North Texas Square and Round Dance Association (NORTEX)
Rules for Friendship Fun Awards
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This document, Rules for Friendship Fun Awards, is limited to visiting dancers that belong to a member club of North Texas Square and Round Dance Association (NORTEX).

Introduction: Friendship Fun is a square-and-round-dance activity that rewards visiting dancers based on the number of visitations made. There are now two classes of friendship dangles, "Gold" and "Silver". The rules for the Gold class are similar to the existing rules. But please read carefully and note the changes.

Correspondingly, there are two types of friendship cards to distinguish which class you are participating in: grey cards for the Silver class and gold cards for the Gold class.

Pre 11/6/2011 Participants: If you are currently participating in the NORTEX Friendship Badge activity and you want to continue from your current level, you must join the Gold class for Friendship Fun Awards. If you want to join the Silver class, you must start from zero. Or, you may participate in both classes simultaneously; Gold class continuing AND Silver class starting new. If you are participating in both classes, you may get one signature on each card at a given dance as long as the signature meets the requirements for the given class. See Class Rules below.

Pre 11/6/2011 participants with a partially filled card should contact the Friendship chair by email for a detailed explanation of how to transition to the Gold Class.

New Participants: If you are new to the Friendship Fun activity, you may join the Silver class, the Gold class, or both. If you are participating in both classes, you may get one signature on each card at a given dance as long as the signature meets the requirements for the given class. See Class Rules below.

Silver Class Rules: The Silver class rewards dancers who visit anywhere, anytime. Any clogging, square or round dance qualifies for signatures within the restrictions of the rules below. This includes weekends, festivals, conventions or any other square or round dance, both inside and outside of NORTEX. The purpose is to promote dancers' visiting other clubs...any other club.).

- You must fill a grey card with 25 signatures to receive the award.
- Dancing at your home club does NOT count as a visit - signature not allowed
- Any number of duplicate club visits are allowed
- You may get signatures from outside NORTEX.....anywhere
- Anniversary dances signatures count double- Just enter "Anniversary Dance" on the next signature line instead of a signature.
- Double Deal Dance allows you to earn a double signature. Each NORTEX club can designate one additional dance in a Calendar Year as a "Double Deal Dance." These dances must be registered with the NORTEX Club Coordinator. They cannot be held on the same date as another club's Anniversary or another club's Double Deal Dance. Club dances meeting the Double Deal requirements and Anniversary dances will be listed in a special section of the Promenade.
- You may fill as many cards as you desire: no limit. Let's see how far you can go!

Gold Class Rules: The Gold class rewards dancers who visit a wide variety of clubs. Any clogging, square or round dance qualifies for signatures within the restrictions of the rules below. This includes weekends, festivals, conventions or any other square or round dance, both inside and outside of NORTEX. The purpose is to promote dancers' visiting a large number of other clubs and concentrates somewhat on NORTEX clubs. This also encourages you to get to know a large number of dancers.

- You must fill a gold card with 25 signatures to receive the award.
- Dancing at your home club does NOT count as a visit - signature not allowed
- You may have signatures appearing three times (and only three times) on the card for any given club. You may have a maximum of 5 signatures from clubs outside NORTEX
- Anniversary dance signatures count double- Just enter "Anniversary Dance" on the next signature line instead of a signature.
- Double Deal Dance allows you to earn a double signature. Each NORTEX club can designate one additional dance in a Calendar Year as a "Double Deal Dance." These dances must be registered with the NORTEX Club Coordinator. They cannot be held on the same date as another club's Anniversary or another club's Double Deal Dance. Club dances meeting the Double Deal requirements and Anniversary dances will be listed in a special section of the Promenade.
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- Special dances.

Special Dances: The President of NORTEX can declare any dance as a "NORTEX" dance (such as Callers' Cavalcade). The president will provide the officiators of the dance with a printable sign and encourage them to place it in a prominent position on the sign-in table so all dancers will know that a signature would count for NORTEX visitation awards.

Awards: When you fill the first card you get a Silver or Gold dangle depending on the class of the card AND a "teardrop" with "25" imprinted on it to hang from the dangle.

For the "50" and "75" awards, you get teardrops that hang from the dangle.

The next award would be a small "100" BAR (the same width as the dangle), to hang from the dangle, ready for teardrops for 25, 50, and 75, representing 125, 150, and 175 visitations respectively.

The subsequent BARS are "200", "300", "400" along with more 25, 50, and 75 teardrops.

For 500, 1000, 1500, etc., a new Dangle is issued with the number engraved on it, again followed by teardrops, and BARS.