

# The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

## APPLICATION TO BECOME AN AFFILIATED GROUP

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS) is a worldwide organisation with a membership of over 10,000 people. In 2020, there are 160 Branches and 298 Affiliated Groups.

The RSCDS was formed on 26 November 1923 in Glasgow and the title "Royal" was granted in 1951. The objects of the RSCDS are:

- (a) the advancement of the education of the public in Scottish country dancing and its music, and
- (b) the preservation and furtherance of the practice of Scottish country dancing and its music.

Any Company, Society, Club or Association interested in the objects of the RSCDS may apply to become an Affiliated Group and such applications are welcomed by the Society.

Affiliation is available globally. Applications for affiliation may be made at any time. Affiliation to The RSCDS keeps dancers in touch with latest developments and stimulates interest in the world-wide work of the Society. It strengthens the Society and thereby ensures the retention of Scottish Country Dancing to everyone's benefit.

The affiliation fee is £45\* per annum or, if at least 50% of the members are under 25 years or in fulltime education, the Youth affiliation fee of £22\* will apply. Please note that University Scottish Dance groups can currently affiliate free of charge.

Affiliated Groups may apply to Headquarters for any advice on technical matters concerning the Society's dances.

It is not essential for Affiliated Groups to have fully certificated RSCDS teachers but a proportion of a Group's existing membership should be individual members of this Society.

### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Individual membership of the Society is open to everyone over the age of 12 years. The Society welcomes people of all nationalities and individuals are encouraged to become members of the RSCDS in addition to membership of the Affiliated Group. Individuals can join through a local Branch where there is one or through the International Branch or Youth Branch (12 – 17 years), where appropriate. Please contact RSCDS Headquarters for details of your nearest Branch or for International Branch contact details, or visit [the Branch and Group finder](#) on the website.

Please note that the RSCDS reserves the right to terminate the status of an Affiliated Group if there are concerns about the activities of the group which might bring the RSCDS into disrepute.

If you wish your group's application to be considered for Affiliation, please return the completed form to this office. The Secretary, RSCDS, 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, EH3 7AF, United Kingdom, or by email, [info@rscds.org](mailto:info@rscds.org)

Please DO NOT SEND ANY FEE with this application

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Name of the Group: ..... Year of formation: .....

Country and region where your group is based: .....

If the Group has a website, please give web address: .....

Please enter the names for Officials in your group. We require details for two, non-family related, official contact names for your group (eg: Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer)

1) Name: .....

Position: .....

Address: .....

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Tel. No: ..... Email: .....

2) Name: .....

Position: .....

Address: .....

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Tel. No: ..... Email: .....

Number of Group Members: Under 16 ..... 16 years and over: .....

Number of individual RSCDS members at present: .....

Please tick this box if applying for Youth affiliation:

Are you prepared to encourage individual membership of RSCDS within your Group? YES / NO

How many RSCDS qualified teachers are in the Group? .....

Do you use the Society's publications? YES / NO

Please outline the activities conducted by your Group at the present time:

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This application may be supported by a copy of your Group Newsletter and/or Annual Report, if any. Do you have any of the following policy? Tick the appropriate box(es). These are not required but we encourage your group to develop and implement these policies.

Equal Opportunities Policy:

Child protection and vulnerable adults' policy:

Signatures, and status of officials signing on behalf of the Group.

1) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Status: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: -----

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