

## Dancing with Wolves Policies

Any individual who misuses the Dancing with Wolves GoogleGroup(s) or listservs will be banned from use thereof. Misuse includes advertising or soliciting for non-Dancing with Wolves purposes, not following announcement guidelines prescribed by the board, or disrespectful conduct.

### Checks that bounce

Any individual who pays for any reason with a check that cannot be redeemed will be charged an additional \$25 to cover the bank's check bouncing fee (or whatever the bank's check bouncing fee may be). Future payments by that individual must be made in cash.

### Instructor payment fees

No instructors will be paid for teaching "team" lessons, including at a minimum newcomer and bronze, because there are members of the team who have the knowledge to teach these lessons as a service to the team. Dancing with Wolves may choose to pay a reasonable and previously negotiated price to instructors teaching the highest level of choreography offered to the team above bronze (the rationale being that no member would have the knowledge to teach such a lesson) and to professional coaches brought in to teach technique and advanced choreography to qualified team members.

### Membership

Active membership shall be limited to persons officially connected with North Carolina State University as faculty, staff or registered students. Active members are members who have paid their dues to the team. Active members who have partners outside of the team are permitted to have their partner put onto the Club Sports guest list for Dancing With Wolves. Those on the guest list are permitted to come into the gym any time Dancing With Wolves has gym hours to practice with their partner, but they are not permitted to participate in any lesson as a student. Dancing With Wolves openly admits students to its membership and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, personal appearance, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, or on the basis of rights secured by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

### Guest List

The guest list will be limited to instructors, guest instructors, and partners of team members for the purpose of teaching and practicing only. No one on the guest list is permitted to partake in any lessons offered by the team or for the team. Guests may only use the rooms in the gym reserved by Dancing with Wolves and only when Dancing with Wolves has them reserved. Infractions may lead to a revoking of guest list privileges at the discretion of the Dancing with Wolves board, Club Sports, or Carmichael Gym.

## Tryouts

Tryouts will be offered once a semester to all members of the team. All team members will be provided with a list of figures they are expected to know for each level. Members are eligible to try out for the bronze team after completing a semester as a newcomer or equivalent experience. Members trying out for the bronze team will be expected to know Rumba, Cha-Cha, Waltz, and Tango and/or Quickstep. Members are eligible to try out for the silver team after completing a semester of bronze team lessons or equivalent experience. Members trying out for the silver team will be expected to know all the dances required for the bronze team in addition to Tango and/or Quickstep, Foxtrot, Jive, and Samba. Members who pass try outs will be eligible to take lessons provided by the team from professional coaches at their respective levels. In the event that a gold lesson is offered and no gold tryouts have been established, dancers are expected to have danced at a silver level in competitions for at least one semester and be familiar with silver choreography and technique.

In tryouts, males will be asked to perform a series of approximately three moves from one dance to music and should be repeated until all judges have made appropriate notes. This procedure will be repeated until all moves in all dances taught for that level have been completed. In the event that there are more members trying out than judges can reasonably view at one time, members may be asked to complete tryouts in small groups.

Females will be asked to do the same for all Latin dances. For standard dances, females will be asked to follow a leader who has already qualified for that level, unless tryouts are for the highest level, in which case followers may dance with a leader at the same level.

Each member trying out will be judged based on execution of the steps and on timing. Mastery of technique, as opposed to fundamental technique, is not part of the judging criteria, as the goal of tryouts is to make sure that participants are prepared for lessons with professionals, and the focus of these lessons is frequently on technique. Judges must indicate whether they would recommend a member for passing tryouts in each dance based on their judgment of the individual's knowledge of the step and timing. Participants will pass tryouts if a majority of judges recommend they should pass in a majority of dances.

All judging panels will have at least 3 judges, and the number of judges will always be an odd number. Board members will choose judges for the panel.

The president and vice-president together or the board as a whole will resolve any discrepancies and anything not specifically addressed in this policy.

## Soliciting sponsorships and donations

At the discretion of the board.

## Receipts

At the discretion of the board.

## Unable to Pay For Dues

Any individual who is unable to pay dues at the due date because of financial circumstances, such as waiting for a paycheck, may pay at a later date. This is on a case by case basis at the discretion of the board.