

# A.C.F. - STATE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

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This is a Cooperative Agreement between the Australian Callers' Federation (A.C.F.) and the  
..... Callers Association.

We agree to be bound by this document and to abide by it in spirit and fact, thus ensuring long term benefit to the Square Dance Calling Profession and the Square Dance Activity.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT

### THE AUSTRALIAN CALLERS' FEDERATION (A.C.F.)

The A.C.F. agrees to operate as a National Organisation representing all Australian Callers and Caller Associations, providing leadership and coordinating activities. The A.C.F. will ensure State and Area Associations remain autonomous and affirms that this agreement formalises the interaction between the A.C.F. and MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS.

#### The A.C.F. is obligated to -

- (a) Develop and publish National Policies with the benefit of input from Callers and Member Associations.
- (b) Set standards for Callers and Choreography.
- (c) Develop communication between all members of the Federation and also with other Square Dance Organisations.
- (d) Co-ordinate Caller Education and to promote and develop Caller Education material.
- (e) Make available to members the Publication "CALLERLINK", where the payment of the membership levy has included this obligation.
- (f) Provide Membership for individuals and associations.
- (g) Provide leadership, where possible, in assisting with management functions that present difficulty for Member Associations, or where those functions are more suitably handled by a National Body.
- (h) Maintain an acceptance of this Cooperative Agreement, regardless of changes in officers of the Member Association or of the A.C.F., until such time that a new Cooperative Agreement is agreed to, or a dissolution of this Cooperative Agreement is actioned either by a Notice in Writing to the A.C.F. by the Member Association, or by a Notice in Writing to the Member Association by the A.C.F.

### MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS -

The Member Association will continue as an autonomous Callers' Association.

The Member Association affirms its obligations under this agreement.

The Member Association is obligated to -

- (a) Register all Caller Members of their Association with the A.C.F., either by requiring their members to apply individually for membership of the A.C.F., or by applying, on behalf of their members, for membership of the A.C.F. Caller Members of the Member Association who hold a strong conscientious objection to join the A.C.F. may be excluded. The grounds for exclusion is a matter for the Member Association.
- (b) Collect for and/or pay to the A.C.F., a levy, as determined by the A.C.F., for each registered member. The levy is to be set by the A.C.F. AGM after hearing submissions from the A.C.F. Board and the Member Associations. The Board should consult with Member Associations prior to the AGM.
- (c) Disseminate to the members information or publications from the A.C.F.
- (d) Co-operate with the A.C.F. in establishing effective communications between other Member Associations and the A.C.F.
- (e) Obligate members to adhere to, and to uphold the standards and ethics, as detailed within the Constitution of the A.C.F. and the respective Constitution of that Member Association.
- (f) Assist the A.C.F. in formulating National Policies and Standards.
- (g) Make recommendations and assist with the accreditation of Callers.
- (h) Maintain an acceptance of this Cooperative Agreement, regardless of changes in officers of the Member Association or of the A.C.F., until such time that a new Cooperative Agreement is agreed to, or a dissolution of this Cooperative Agreement is actioned either by a Notice in Writing to the A.C.F. by the Member Association, or by a Notice in Writing to the Member Association by the A.C.F.