

Demonstration Group Code of Conduct

Members of RSCDS Edinburgh Branch Demonstration Group are ambassadors of the Branch and demonstrate the highest standards of Scottish country dancing, which includes not only the dance element but team work and the sociability of the dance.

Acceptance of your invitation to join RSCDS Demonstration Group means you agree to accept this Code of Conduct.

- You will maintain, and aim to improve upon, your current dancing ability.
- Good teams have a real sense of the value of teamwork. You will do your utmost to ensure that the atmosphere in practice sessions, rehearsals and on actual demonstrations is friendly and welcoming to all. This ensures that we foster good team spirit which then translates into an excellent demonstration team.
- You accept that this is not a social dance class and participation at demonstrations is expected. RSCDS Edinburgh will ensure that demonstrations are advised to you promptly and you will commit to replying positively and promptly.
- You will attend as many of the practice sessions as possible, recognising that we all have work and commitments out with dancing. Ideally, you will aim to attend at least 70% of the sessions. If you are unable to attend, the Demonstration Coordinator should be informed at the earliest opportunity.
- RSCDS Edinburgh will utilise images of members of our Demonstration Group for publicity purposes, this includes both print and online media. Your membership of the Group is deemed to provide us with consent to use your image in perpetuity.
- Payment of any training fees will be met in advance.
- You will adhere to the dress code policy for Demonstrations (attached). Additionally, there may be occasions when the teacher/demonstration co-ordinator may ask you to wear a specific outfit to class so that they can see the overall look of the team on demonstrations.
- New members will be able to attend the Group on the recommendation of two experienced RSCDS Teachers who have seen them dance, and their dancing will be assessed at the earliest opportunity. Until this assessment takes place the Trustees may invite individuals to attend the group as a potential member.
- Members of RSCDS Edinburgh Demonstration Group must be a current member of both the RSCDS and Edinburgh Branch. Should you be a member of any other Branch or Group with a Demonstration team this should be disclosed prior to accepting the invitation in order that RSCDS Edinburgh can establish if this creates a conflict of interest.
- Any issues or problems will be dealt with in an open manner, and should be notified to the Demonstration Co-ordinator in the first place and a regular informal group meeting will be held where these can be discussed and you will be kept informed of ongoing plans.

Signed.....

Name.....

Date.....

Dress Code for RSCDS Edinburgh Branch Demonstration Group

Ladies: -

Formal Dress

- Long white sleeveless evening dress (preferably with waistline, no ornamentation)
- Underskirts (the dress should be ankle length when worn with underskirts)
- Tartan evening stole
- Opera length white evening gloves
- Red ballet shoes, with flesh coloured elastic

Formal Dress (Alternative – Blue dress provided by the Branch)

- Long, blue evening dress
- Tartan evening sash (long & narrow)
- Black ballet shoes, with flesh coloured elastic

Informal Dress (Alternative – purple dress or t-shirt/skirt provided by the Branch)

- Purple dress
- Self coloured t-shirt
- Black skirt
- Black ballet shoes, with flesh coloured elastic

Gentlemen:-

Formal Dress

- Kilt
- Evening dress jacket, and black bow-tie
- Evening dress shirt
- Dress sporran
- Tartan or Diced hose
- Black dance shoes

Informal Dress

- Kilt
- White shirt
- Self-coloured tie
- Sporran
- Self-coloured kilt socks (not white)
- Black dance shoes
- Alternative informal dress - Branch provided black shirt and socks