



TORONTO AND DISTRICT JOINT DANCES: AIMS AND RESPONSABILITIES

The Toronto & District Joint dances are normally held on the first Saturday of the month during October-April. If your club is interested in hosting a dance, please contact the [Joint Dance Director](#) (currently Dave Williamson), to discuss options.

Aims of the Joint Dance Program

The first aim of the Toronto and District Square and Round Dance (T & D) Association is to promote square and round dancing. The joint dances were established to encourage the participation and involvement of dancers at the club level who might otherwise not invest in their own hobby. Furthermore, T & D aims to encourage callers and cuers of all skill levels to participate in these dances. By holding these joint dances in different venues it is hoped that dancers are exposed to a variety of different leaders and, in turn, callers and cuers get a chance to reach different audiences. The revenue from these dances helps bolster the host club as more and more clubs are struggling to stay afloat and T & D's share of the revenue helps them continue the joint dance program as well as providing bursaries for callers/cuers seeking professional instruction.

Joint Dance Program Responsibilities

The joint dance program was established in the early 2000's to alleviate the financial pressure applied by a shrinking square and round dance population. It is a 'joint' dance since the Toronto and District Square and Round Dance (T & D) Association teams up with a member club which co-hosts the dance.

T & D's responsibilities include:

- providing any initial funds required (eg. venue downpayment).
- guaranteeing that any loss incurred by the dance will be absorbed by T & D.
- providing volunteer callers and/or cuers for the event.
- programming the event.

creating flyers for the event and, in the event that the club looks after producing copies (since the master copy of the flyer is often just emailed to the club), covering the cost of printing and distribution.

The host club's responsibilities include:

procuring a venue in T & D's price range.

advertising the event in the area using the T & D produced flyer.

decorating the hall (optional).

collecting the monies at the door.

running a 50/50 or share the wealth draw (optional).

providing water and refreshments (coffee/tea plus munchies) which, hopefully, are brought by club volunteers since this expense is not covered by T & D.

calculating the net profit, after expenses, and sharing this profit equally between the club and T & D.