



**TIDEWATER CHAPTER USA DANCE  
NEW YEARS' WEEKEND 2008  
DANCE HOST POLICY AND GUIDELINES**

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## **GUIDELINES FOR DANCE HOSTS**

1. General:
  - a. The premise behind the Dance Host program is to provide for a vehicle for the many unaccompanied ladies to have meaningful dance experience at our Chapter dance events. The numbers of unaccompanied ladies most always exceeds the number of unaccompanied gentlemen at not only the Tidewater Chapter dance events but at most other dance events, USA DANCE or otherwise. The lack of dance partners for the ladies usually means an often lengthy time between dances and is a major reason for the non-attendance of unaccompanied ladies at these functions. This is especially true for the New Years Weekend events – the Dinner Dance and the New Years Eve Dance. Attendance by single ladies at these events has been increased since the inception of the Dance Host program.
2. All Dance Hosts for the Tidewater Chapter events will, to ensure the best possible dance experience for the unaccompanied lady attending the USA DANCE event:
  - a. Be a “USA DANCE National Certified” Dance Host or
  - b. Will be prescreened by a member of the NYE Dance Committee to demonstrate proficiency in the dances noted in the following paragraph
3. A Dance Host must be able to lead the following dances at the equivalent of an advanced beginner level or higher in either American or International Style.

Note: the majority of attendees at our events dance American style.

  - a. Slow Waltz
  - b. Foxtrot
  - c. Rumba
  - d. Cha Cha
  - e. Swing (East Coast, West Coast, or Single Time)
  - f. Tango
4. At least one dance host will be assigned to each Singles Table. Multiple Dance Hosts may be assigned as appropriate for the number of single ladies seated.
5. Dance Hosts will be asked to dance at least three dances with each single lady at the table during the evening. Dance Cards may be provided to assist in ensuring that each lady has an enjoyable dance experience.
6. Dance Hosts will also dance at least one dance with at least one lady at each of the other singles table (typically there are 4-5 Singles Tables).
7. Should a lady request a consecutive dance, the Dance Host should decline and explain the Dance Host guidelines. See exception rule 7.
8. Dance Hosts are requested to dance with each lady at the table at least once before dancing a second time with the same partner. This request may be modified to accommodate the dance preferences of the ladies at the table or the mix of dances played by the musician/DJ or when the lady next in sequence accepts an invitation to dance from a non-Dance Host. The use of the Dance Card provides one method for keeping track of dances and partners.

9. It is not unusual that a Dance Host be approached for a dance by a lady NOT at any of the Singles Table. This is acceptable but there have been some incidents in the past for some ladies to try to monopolize a Dance Host's dance time. Dance Hosts should graciously explain their obligation to the ladies they are supporting and ensure that the appropriate dance commitment is fulfilled.
10. In past events, we have had occasions where a dance host was not gracious to one or more of the ladies in his support group. It reflects poorly on the Dance Host and the Chapter when a Dance Host, in effect, insults a lady because of her dance skills. Remember that not all the ladies attending the event are accomplished dancers and you may be called upon to dance at the level of your partner. Trying to execute intermediate or advanced patterns with a beginner partner does not make for an enjoyable dance experience for the lady – which is the prime purpose of having Dance Hosts. Please keep this in mind and dance your partner's skill level.
11. There is no monetary reimbursement for a Dance Host. However, Dance Hosts will receive free access to the event for which they are participating. In addition, Dance Hosts will receive three (3) non-alcoholic beverage tickets that may be used during the event.
12. In the event that an issue arises during the event regarding your participation, you should contact Wanda Smith or one of the other Officers/Board Members to assist in resolution of the issue.