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## **Volunteer Dance Partner Policy**

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### **Background**

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The RBDC does not require that a person have a dance partner to join the club. However, the steps taught in the classes are intended for dancing in couples. The club is unable to guarantee that a person attending a class without a partner will always have someone to dance with. In order that as many as possible have the opportunity to fully benefit from their classes, the club has introduced the role of Volunteer Dance Partner.

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### **Policy**

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1. Volunteer Dance Partner applications will be included in the registration information for the membership, and will also be available on registration night.
2. Those wishing to become Volunteer Dance Partners after this date must leave a message on the Dance Line, or via email at [contactrbdc@rbdc.ca](mailto:contactrbdc@rbdc.ca)
3. Based on registration numbers, the club will determine which classes have an uneven number of male and female participants. A general announcement will be made requesting help in these classes.
4. The club will determine the maximum number of volunteer partners which are required. Applying to be a Volunteer Dance Partner does not guarantee that you will be needed to perform this function.
5. Volunteer Dance Partners will be issued a special nametag identifying them as a Volunteer Dance Partner. This nametag **must** be worn anytime you are attending a class as a Volunteer Dance Partner. The Instructors may, at their discretion, request that you do not dance in their class if you are not wearing your Volunteer Dance Partner nametag.
6. A Volunteer Dance Partner may apply to attend more than one evening or class to help out.
7. A Volunteer Dance Partner may dance at or below his/her own level. He/she must perform patterns only as per class instruction.
8. A Volunteer Dance Partner is there as a volunteer, acting in the capacity of a student at that class level. He/she must leave the dance instruction to the Head Instructors and their assistants.
9. If more Volunteer Dance Partners attend a particular session than are needed, they must not displace the partners registered in that class. In such a situation, the Volunteer Dance Partners may choose to take turns dancing, or one or more may choose to leave that particular class.
10. Volunteer Dance Partners must understand and accept that the number of people attending any particular class without a partner will fluctuate from week to week, and that the Club has no control over this.