



## OHIO'S NORTHCOAST JITTERBUG CONNECTION STANDING RULES

### Membership

- Annual dues are currently \$75 for new members, \$60 for renewal.
- Renewal is due each year by the end of the anniversary month in which the applicant joined, as indicated on the membership card.
- If a renewal is not paid by the end of the anniversary month, membership will lapse, and the applicant will be charged new member rates.
- A member must be a member in good standing for six months in order to vote.
- A member must be a member in good standing for six months to run for trustee and for one year to run for Treasurer or Secretary.
- A member must have held at least one term as Trustee to hold the position of President or Vice-President.
- Guests are welcome and will pay a guest fee at the door.
- Out of town guests (living 50 miles or more away from home base dance venue), who are members of an American Bop Association (ABA) affiliated club and can provide a current membership card from that club will not be charged the guest fee on Wednesday Club dance nights.
- No solicitation of any kind is allowed at Club functions unless approved by the Executive Board.
- Advertising for other not for profit club dances which do not conflict with any O.N.C.J.C. scheduled events will be permitted.
- The O.N.C.J.C. delegate to ABA Meetings, with voting rights, will be the current President. The alternate, if needed, will be the current Vice-President, or a designated alternate as approved by the Board.



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### **Lifetime Membership Criteria**

Lifetime Membership may be granted by the Club Executive Board to a deserving member, their spouse, or needed support person. Lifetime Membership shall be the same as a regular membership except it is dues free. The person or persons to receive this membership must have contributed to the Club above and beyond attendance. They must meet at least one of the following qualifications:

- Has been a long-time member of the Club.
- Has developed a condition that limits their ability to dance as before and therefore will not be renewing/purchasing a membership.
- Has reduced expendable income for the foreseeable future and has not renewed/purchased a membership for economic reasons.
- Has made a significant contribution to benefit the Club.

### **Benevolent Policy**

If a current member in good standing, a charter member (listed in Appendix A of the Club By-Laws), or lifetime member passes away, the Club will provide one of the following remembrances:

- A flower arrangement with a condolence card from the Club, not to exceed \$75.00, including delivery fee; or
- A donation with a condolence card from the Club, to the stated organization or charity noted per the family or member's wishes, not to exceed \$75.00.



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### Dance Styles

Ohio's North Coast Jitterbug Connection shall be a non-profit social organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of dance and music styles commonly known as; Bop, Jitterbug, Swing, Shag, R&B, Beach Bop, Imperial Swing, East & West Coast Swing, and Hustle.

- Cha-Cha and slow dances are also played throughout the evening for some variety.
- Line dancing is allowed only at specified times as announced by the DJ. Line dancing is defined as any choreographed dance which is done as a group on the dance floor, whether alone or as a couple.
- **No free style dancing is allowed.**

### Dance Night

- The weekly dance night will be every Wednesday evening unless the day falls on July 4<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve/Day, or New Year's Eve/Day.
- Dancing will be from 7:00 PM till 10:00 PM

### Dance Lessons

- Dance lessons are always free, unless a special workshop is held with professional instruction
- Lessons will be held prior to the weekly dance.
- Lessons will begin at 7:00 PM.

### Alcoholic Beverages

O.N.C.J.C. will not purchase, sell, supply, or dispense any alcoholic beverage at a weekly Wednesday night dance, or at any special event dance.

Standing rules changes do not require a general membership vote, as they deal primarily with procedure. Any recommended changes will be mailed to all Executive Board Members and voted on at the next scheduled meeting.

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