

European Association
of American Square Dancing Clubs e.V.



EAASDC Membership Policy

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I. Membership

Honorary membership is a special status and outlined under point II.5. It is not subject to the following regulations.

1. Basics

- All below mentioned membership types can only be acquired by written application.
- The Board will decide on the application as per Statutes and approval procedure of the EAASDC.
- Forms and information can be requested from the Secretary or are available on the EAASDC homepage.
- Forms, which have to be signed by the applicant due to legal reasons, have to be sent to the Secretary by letter mail.
- An admission is always possible at the beginning of a quarter: (01.01. / 01.04. / 01.07. / 01.10.)
- From the date of membership confirmed by the Secretary the member has GEMA and insurance coverage, as per the respective EAASDC regulations.
- All documents have to be submitted in German or English.

2. Prerequisites

- The prerequisites for a membership have to be fulfilled as per EAASDC Statutes. They also include the payment of dues and allocations as per EAASDC Dues Policy.
- Every applicant, who wants to become a member of EAASDC, must have internet access and be easy-to-reach via email.
- Information and supporting documents, in particular and if applicable current club rules, extract from the Register of associations, election minutes and contact data, shall be given to the EAASDC upon request or, in case of changes, without request (obligation to provide). This regulation is valid both during the admission process and for the duration of the EAASDC membership.

3. Approval procedure for admission

Admission as a member is decided by the Board as per §6.1 of the EAASDC Statutes. For the membership types „associated and regular members“ as well as „supporting members“ the following applies additionally:

1. The application for admission will be published in the EAASDC Bulletin.
2. If the Secretary doesn't receive any written objections to an admission from EAASDC member clubs within the term mentioned in the publication, which is at most 4 weeks after publication date, the EAASDC Board will decide on the admission.
3. The decision of admission will be published in den EAASDC Bulletin and the member club will be informed accordingly.

4. In case of objections, the decision will be postponed until clarification by a mediator appointed by the Board.
5. In case of point 4, the Board may leave the decision to the Membership Meeting.

4. Removal

The removal according to § 6 section 2.b of the Statutes is decided by the Board with absolute majority of all Board members (abstentions and invalid votes don't count) upon comment of the member club concerned. The member club has to be informed of the decision in writing by registered mail with receipt (*Einschreiben - Rückschein*) together with the information about the right to appeal to the Membership Meeting. The appeal to the next (regular or further) Membership Meeting must be in writing and must be directed to the President. It must reach him at least 6 weeks before the Membership Meeting. The Membership Meeting finally decides with a 2/3 majority of the members entitled to vote present (abstentions and invalid votes don't count). The member club concerned has the right to present its defense. There is no right to be present while the assembly votes on it.

5. Legitimation

The Board is authorized to take appropriate steps regarding proof of membership, which especially may serve as evidence for the right to vote at membership meetings.

6. Membership fee

EAASDC e.V. shall levy an annual fee from its members in accordance with the contribution rules and the table entitled "Dues and Apportionments as set forth in the contribution rules".

If in the course of a (fiscal year) business year Membership is given up, or not recognized, the member is not entitled to a partial refund of dues and assessments already paid.

II. Membership types and Admission procedure

1. Preliminary members

Preliminary membership is open to all associations active in fields covered by the purpose of the EAASDC, which however do not yet fulfill the conditions of regular or associated membership.

Preliminary membership is also open to children or youth associations under the condition that the voting representatives of that association have full legal capacity.

According to the EAASDC Statutes §7 (2) preliminary members have no right to file a motion or to vote but shall be entitled to speak at the membership meeting.

Preliminary membership is limited to twelve months and ends with the admission as regular member or with the rejection of the application for regular membership.

A one-time prolongation by another 12 months is subject to an individual decision of the EAASDC Board.

Regular membership must be applied for at least five months before the end of the preliminary membership.

The EAASDC Board decides on the admission at the next meeting or by circular resolution. The preliminary member will be informed about the decision of admission.

Admission procedure

- 1) Request for preliminary membership as per online form on the EAASDC homepage or by informal written request to the EAASDC Secretary.
- 2) After the Secretary received the request the applicant will be contacted.
- 3) The applicant will receive, among others, the following documents and information for admission:
 - EAASDC Statutes and Policies
 - Dues and Cost Allocation as per Dues Policy
 - EAASDC bank details
 - Application form
 - Member data collection form
 - SEPA direct debit form

- 4) Upon receipt of payment of the dues and cost allocations on the EAASDC account as well as complete submission of the requested documents as specified, the applicant will receive a confirmation of preliminary membership and its commencement.
- 5) The preliminary membership will be published in the EAASDC Bulletin.
- 6) Upon admission as preliminary member the club receives additional documents, information and the respective access rights for the closed member area of the EAASDC homepage.

2. Regular members

Regular membership is open to all associations in Europe cultivating American Square Dance or related dance programs (Round Dance, Clogging, Contra, etc.).

Regular membership is also open to children or youth associations under the condition that the voting representatives of that association have full legal capacity.

According to the EAASDC Statutes §7 (1) regular members have the full right to speak, to file a motion and to vote at the membership meeting. Each member club has one vote. Another member club may be authorized to cast the vote, if no representative of the respective member club is present at the membership meeting.

The voting right of member clubs outside of The Federal Republic of Germany may be transferred by authorization to the national representative of the home country of the member club as defined by the EAASDC Statutes.

No one may be authorized by more than 3 member clubs.

Admission procedure

- 1) Application as per respective form on the EAASDC homepage.
- 2) The applicant will be informed about which documents and information have to be submitted to the Secretary for an admission.
- 3) Upon complete submission of the requested documents as specified and after the period concerning the approval procedure has expired procedure, the applicant will receive a confirmation of the membership and its commencement.
- 4) If the admission procedure is suspended due to objections as per approval procedure, the applicant will be informed accordingly.
- 5) The application will be published in the EAASDC Bulletin.
- 6) Upon admission the club will receive the respective access rights (for electronic voting) for the closed member area of the EAASDC homepage.

3. Associated members

Associated membership is open to all associations active in the fields covered by the purpose of the EAASDC.

According to the EAASDC Statutes §7 (2) associated members have no right to file a motion or to vote but shall be entitled to speak at the membership meeting.

Associated membership is also open to children or youth associations under the condition that the voting representatives of that association have full legal capacity.

Admission procedure

- 1) Request for associated membership as per online form on the EAASDC homepage or by informal written request to the EAASDC Secretary.
- 2) After the Secretary received the request the applicant will be contacted.
- 3) The applicant will receive, among others, the following documents and information for admission:
 - EAASDC Statutes and Policies
 - Dues and Cost Allocation as per Dues Policy
 - EAASDC bank details
 - Application form
 - Member data collection form
 - SEPA direct debit form
- 4) Upon receipt of payment of the dues and cost allocations on the EAASDC account as well as complete submission of the requested documents as specified, the applicant will receive a confirmation of membership and its commencement.
- 5) If the admission procedure is suspended due to objections as per approval procedure, the applicant will be informed accordingly.
- 6) The associated membership will be published in the EAASDC Bulletin.
- 7) Upon admission as associated member the club receives additional documents, information and the respective access rights for the closed member area of the EAASDC homepage.

4. Supporting members

Any natural persons and judiciary bodies supporting the EAASDC in fields covered by the purpose of this Association can be a supporting member. The Board shall vote upon the application using the same procedure as per §6.1 of the EAASDC Statutes.

According to the EAASDC Statutes §7 (2) supporting members have no right to file a motion or to vote but shall be entitled to speak at the membership meeting.

Admission procedure

- 1) Request for supporting membership as per online form on the EAASDC homepage or by informal written request to the EAASDC Secretary.
- 2) After the Secretary received the request the applicant will be contacted.
- 3) The applicant will receive, among others, the following documents and information for admission:
 - EAASDC Statutes and Policies
 - Dues and Cost Allocation as per Dues Policy
 - EAASDC bank details
 - Application form
 - Member data collection form
 - SEPA direct debit form
- 4) Upon receipt of payment of the dues and cost allocations on the EAASDC account as well as complete submission of the requested documents as specified, the applicant will receive a confirmation of membership and its commencement.
- 5) If the admission procedure is suspended due to objections as per approval procedure, the applicant will be informed accordingly.
- 6) The supporting membership will be published in the EAASDC Bulletin.
- 7) Upon admission as supporting member the club receives additional documents, information and the respective access rights for the closed member area of the EAASDC homepage.

5. Honorary members

Honorary membership can be attributed by decision of the Membership Meeting to persons who gained special merits as regard to Square Dance or Round Dance or related dance programs (Clogging, Contra, etc.) in Europe or for the EAASDC.

Honorary members have the right to speak and to file a motion but have no right to vote at a membership meeting. They are exempted from dues and other contributions.

III. Final remark

This policy becomes effective with decision by the members and supersedes all previous membership decisions and regulations of the EAASDC By-Laws as far as the regulations regarding EAASDC membership are concerned.

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