



THE NORTHEAST GEORGIA FEDERATION GUIDELINES FOR BANNER TAKING

BANNER TAKING: The NEGF Executive Committee voted November 2, 2014 to make the Banner Taking Guidelines a standalone document and not include in the Standing Rules.

Banner Taking Guidelines, as described below, encourages visitation between clubs of the Northeast Georgia Federation of Square Dancers, enjoying the company of other dancers, maintaining proficiency in square dancing, and learning the “style” of different callers.

1. A banner may be taken only by a square (8 dancers) from one club visiting another club.
2. Each club should maintain at least two “traveling banners” that visiting clubs may take. In the event all traveling banners of a host club have been obtained by visiting clubs, club may substitute with a certificate or take no further action.
3. A club must redeem their own banner before they can take the host club’s banner. A specific visiting club may have only one club banner from a specific club at one time.
4. To take a banner you must notify the host club president of your intention to do so, when you have a full square present and signed in.
 - a. The first club to sign in and notify the host club President or club representative shall have priority over any other visiting club. All visitors should sign in on host club’s regular sign in sheet/book.
 - b. Banners may not be reserved. Clubs cannot call ahead to see if a banner is available.
 - c. A couple belonging to more than one club within the federation may wear only one badge when traveling to other clubs, and sign in indicating the club whose badge is being worn. In no event can members participate in taking traveling banner of a club to which they belong.
 - d. Only current paid up members of club can participate in banner taking.
 - e. A caller and/or spouse, if applicable, can be counted as members of a visiting club provided they are wearing the visiting club’s badge.
5. **Host club banner may not be taken on special events nights.** (Graduation, New Year’s Eve, Christmas, or other one-time events during the year). If a club has regular dances on 5th Friday this will be considered a regular dance night and not a special events dance night. VISITING CLUB MAY REDEEM their own traveling banner from a host club at the special dance provided all other criteria are met.