

RSCDS Boston Branch Policy Regarding Participation in Branch Events

Classes and events sponsored by the RSCDS Boston Branch are intended to be pleasurable occasions for learning and enjoying the performance of Scottish country dancing. To foster those goals and to ensure the safety of all, the Branch expects that everyone attending its events will conduct themselves courteously and with appropriate respect for other participants.

Physical contact and flirting are integral parts of Scottish Country Dancing, but it is important to be sure that everyone involved is a willing participant, both on and off the dance floor. If someone is making you uncomfortable by touching you, flirting with you, making suggestive comments, following you, etc., you are encouraged to inform the event organizers or any member of the Executive Committee, who will address the issue.

The RSCDS Boston Branch reserves the right to expel from an event any person who is unable to conform to these standards or whose behavior is determined by the event organizers or the Executive Committee to be offensive, dangerous, or disruptive to the enjoyment of the event by other participants. If a person is required to leave an event for any of these reasons, no refund of registration or other fees will be made. Repeated offenses, or individual blatant and deliberate offenses, may result in a ban from future Branch events at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Massachusetts law prohibits the consumption of alcohol by anyone under age 21 and imposes severe penalties for supplying alcoholic beverages to such a person. It is the stated policy of the Boston Branch to ensure that participants in the events it sponsors comply with Massachusetts law. Participants in Branch events who consume alcohol in violation of Massachusetts law may be denied participation in the event or in future events. Anyone over age 21 who supplies alcohol to or otherwise enables its consumption by participants in Branch events who are under 21 violates Branch policy and, as a consequence, may be denied participation in Branch events.