



## WHAT IS THE NORTHERN NEW JERSEY SQUARE DANCERS ASSOCIATION?

The NNJSDA is an organization of western square dance clubs in and around the northern New Jersey area. Clubs send Delegates to meetings that are held three times during each dance season for discussion and dissemination of club flyers. Anyone may attend a meeting, but only designated Delegates or their alternates may vote (one vote per club). Every spring, the Delegates elect Association officers for the coming dance season.

### WHAT DOES THE NNJSDA DO FOR YOU?

1. Sponsors a website ([www.nnjsda.org](http://www.nnjsda.org)) with information on all member clubs and their dances, programs and events sponsored by the NNJSDA, and links to other square dance websites.
2. Publishes *Grand Square* three times a year to provide club and Association news, a dance calendar, interesting articles, and information on many facets of square dancing. Copies are available at club and Association dances and on the website ([www.nnjsda.org](http://www.nnjsda.org)).
3. Provides liability insurance for the dances and classes of member clubs as well as the Association.
4. Offers a Freeloader program for dancers who attend three summer Association dances plus the Mini-Festival in the same year and have the form signed by the Treasurer. They earn a dangle and free admission to a dance the next summer (two dances for new grads). This award can be earned every year.
5. Offers a Patron program for dancers who attend regular (not special) dances at 65% of NNJSDA member clubs and have the form signed. They earn a dangle and free admission to the next Mini-Festival. There is no time limit for earning this award.
6. Offers a Raid program for member clubs that have at least one square at regular (not special) dances of other member clubs, totaling at least 200 miles as specified on the raid chart. They earn a reduction in dues the following year.
7. Offers a One Square Is Fair program for member clubs that have at least one square at a specified number of Association dances during one season. They earn a reduction in dues the following year.
8. Holds dances during the dance season and during the summer, usually with nationally popular callers.
9. Holds a 5-6 hour Mini-Festival each November featuring Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, and Round dancing.
10. Sponsors a biennial leadership seminar called The Gathering, featuring a nationally prominent keynote speaker, breakout sessions, and an evening dance.
11. Makes available instruction booklets for Mainstream and Plus classes and diplomas for graduation.
12. Assembles special packets of information for new dancers that are presented during the classes and at graduation by an Association officer. The NNJSDA also awards a 100% dangle for perfect attendance at classes.
13. Provides clearance through the Recording Secretary for all club dances to prevent conflicts in dates.
14. Sponsors an annual poster/flyer contest to foster interest in square dancing, celebrate September as Square Dance Month, and provide a flyer for member clubs to use for publicity.
15. Offers a New Jersey state outfit emblem with a gold star at the location of the home club. The outfit identifies New Jersey dancers at various square dance events.