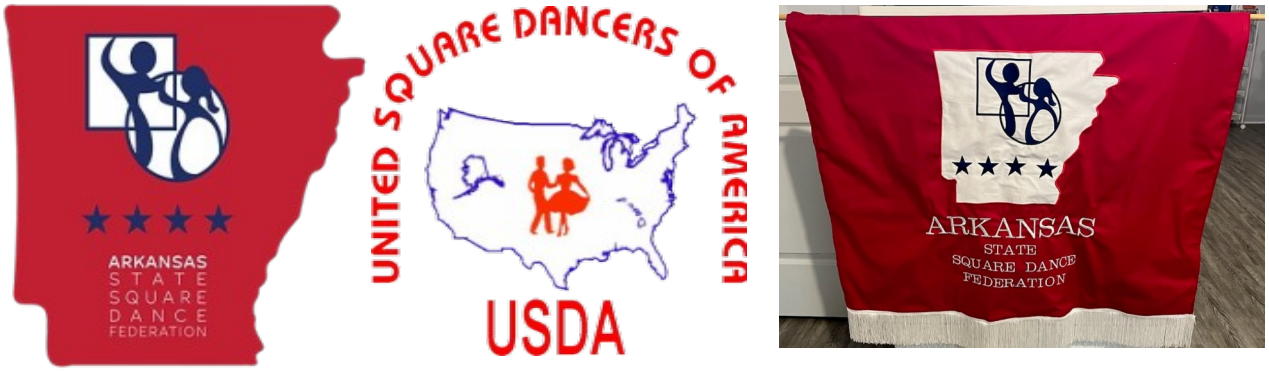


It is that time of year again, for all ASSDF member clubs to update their annual enrollment!!

As you are aware, the **ASSDF** is the central organization that helps guide square dancing in the state of Arkansas. In addition, the **ASSDF** puts on an annual Fall Festival, to bring the state dancers together under one roof, sponsors the **ASSDF** website (**https://www.arkansassquaredance.com**) to provide square dancing information to all individuals, publishes the monthly publication **The Modern Square** (e-Editions), letting all know what the Clubs are doing, and helps the clubs to obtain insurance through the **USDA Dancers Insurance Program**.

The **2027** Annual **ASSDF Club Membership Fee** is **$20**, and is due to the **ASSDF Treasurer** by Jan. 1, 2027. Please make the check payable to the **ASSDF**, and mail it to:

Jean Coy
3 Reata Way
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

IMPORTANT! In order for a Club to participate in the USDA Dancers Insurance Program, the Club must be a member of the ASSDF.

Clubs may feel that "their caller insurance" protects them from incidents at dances. However, according to **Callerlab** and the **American Callers Association**, it protects them "**only if a caller causes injury**". **Your dance club and its members are at risk of a massive lawsuit if something happens at a dance, without insurance**. However, the Dance Clubs may receive economical dancer insurance (per dancer) through the **United Square Dancers of America**. This insurance program provides Accident Medical Insurance, which helps supplement a dancer's existing medical insurance; and Liability insurance, which protects the club and its members from financial loss due to unforeseen accidents, which may develop into litigation against members and organizations

To view the **USDA Dancers Insurance Program** coverage in its entireity...including who and what is covered, limits of coverage, and period of coverage, among other items, go to **https://www.usda.org/Insurance.php**.

The USDA annual individual dancer premium will be $6.80 for **2027...with a minimum charge of $54 per club, which is based on 8 dancers (1 square). The USDA had to increase the cost due to the increased costs the insurance carrier has incurred.** Every Club's Insurance Coordinator should have received the annual **ASSDF insurance packet** the week after **November 9, 2026**. If you did **not** receive the insurance mailout, please contact **ASSDF Insurance Coordinator**, Jean Coy, at (715) 207-3502.

In the insurance information packet, there will be a blank club roster form to designate the paying insurance members. Please note **any change** in the venue you dance at, or if there has been a change in the insurance contact personnel, when you return the roster. **Please remember if there are dancers within your club who are members of multiple clubs, the insurance fee will only be paid once**.

The **ASSDF** appreciates every clubs participation in our state organization and welcomes all feedback on how we can make the organization better to support the backbone of our organization….the Clubs!