POLICY ON BRANCH SPONSORED IN-PERSON, INDOOR DANCE EVENTS

To assure the well-being and peace of mind of participants, the Board of the San Diego branch of the RSCDS (the “Branch”) has defined the following policy to ensure reasonable care of all participants during branch-sponsored in-person, indoor dance events.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- Proof of full COVID-19 vaccinations with booster shots, as defined in guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), is required to participate (through documentation described below).
- The Board will set capacity limits on the total number of attendees in advance of each event.
- The Branch will make every effort to provide a ventilated location for dancing.
- Masks may be required, and participants should bring their own. Mask requirements to be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided.
- The Branch will follow applicable CDC, state, and local guidelines. Should changes in guidelines require an update to the protocols, they will be so amended.

POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

All participants are required to sign and acknowledge understanding this policy before they are invited to register to participate. All registrants, including dancers, teachers, musicians, and non-dancers, must provide their phone numbers and email addresses in the event contact tracing is necessary.

Even when precautionary measures are taken, participating in Scottish Country Dance – which necessarily requires rigorous physical activity and close contact with other persons – involves risk of physical injury and/or exposure to communicable disease, including COVID-19. When choosing to attend RSCDS San Diego events, participants acknowledge and accept the risk.
CRITERIA FOR ADMITTANCE

All in-person attendees must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. A person is considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (a) two weeks after their booster dose in a two-dose series (as with the Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines) or (b) two weeks after their booster dose in a single-dose vaccine (as with Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine.) Vaccination status will be checked at entry and access will be allowed ONLY to those whose status has been verified. The Branch will record only that your vaccination status was checked and will not collect copies of any records.

Each attendee will be required to show evidence of the fully-vaccinated status to enter the dance hall. Sufficient documentation includes:

- Your CDC or local health department COVID-19 vaccination card (physical card, paper copy, or a photo on your phone)
- A vaccine record from your doctor or your state immunization record.

PARTICIPANTS WHO EXPERIENCE ILLNESS

Participants agree not to come to an event if they have symptoms of a communicable illness within ten days prior to the event. Symptoms include, but are not limited to, sore throat, fever, cough, labored breathing or difficulty breathing, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, body aches, or congestion. In addition, participants must agree not to attend if they have been in close contact with anyone who has experienced symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19.

If experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, participants should get tested. If a positive result occurs and the participant or the local health department determines that exposure to other dance event attendees may have occurred, the participant must notify the Branch Chair. The Branch Chair will coordinate to share attendance information as needed with the local health department.

DURATION

This policy will be in effect beginning January 15, 2022, unless amended by the RSCDS San Diego Board. It will remain in effect unless and until the Board decides that it shall no longer be operative.