing to and recorded by the Class Coordinator prior to the meeting.
- 4.8.6 Membership records: The Class Coordinator shall maintain and pass on to subsequent Class Coordinators a membership book, which shall contain the name, address, and other pertinent information on each member and junior associate of The Flying Ghillies. Only individuals listed as members in the membership book shall be entitled to vote on any Flying Ghillies class matters.
- 4.8.7 Any action which may be authorized or taken at a class meeting may be authorized or taken without a meeting providing it is approved in writing by a majority of members who would be entitled to attend and vote at a meeting held for such purpose. The Class Coordinator shall maintain a written record of any such action taken and the members approving said action.

- 4.8.8 At all class meetings, after the ascertainment of members present in person or by proxy, the business of the class shall be considered in whatever sequence the Class Coordinator or a majority of the members deem advisable and expedient.
- 4.8.9 “Robert’s Rules of Order (Latest Revision)” and the Regulations of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Cincinnati Branch shall govern the class meetings to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the Regulations of The Flying Ghillies Scottish Country Dancers.

5. GUESTS

- 5.1 Anyone may, as a guest, attend any dance class or social function.
- 5.2 Guests shall be entitled to one (1) free dance class.
- 5.3 Membership may be encouraged of persons after continued attendance of dance classes or social functions.

6. MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 As a class of RSCDS Cincinnati Branch, management of The Flying Ghillies shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the Regulations of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Cincinnati Branch. All of the property and assets of The Flying Ghillies shall be managed and controlled by the Committee of Management of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Cincinnati Branch. In the event of dissolution of The Flying Ghillies, RSCDS Cincinnati Branch shall retain all property and assets allocated to The Flying Ghillies.
- 6.2 In accordance with Article IX of the Regulations of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Cincinnati Branch, The Flying Ghillies will be administered by a Class Coordinator and as many assistants as are deemed necessary. The Class Coordinator and assistants shall be responsible to the RSCDS Cincinnati Branch Committee of Management, shall provide liaison between The Flying Ghillies and the Committee of Management, and shall be responsible for class administrative matters.

7. OFFICERS

7.1 Positions and Duties:

- 7.1.1 Class Coordinator:
- i. The Class Coordinator shall be elected by the members at the annual class meeting.

- ii. The Class Coordinator is an official of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Cincinnati Branch and is responsible for the satisfactory operation of The Flying Ghillies.
- iii. The Class Coordinator shall preside over The Flying Ghillies business meetings and shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.
- iv. The Class Coordinator shall be an ex officio member of all Flying Ghillies committees and shall be invited to attend all committee meetings.
- v. The Class Coordinator shall be the official representative of The Flying Ghillies unless the Class Coordinator or members designate otherwise.
- vi. The Class Coordinator or designated alternate shall represent The Flying Ghillies at meetings or the RSCDS Cincinnati Branch Committee of Management.

7.1.2 Class Treasurer:

- i. The Class Treasurer shall be elected by the members at the annual class meeting.
- ii. The Class Treasurer shall be responsible for receiving and disbursing Flying Ghillies funds. Flying Ghillies funds shall be submitted to and banked by the Honorary Treasurer of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Cincinnati Branch. The Class Treasurer shall be responsible, in coordination with the Branch Honorary Treasurer, for keeping proper accounts, maintaining them for member review, presenting a current summary report at each class meeting, and presenting an annual financial report at the annual class meeting.
- iii. The Class Treasurer (or, in his/her absence, a designated alternate) shall receive and record donations for dance classes, record those members and guests in attendance and paying, and turn the proceeds over to the Honorary Treasurer of RSCDS Cincinnati Branch.

7.1.3 Lead Teacher:

- i. Those full members of The Flying Ghillies who hold the RSCDS Teacher's Certificate or Preliminary Pass shall select from among themselves a Lead Teacher.
- ii. The Lead Teacher shall be responsible for planning and coordinating the Scottish Country Dance instruction provided by The Flying Ghillies.
- iii. The Lead Teacher shall be The Flying Ghillies representative to the Teacher's Committee of RSCDS Cincinnati, shall provide for Flying Ghillies representation at meetings of said committee, and shall ensure the instruction provided to Flying Ghillies classes is consistent with the RSCDS Cincinnati curriculum.

7.2 Term of Office and Qualifications:

- 7.2.1 The term of any elective office shall be for a period of one (1) year commencing on July 1.

7.2.2 Full members of The Flying Ghillies are eligible to hold elective office; local members are not. However, local members may serve on any committees or hold any temporary appointed positions deemed necessary by the class.

7.2.3 No member may hold the same elective office for more than four (4) consecutive terms.

7.3 Elections:

7.3.1 Elections shall be held at the annual class meeting.

7.3.2 Candidates for elective positions (Class Coordinator and Class Treasurer) shall be nominated from the floor.

7.3.2.1 Nominations for candidates must be moved by a member and seconded by another member.

7.3.2.2 Nominees must consent to their nomination.

7.3.2.3 The Class Coordinator, who is presiding over the meeting, will verify the eligibility of nominees.

7.3.3 The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present, in person or by proxy, at the annual class meeting. Election shall be by a simple majority of the votes cast.

7.3.4 The newly elected officers shall assume their duties on July 1, the start of RSCDS Cincinnati Branch's fiscal year. At that time the retiring officers shall turn over to their successors any and all records and final reports required by their office.

7.4 Vacancies:

7.4.1 Should a vacancy occur, the class shall convene a special class meeting for the purpose of electing a replacement. The election shall be held in accordance with Article 7, Section 7.3.

7.4.2 Should the vacancy occur within the first six (6) months of the term, the person elected to fill the remainder of the term shall be considered to have served for a full term in that office.

7.4.3 Should the vacancy occur with less than six (6) months remaining in the term, the person elected to fill the remainder of the term shall not be considered to have served for a full term in that office.

7.5 Removal:

- 7.5.1 Any officer may be removed, with or without cause, in accordance with procedures in Article XVII, Paragraph 7.5 of the Regulations of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Cincinnati Branch.
- 7.5.2 Removal from office shall in no way disqualify a member from being re-elected to office in accordance with the procedures of Paragraph 7.3, above.

8. SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

- 8.1 The Class Coordinator or a majority of the class members may appoint members to such special positions as may be deemed necessary for the successful operation of the class. Such appointments may include but not necessarily be limited to:
 - 8.1.1 Social function coordinators
 - 8.1.2 Demonstration performance coordinators
 - 8.1.3 Committees convened for special tasks (by-law revision, selection of equipment for purchase, fund-raising, liaison with other organizations, etc)
- 8.2 Special appointments shall be for a period not exceeding one (1) calendar year from their inception. After one (1) year, the appointment may be renewed by majority vote of the class membership.
- 8.3 Special appointments shall in no way relieve the Class Coordinator and Class Treasurer of the duties and responsibilities defined in Paragraph 7.1.

9. CLASSES

- 9.1 Dance classes shall be held at such times and locations agreed to by the Lead Teacher and Class Coordinator.
- 9.2 RSCDS Cincinnati is responsible for the financial obligations of all its classes. The Flying Ghillies members shall determine the amount members and guests are asked to contribute for class expenses, but said amount is subject to the approval of the Committee of Management of RSCDS Cincinnati.
- 9.3 Flying Ghillies classes shall be conducted with courtesy and mutual respect; rude or demeaning behavior will not be tolerated. Any member or guest who in the judgment of the teacher or Class Coordinator disturbs the decorum of a class may be required to leave immediately.

10. BOOKS AND RECORDS

- 10.1 The Class Coordinator shall keep a membership book containing the name and address of each member and the date of admission to membership. The Class Coordinator shall provide this information and regular updates to the Membership Secretary of RSCDS Cincinnati Branch.
- 10.2 The Flying Ghillies shall keep correct and complete books and records of account, together with minutes of the proceedings of its members, officers, and special committees.

11. FISCAL YEAR

- 11.1 The fiscal year of The Flying Ghillies shall be the fiscal year of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Cincinnati Branch, which begins the first day of July and ends the last day of the following June.

12. DISSOLUTION

- 12.1 The Flying Ghillies Scottish Country Dancers may be dissolved by:
 - 12.1.1 A majority vote of the members in a properly convened class meeting, a quorum being present.
 - 12.1.2 The Committee of Management of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Cincinnati Branch, but only upon the request of the Class Coordinator when it is not possible to convene a class meeting.
- 12.2 Upon the dissolution, all property, assets, and liabilities of The Flying Ghillies Scottish Country Dancers will be retained by The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Cincinnati Branch.
- 12.3 All books, records, documents, information and any other material relating to The Flying Ghillies are to be delivered to the Honorary Secretary of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Cincinnati Branch.

13. AMENDMENTS

- 13.1 These Regulations may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members present and entitled to vote at a properly convened class meeting, a quorum being present. Written notice of the proposed amendment must be submitted to the Class Coordinator and must be presented to the members at least one (1) month prior to

voting. Any proposed amendment must be moved by a member and seconded by another member.

14. INTERPRETATION

14.1 The Regulations of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Cincinnati Branch or the Constitution of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society shall be the authority on any matter not provided for in the foregoing Regulations.

15. INDEMNIFICATION

15.1 Article XV of the Regulations of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Cincinnati Branch applies.

Approved by The Flying Ghillies Scottish Country Dancers: