

## **NEW BANNER GAME GUIDELINES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. Q: Does the club have to play the banner game?  
A: No, the club does not have to play the banner game.
2. Q: The status of our club is 2+2; do we need 16 to get a banner and 8 to retrieve our banner?  
A: No, there is no longer a status for clubs under the new guidelines.
3. Q: Does the club have to give two banners?  
A: Two banners would be presented if there are at least two clubs visiting, one having a minimum of 16 paying dancers and one a minimum of 8 paying dancers. However, it is at the club's discretion how they play the banner game. NORTEX encourages clubs to be fair and equitable to all clubs visiting.
4. Q: Is it true that you only need 8 paying dancers to retrieve a banner?  
A: Yes, there is no longer a status for clubs of different sizes. No matter how large a club or how many dancers it took to capture the banner, it only takes 8 paying dancers to retrieve the banner.
5. Q: Can a club give back a banner to a visiting club with less than 8 paying dancers in attendance?  
A: Yes, we encourage clubs to be generous. Just as it has been you can give a banner back to a visiting club with less than 8 paying dancers; it is just that it takes no more than 8 paying dancers.
6. Q: If a host club has held our banner for more than one year, is it true a club can retrieve it with only one paying dancer attending the host clubs dance?  
A: Yes
7. Q: If a club visits another club to retrieve their banner, can they also capture that club's banner?  
A: Yes, but you must first retrieve your banner with 8 paying dancers. The remaining dancers would be counted to capture a banner. If your club has at a minimum of 8 paying dancers remaining after you retrieved your banner, your club along with any other club that has 8 paying dancers or more would compete for a banner in the drawing. If your club has at a minimum of 16 paying dancers remaining after you retrieved your banner, your club would be eligible for a banner outright assuming no other club has more than 16 paying dancers in attendance or if the same number has not traveled farther than your club.
8. Q: How does the Banner "Bucket" Game work?  
A: All clubs attending a dance with at least than 8 paying dancers would be placed in a drawing, excluding any club that was awarded a banner outright with 16 or more dancers. The host club would then draw a club's name and that club would be awarded a banner. The host club could draw more than once and give additional banners, if they so choose.  
NOTE: NORTEX suggests that you have the drawing in front of the dancers in attendance at the time banners are presented.
9. Q: Can a club give a banner to a visiting club if they have less than 8 paying dancers present?  
A: Yes, as always you can give a banner back with less than 8 paying dancers and you can give a banner to a club with less than 8 paying dancers, if your club chooses.

10. Q: If we play the banner game, do we have to play the game at our special dances?  
A: No, but if you do not play at a special dance, this needs to be advertised to let everyone know.
11. Q: Our club's caller and wife are on a visitation with our club; can they be counted to retrieve or capture a banner?  
A: Yes, as long as they pay.
12. Q: Our club dances once a month; can we capture a banner from a club that dances twice a month with one of those nights being the night we dance?  
A: No, because that club could not visit your club to retrieve as they dance on that same night.
13. Q: Will the clubs have a better chance of capturing a banner under the new guidelines?  
A: Yes, in addition to the club given a banner outright for the most members present, all clubs with at least 8 paying dancers are given an equal opportunity to capture a banner through the drawing.
14. Q: How do we advertise that we are playing the banner game?  
A: NORTEX recommends you remove your existing status in your directory ad and replace it with "Banners".

REMEMBER YOU CAN ALWAYS GIVE A CLUB'S BANNER BACK AND YOU CAN ALWAYS GIVE A CLUB YOUR BANNER WITH LESS THAN THE NUMBER INDICATED IN THE GUIDELINES.

## **CLUB TRAVEL AWARD FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. Q: Which club office must be in attendance to meet the club officer requirement?  
A: Any club officer as listed in the club bylaws.
2. Q: Can a dancer sign in for more than one club at a given dance?  
A: No, a dancer can only represent one club at a time.
3. Q: Can a host club be visited more than one time to get a signature on the same card?  
A: No, a club cannot be listed on a card more than one time.
4. Q: Can a host club sign a card for a different level?  
A: Yes, a host club who is listed on a visiting club's card at one level may be listed on the club's card at another level.
5. Q: We have a rosette on our banner from the old club travel award; can we leave the old one on our banner?  
A: Yes, the new awards will be different from the old ones. We encourage you to show both.
6. Q: Do we have to complete one level before moving to the next?  
A: Yes, each level must be completed and accepted by your NORTEX representative prior to beginning the next level.