

By-Laws of the Cleveland-Akron Swing & Hustle Club

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OF  
CLEVELAND AKRON SWING & HUSTLE CLUB

Article 1: Name and Seat

- A. The name of the corporation is the “CLEVELAND AKRON SWING & HUSTLE CLUB” also abbreviated as “CASH CLUB”
- B. The address of the CLEVELAND AKRON SWING & HUSTLE CLUB shall be the address of the President.

Article 2 Functions

- A. The purpose of the CLEVELAND AKRON SWING & HUSTLE CLUB shall be: To provide a friendly, energetic, and supportive environment where member and Guests can share a love for swing & hustle dancing. To promote west coast swing and hustle dancing as a social activity. To promote an open and friendly atmosphere Where everybody is treated equally. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, Religion, nation of origin, age, gender, sexual preference, marital status, manner of dress, or interest in other social dances.

Article 3 Membership

- A The CLEVELAND AKRON SWING & HUSTLE CLUB shall be for-members-only Club. Associate members do not pay a membership fee: therefore associate membership does not provide any special privileges. Full members pay a yearly full membership fee and are eligible for discounted admission to regular dances and other privileges as determined by the Board. Junior Membership age shall be limited to 14-18 years of age and the junior must have dance experience. They will be admitted only with an adult/guardian who will be held responsible for this Junior Member.
- B. Dues are paid on an annual basis at a rate set forth in Club Policy. First time members Will be charged an administration fee. Renewal of this membership fee does not require this additional administration fee. Lapsed members who wish to be reinstated Become essentially first time members and thus must pay the administration fee.

C. Voting members of the Cleveland Akron Swing and Hustle Club are full members in good standing. A member in good standing is one whose dues are current and who is under neither suspension nor reprimand for actions detrimental to the Club.

D. Penalties for Suspension

A member under suspension loses all privileges and may be barred from club activities for a specified time voted on by 2/3 vote of the members present. Reinstatement of all privileges shall be effective the day immediately following The final date of suspension. All dues must be kept current. If during the time Of suspension, dues become in arrears, reinstatement of membership privileges would follow upon payment of dues at the conclusion of the suspension period and according to Article 3.B

Article 4 Election of Governing Board / Board of Directors & Executive Committee

A. Officers shall be elected for a term of one year by majority vote of the membership present at meeting held for elections. The officers shall consist of President, Vice-President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and these positions together will be known as The Governing Board.

B. Elections of Officers are to be held each year at a meeting in May. Self-nominations or nominations will be made at least three weeks prior to the election at a meeting. Votes can only be presented in person at the election meeting. In the Event there are three or more choices for an office, the candidate must win by a majority vote(one vote above 50% of those cast). If no candidate receives a majority, A run-off vote must be taken between the two (2) candidates with the most votes.

The Governing Board will elect 5 Board Trustees and a Board of Directors of whom will be responsible for duties assigned by the governing board. The Governing Board

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Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors shall be known as the Executive Committee. All Officers shall assume the duties of their offices as of June 1<sup>st</sup> and the newly elected officers will appoint new Board Trustees & Board Directors on Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.

C. Board Trustees and Board of Directors shall retain their board appointed offices until Replaced by appointment by new officers. There shall be no limit to the number of terms an Officer/Director or Trustee may serve. Any vacancy in any of the board

Offices may be filled by the Executive Committee.

D. Any officer or director falling to perform the duties of his/her office and/or failing to represent the Club in an appropriate manner, may be removed from office by a 2/3 Vote of the Executive Committee in attendance. Any officer who fails to attend 50% Of Board meetings or misses three (3) consecutive meetings may be removed from their position by a 2/3 majority vote of those in attendance.

E. Resignation

Any officer or board member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary or the President of the club, but such resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of the obligation to pay any dues, or other charges accrued and unpaid nor shall any member be entitled to a refund of dues upon discontinuance of his/her membership.

Article 5 Special Elections

- A. In the event of resignation or removal of President, The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President will move to fill such vacancy. Any vacancy of Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer due to the removal or resignation of an officer shall be filled by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee and with the approval of the membership in attendance at the next regular and /or special meeting.
- B. A special election for the open office will be held at the next regular and/or special club meeting or within 30 days subsequent to the failure of the officers to fill the office by Primary method.
- C. In the event an unanimous vote among the Executive Committee cannot be reached, or the Executive Committee choice is not approved by the Membership, then the office will be opened to the floor for nominations.

Article 6: General

The Club may adopt or amend policy on any matter related to the Club at any regular meeting. A policy book should be kept and maintained by the Secretary. No policy shall conflict with a by-law.

Article 7: Meetings

- A. Membership meetings are held typically once a month. A quorum of three(3) board members of which at least two (2) elected officers must be present at any meeting. Any action, which might be taken at a meeting, may be taken without a meeting if done with verbal consent of at least two-thirds (2/3) of all the directors. Special board meetings may be requested with prior notice by the President and/or Vice President and attended by the Executive Committee. The purpose of these meetings are to plan the additional operations of the Club.

Article 8 Adoption and Amendment

- A. These Bylaws shall be adopted by a majority vote of the Board members. Any Amendments shall be presented to the voting members at least thirty (30) days prior to the membership meeting.

Article 9: Dissolution

- A. Dissolution of the Club can occur only with the agreement of 2/3 vote of the Attending membership at a specified meeting.
- B. Upon dissolution of the Club, the Officers shall, after paying all liabilities of the Club,

Dispose of all the Club's physical assets, (Camera, Sound Systems, Computers, CD's, etc.) through an open auction to Club Members in good standing.

The receipts of that auction will be deposited with the rest of the money in the Club Treasury and dispersed in such a manner to organizations formed Exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify (under the applicable sections) on the Internal Revenue Code), as an exempt organization.

Article 10: Split or "Spin-Off" Club

In the event of a split or a "spin-off" of the club for whatever reason, members in Good standing who are committed to the upholding the original General Purpose (Article 1) as written by the founders of the Club, shall retain control of the Name, Logo, All funds, All Property Assets-including(all of the music Library) and all Membership information of the Cleveland Akron Swing and Hustle Club, Inc & They shall continue to operate the Club pursuant to the original Articles of Incorporation. A split is not the same as dissolution in Article 9.

Article 11: Standing Rule

- A. All members shall represent the Club in an appropriate manner- keeping the Club's best interests in mind at all times. No member shall take it upon themselves to represent the Club at a private or public function including publicity in newspapers or magazines without prior approval of the presiding officers. Requests must be made in writing and submitted to the Secretary.
- B. No member\_or Associate Member shall benefit from the Club or any Club Function for personal or financial gain without approval from the Club's Executive Committee.
- C. No member or associate member shall make use of or duplicate the Club's Name or logo without approval from the Executive Committee.
- D. A financial compilation of the Club's books will be conducted by an internal Audit of the financial records and will be performed on a annual basis or more often as determined by the Executive Committee by an appointed committee.
- E. The presiding officers and any other person responsible to handle Club funds shall be bondable and shall be bonded.