

1. **Visitation Year** - The period during which countable visits can be made is from (and including) May 1st to March 31th. All visitation cards must have reached the Association no later than April 7th.
2. **Clubs Eligible to be Visited** - Every SVS & RDA member club that contributes \$30.00 to the visitations pool (either at the President's Ball or no later than May 20th) is eligible. Visits to clubs that did not contribute do not count. No contributions will be accepted after May 20th.
3. **List of Participating Clubs** - By June 1st the Association will provide each club's representative with the list of clubs that contributed. No other clubs will be eligible during that visitation year.
4. **Eligible Visiting Clubs** - Every SVS & RDA member club is eligible to visit and to share proportionately in the visitation pool. (See definition of "Pool Sharing")
5. **Eligible Dances** - It is assumed a club's "regularly scheduled dances" are eligible to be visited. Higher level square and round dance clubs may, at their discretion, hold "open houses" to accommodate visitors. Also, it is entirely and unarguable the host club's decision whether or not a "Special Dance" can be visited. This must have been resolved before the visiting club's arrival.
6. **Ineligible Dances** - Any Caller's Association or SVS & RDA sponsored dances (such as the President's Ball, Graduation Ball, Sunshine Dance, etc.) are automatically ineligible, regardless of their being hosted by a specific club.
7. **Eligible Visitors** - Dancers eligible to represent a club are its current and former members. Also eligible are its current class members, if the visit is to a class level dance. In every case, the dancer must wear the visiting club's regular or class badge, and must sign in as representing the visiting club.
8. **Free Passes** - A visitor, to be counted, must pay the full admission fee. Dancers using free passes are not counted.
9. **Dual Memberships** - If a dancer belongs to both the club doing the visiting and the club being visited, the dancer must pay the full admission fee to be counted as a visitor.
10. **Maximum Countable Visits** - Although clubs are encouraged to visit as often as they like, no more than 15 visits will be recognized in any one year. Excess visits cannot be carried over to another year.
11. **Repeat Visits** - Only visits to different clubs will be counted, unless:
 - a. fewer than 15 different clubs contributed. In that case, after each eligible club has been visited once, a round of second visits may be started.
 - b. a club has no round dancers. In that case, visits to square dancing clubs may be substituted, with the limitation noted in a).
 - c. a club dances mainstream only. In that case, the club may repeat visits to clubs offering mainstream and/or class level dances (with no more than two visits to each such club).
12. **Pool Sharing** - Visits made will share equally in the pool. In April, the total visits made by all clubs before April 1st will be calculated, and the pool will be divided by the number of visits, to determine the "value" of each visit. For example, if the total of all visits is 90, and the pool contains \$450, each visit will be worth \$5. A club that made 10 visits will receive \$50, a club that made 6 visits will receive \$30, etc. Clubs will receive their checks at the President's Ball.
13. **Notifying the Host Club** - As a courtesy, the club to be visited must be notified several days in advance that a visit is planned and how many dancers to expect.
14. **Plaque Winner** - The club with the highest total number of dancers visiting other clubs will hold the plaque until the next President's Ball. Ties will share recognition and the plaque. Only the first 15 visits are counted.
15. **Friendship Dangles** - Dancers who participate in five or more visits for one club during the visitation year will receive a Friendship Dangle, provided by the Association. No later than April 7th, each club must notify the Association how many of its dancers earned the dangle. The dangles will be presented at the President's Ball, or sent to those clubs not represented. Each club can award the dangles to its dancers at an event or time of its choosing. Multiple dangles may be earned by representing multiple clubs during at least five visits for each; however, only one club can be represented during each visit.