

British Association of American Square Dance Clubs

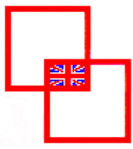
CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF BAASDC RALLIES

GENERAL

1. It is assumed that rally goers will be familiar with the various codes already existing: The Caravan Code, The Country Code and The Coastal Code (see Annex 1 of the "Camping and touring caravan, Exemption certificates: A guide for applicants" at http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/Images/combined-guide_tcm6-9572.pdf).
2. The rally is open only to members of the exempted organization under whose Certificate the rally is arranged: in this case, that the member is a bona fide full member of the BAASDC.
3. Proof of membership is to be shown by participating members and it is the rally organizer's responsibility to ensure that this rule is strictly adhered to.
4. One named person to be responsible for the conduct of the rally.
5. The organization will use every endeavour not to camp on any site for more than 42 consecutive days or 60 days in any 12 consecutive months. The organization also will endeavour not to camp on any site being used for camping by other organizations holding exemption certificates, if the site would thereby be used for camping for more than 42 consecutive days or 60 days in 12 consecutive months.

SAFETY ON THE RALLY SITE

6. All vehicles are restricted to 5 mph on the rally field, and learner and unlicensed drivers are not allowed.
7. All caravans and tents should be well spaced and sited so that they do not restrict access to, or exit from, any unit or the area in case of emergencies (not less than 3 metres should be permitted between units in any circumstances). Emergency vehicles should be able to secure access to any unit on the site.
8. Emergency vehicles must be able to get access to any tent on the site. Any caravans must be kept entirely separate from tents.
9. Open fires are not in general allowed, except with the permission of the rally organizer, and in a place agreed with him/her. Barbecues should also be agreed with the rally organizer, and sited well away from the caravan, awnings, etc.
10. That all caravans carry a suitable BSI and/or FOC approved fire extinguisher, and that everyone should be aware of how to use the equipment. There shall also be a bucket of water adjacent to the towing hitch as an additional aid for fire fighting.
11. If tents are included in the rally a British Standards Institution approved fire extinguisher will be held on site. Everyone should be aware of where it is situated.
12. It is advisable that each caravan should have a first aid kit.



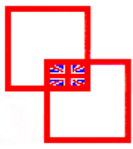
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GENERAL BEHAVIOR

13. Respect should be shown to the land owner's property – trees, fences, farm buildings, equipment and stock.
14. All animals are to be kept under control, and must not be allowed to run loose on the field. A lead of 10 feet (3 metres) maximum is allowed and the animals are to be exercised away from the field. The owners will be responsible for any damage caused by their animals.
15. Flying kites and model aircraft and the use of items like catapults or air-guns as well as ball games are not permitted among, or close to the caravans. If possible, the rally organizer should arrange an open space well away from the caravans for games.
16. Members shall keep their pitch neat and tidy. Each pitch shall be left clear of litter at the end of the rally, and a careful check made before leaving the field that no litter has been left behind.
17. Noise should be kept to minimum from radios, televisions and other sources, e.g. generators.
18. Whenever possible, cars should not be driven on the rally field if the ground is wet, in order to prevent damage to the field.
19. Local people should be able to carry on their normal activities when meetings are in progress, and disturbance should be minimised. Complaints should be treated seriously and steps taken to investigate and deal with the causes of complaints.

PUBLIC HEALTH

20. There must be clear differentiation between drinking water taps and water supplied for cleaning chemical closets. The two uses must never overlap.
21. The arrangements made for the disposal of waste water and chemically treated sewage must be agreed with the land owner and must take full account of the need to safeguard water supplies and to prevent the pollution of rivers and streams.
22. Rally goers must utilize their own chemical toilets properly charged with one of the formaldehyde-based chemical fluids.
23. The contents of the chemical toilet must not be disposed of on the rally site except into the disposal point agreed with the land owner.
24. Similarly, waste water must not be disposed of except as agreed in paragraph 21 above. It is recommended that members collect waste water from the caravan waste outlet in a receptacle, and do not allow it to overflow and foul the ground.



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25. The rally organizer is asked to give special consideration to the disposal point requirements at the time of the initial survey. He/she should bear in mind that the disposal point should not be sited:

- a) Adjacent to a brook, stream or river.
- b) Adjacent to a well, borehole or other water supply feature.
- c) In an area used as a gathering ground for water supply purposes, unless authorized.
- d) In the same area more than once in the same season.

Potential rally sites found in category c) above should be avoided unless arrangements have been made with the River Authority. If a club is particularly anxious to utilize such areas the appropriate River Authority should be consulted in every case as early as possible and its advice sought concerning waste disposal methods.

26. The disposal points should be filled in with the excavated earth at the conclusion of the rally and, where possible, the disturbed turf replaced.

27. Members attending rallies of short duration can reasonably be expected to take their refuse home with them.

28. On rallies where refuse is to be collected, however, refuse receptacles should be used, and the subsequent disposal of the contents in a proper manner should be arranged with the land owner. In particular the rally organizer is asked to ensure that:

- a) the land owner undertakes to ensure the proper disposal of their refuse, or
- b) the Local Authority is requested to collect, or
- c) Where an entrepreneur is engaged, he/she is asked to give an undertaking only to dispose of the contents upon a licensed site under the direction of the site manager.

Under no circumstances should refuse be emptied into the disposal point for waste water and chemically treated sewage.

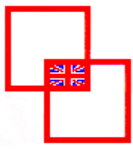
CHOICE OF VENUE

29. Avoid arranging rallies on Certified Locations, or on immediately adjacent land, unless it is clearly possible to avoid a clash of interests with members using the Certified Location Field, and with people living locally.

30. Avoid arranging rallies on land adjacent to Licensed Sites, unless approved by the local authority.

31. Avoid arranging rallies on prominent sites; sites close to particularly sensitive areas such as nature reserves; venues very close to houses other than the land owner's; and on land where it is known that planning permission for caravans has been refused.

32. The organization will agree to move from and avoid any site to which the local authority objects.



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33. Organizations should take reasonable steps to satisfy themselves that the site proposed for an exempted rally is not subject to an order under paragraph 13 of schedule 1, or an article 4 Direction, or one for which planning permission has been refused or where enforcement action has been taken.

FREQUENCY AND TIMING OF RALLIES

34. Rally organizers are advised to avoid the over-use of any venue, taking into account its position and general suitability, impact on the locality of number of National Parks, any advice given by the National Park Officer.

35. It is recommended that rallies should not be organized on successive weekends at the same venue.

36. It is also recommended that the arrangement of successive five day rallies in holiday areas at peak periods involving members moving from one rally to the next is avoided, unless the movement of units is spread over a period to avoid nuisance to other road users.

ROAD SAFETY AND ACCESS

37. In popular holiday areas at peak holiday periods (e.g. Bank Holidays) it is suggested that movement of towed vans or trailers should be arranged, if at all possible, outside the period of heaviest road use to avoid inconvenience to other users.

38. Venues chosen should be situated on good access roads of sufficient width to enable members' outfits to pass any other traffic which may be encountered without difficulty.

39. The access into the rally field should be at least 9 feet wide, easily negotiable and clearly indicated.

40. Where possible, avoid selecting a venue where the access is directly onto a busy "A" class road.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

41. EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE CAMP MUST BE ISSUED WITH A COPY OF THIS CODE OF CONDUCT.