

Emergency Membership and Insurance Guidelines

We are experiencing many inquiries and expect to receive more concerning the membership and insurance deadlines for the **year 20-21** due to problems created by the 'stay-home' guide lines of our current COVID-19 situation.

The deadlines for membership and insurance renewals are set in the bylaws. The first deadline of May 31st is to allow our committee the time to create an accurate Membership and Insurance database to take effect on September 1st. Although it is set in the bylaws, there is no consequence if you don't meet it.

We are asking the clubs and councils to do the best you can under these trying circumstances. This means, use alternate means of communication such as email, telephone, social media, and so forth instead of your usual club meetings. Gather as much information as you can and get it to us as soon as you can. We can always add members later. We say this because our square dance year expires on August 31, 2020. At that point, if we do not have renewal information, we cannot include that club as a member in the federation. Our insurance premiums are due September 1, 2020 and we need to have collected membership dues by that point in the amount to pay the premiums.

As we have just explained, there is no serious consequence to missing the May 31st deadline, but the August 31st deadline is set in stone as that is the end of our insurance year.

The above process is only one of the renewal processes. You must also remember; you must renew your club within your own council. This is where you turn in your club officers' information to make up the state directory. This process has to go through your council before it comes to us. We are urging council leaders to communicate with your clubs to gather this information so we can receive it no later than August 31st.

Communication is a big key here, so please keep us informed of your situations and problems so that we may help in any way that we can and alleviate problems before August 31st.

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