

The Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc.

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Standing Operating Procedures (SOP)
2021

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Children and Youth Committee

1. **PURPOSE:** To establish and govern the Children and Youth Committee for the Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc.
2. **SCOPE:** This SOP applies to the Children and Youth Committee, The Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. The members of the Children and Youth Committee can use this SOP to know and understand the duties of the Children and Youth Committee, and it should be used when performing the functions of Children and Youth Committee.
3. **AUTHORITY:** The Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs Inc.
4. **References:** Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. Constitution and Bylaws (Working Rules).
5. **MEMBERSHIP:** The Children and Youth Committee has a base membership of four members or couples. The Children and Youth Committee is appointed annually by the President, Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc., with the approval of the Board of Directors, to serve a one year term.
6. **PROCEDURES:**
 - a. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE:**
 - i. To oversee the position of Children and Youth Committee for the Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc.
 - ii. To attend all meetings of the Federation Board of Directors.
 - iii. To make educational and promotional materials from the United Square Dancers of American (USDA), ARTS, and other organizations available to youth, teachers and others.
 - iv. To develop and distribute promotional and educational materials that present a positive, upbeat view of youth participating in square dancing.
 - v. Promote square dancing as an activity in youth oriented organizations, such as schools, 4-H Clubs, boy's and girl's clubs, scouting organizations, etc.
 - vi. Promote square dancing in various environments in an effort to increase the number of youth dancers.
 - vii. Encourage adult square dancers to encourage youth to join square dancing activities.
 - viii. To educate youth about square dancing, its history and traditions.
 - ix. Sponsor youth dance activities at the Missouri State Festival.

- x. Encourage Missouri counties to sponsor youth square dances for 4-H clubs.
- xi. Set up a youth square dance competition at the state fair.
 - 1. Set the competition up by age groups if necessary.
 - 2. Recruit judges for the competition.
 - 3. Provide or acquire awards for the youth competitors.
- xii. Develop and maintain up-to-date instructional material on Modern Square Dancing to be made available to educators.

7. Other duties related to children and youth as assigned.