



# NORTH TEXAS CALLERS ASSOCIATION

## A CALLERLAB AFFILIATE

### APPLICATION FOR TRAINEE MEMBERSHIP

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been dancing for at least 1 year? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you agree to an interview by the Membership Committee?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Will you agree to abide by the Constitution and By Laws as adopted by the North Texas Callers Association?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Will you agree to work for the furtherment of Square Dancing, to promote goodwill between Square Dancers and the Public?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Will you give the Association the benefit of any knowledge you may have or receive with respect to the advancement of Square Dancing?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Will you offer criticism on a friendly basis with the intent of help and not hindrance?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Will you accept criticism offered by others in the same manner?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Do you have a current BMI/ASCAP License? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Reasons for wishing to join this Association:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I agree that I will endeavor to support the North Texas Callers Association in all functions, meetings and activities to the best of my ability and will abide by the Constitution and By Laws which have been adopted by this Association. I further agree that I will uphold and further the high moral standards of the North Texas Callers Associations to the best of my ability.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

We the sponsors of the above named applicant hereby attest that we are full Members of this Association and attest to the sincerity and desire to improve his/her talents as a Square Dance Caller/Cuer and to further Square Dancing as a wholesome recreation for all to enjoy.

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Excerpts From The NTCA By-Laws**  
Requirements For Trainee Membership

**3. TRAINEE MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Recommended by two Full Member callers. Sponsoring members shall accept the responsibility of verifying that the candidate is a beginner caller desiring the benefits of this association. To determine this, the sponsoring member shall be furnished a check list similar to but less stringent than that used for the Associate Membership. Trainee Membership shall be re-certified every year per Bylaws section 3-K.
- B. Minimum of one year dancing experience.
- C. Interviewed by a committee or be personally know by the committee covering:
  - 1. Know, like and understand people.
  - 2. Review of Caller's Code of Ethics.
  - 3. Tolerance, humility and patience.
  - 4. Neat and pleasant in appearance.
  - 5. Morally clean and integrity above reproach.
  - 6. Desire to call for fun and pleasure of dancers.
  - 7. Never use alcoholic beverages immediately before or during a square dance.
- D. Must have a partner to attend sessions.
- E. Strictly adhere to the Caller's Code of Ethics.
- F. During the training period a Trainee member must attend at least fifteen lessons of a "Full Member" caller's beginning class. Trainee must obtained signed verification of attendance by the Full Member.
- G. The training period shall not be less than 1 year.
- H. Must attend at least seventy five percent of the association functions during the pledge period. This includes workshop sessions and general meetings.
- I. UP-GRADING: Upon satisfactory completion of at least one year as a Trainee Member, he or she will be eligible to apply for Associate Membership, provided the prescribed requirements are met, and his or her calling ability is verified by the Membership Committee. This application will then be acted upon by the Membership Committee. Special action of the Membership committee with the approval of the Executive Board, may pre-empt the one year requirement.
- J. A Trainee Member shall receive all benefits of the association, but may not vote, may not chair any committee and may not become a candidate for the Executive Board.