



**Membership Agreement 2018 – 2019**  
**The annual membership fee is \$10.00 per family.**

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**The purpose of the Fraser Valley Irish Dance Association is to:**

- promote the awareness and appreciation of Irish culture and dancing in the Fraser Valley;
- promote the study and performance of Irish dancing;
- foster goodwill and sportsmanship among the members of the Association, affiliated dancers and the community;
- operate as a not-for-profit organization and to receive donations of any kind toward the purposes of the society;
- provide financial assistance to members and affiliated dancers in purchasing specified Irish Dance costumes;
- provide financial assistance to members attending special dance-out events and traveling to competitions.

**Membership in the Fraser Valley Irish Dance Association (FVIDA) is open to all adults with an interest in Irish dance and includes all immediate family members (parents and children) living in one household.**

**Benefits of Membership:**

- Only dancers associated with members will be entitled to the use of FVIDA costumes, subject to the conditions set out in the FVIDA Traditional Costume Agreement.
- When funds are available, members may have access to funds raised for travel and special events.
- Dancers associated with members will be invited to dance out events organized by FVIDA.
- Participation in Ceilis, St. Patrick’s Day functions, Parades, the Call to Dance year end show, Awards Day, Fun Days.

**Volunteer Requirements:**

Our volunteer requirements are determined by the amount of benefits a member family will receive.

- A. New members with family members enrolled in Irish dance lessons are required to provide two \$25.00 cheques (\$50.00 total) post-dated June 1, 2019, made out to FVIDA. These cheques will be returned/shredded after the last fundraising event of the year if the member family has participated in a minimum of 2 hours of volunteering during the dance year. One \$25 cheque will be cashed for each volunteer hour not fulfilled. This is per family, not per dancer.
- B. Returning members (i.e., members who have been in the FVIDA for more than one year) with family members enrolled in Irish dance lessons are required to provide four \$25.00 cheques (\$100 total) post-dated June 1, 2019, made out to FVIDA. These cheques will be returned/shredded after the last fundraising event of the year if the member family has participated in a minimum of 4 hours of volunteering during the dance year. One \$25 cheque will be cashed for each volunteer hour not fulfilled. This is per family, not per dancer.
- C. Members who do not have a dancer enrolled in Irish dance lessons are not required to fulfill volunteer hours, however, these members are not eligible for all FVIDA member benefits, i.e., access to FVIDA costumes; funds for travel to competition or special events.

For Fundraising/Volunteer Opportunities please see attached.

**I, the undersigned, have read the above and agree to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws and Policies of the FVIDA as amended from time to time. I agree to the terms and fees outlined herein.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(please print)*



## **Code of Conduct 2018-2019**

### **Preamble**

The Fraser Valley Irish Dance Association is a volunteer-staffed organization. Our dancers are often performing in public, with the support of parent volunteers. Our ability to earn donations to fund the organization depends on our members/dancers conduct in public. The role of parents is critical to the success of the FVIDA. It is, therefore, important that you follow the guidelines set forth below.

### **Code of Conduct for all Dancers**

- Be polite and courteous at all times;
- Support others' efforts in dance by not interrupting or distracting them;
- Actively help and encourage others;
- Always show respect for all dancers, teachers, and parents;
- Allow for the fact that anyone can make a mistake;
- Set a positive example with your behavior;
- Use respectful language when addressing other dancers, teachers, parents, or officials.

### **Code of Conduct for Dancers in Competition**

- Be generous when you win;
- Be fair always, no matter what the cost;
- Accept the decisions of the officials with grace;
- Believe in the honesty of your opponents;
- Conduct yourself with honour and dignity;
- Honestly and wholeheartedly applaud the efforts of your classmates and opponents.

### **Code of Conduct for Parents**

- Fulfill your volunteer obligation willingly, knowing that the effort you put forth will directly impact your child's Irish dance experience;
- Always keep in mind that FVIDA is a performing arts organization with an emphasis on having fun. Although competition is a natural part of dance for some, do not make competition and winning the primary goal for you or your child;
- Support your child and his/her classmates in a positive manner. Cheer for your child, *not against* the opposing dancers;
- Always show respect for all dancers, judges, officials and other parents. Allow for the fact that anyone can make a mistake;
- Set a positive example for our children with your behavior;
- Use respectful language when addressing other parents, dancers, or officials;
- Where a conflict occurs between your child and another dancer, address the dancer's parent or the school's teacher, not the other dancer;
- Be mindful that, when you are at an Irish dance event, you are seen as a member of the FVIDA, and that the Association will be seen and judged based on your actions.

Where serious breaches of our Code of Conduct are made and reported, the FVIDA Board of Directors will review the breach and determine the appropriate response, which may include suspension of your Fraser Valley Irish Dance Association membership or expulsion from membership in the Fraser Valley Irish Dance Association.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Print Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Dancer's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## **Membership Information 2018 – 2019**

Do you have a dancer:

- Dancing in:  Abbotsford  Maple Ridge  Both  
Are they a:  Returning Dancer  New Dancer  Adult Dancer  
 No family members enrolled in Irish dance lessons

Dancer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dance Level/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate and Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Dancers Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Committee or Board Positions 2018-2019**

The FVIDA requires each family *volunteer for at least one position below*... board position, head coordinator, or committee member. Without this support and involvement- costumes, financial support and events listed below will not be possible. Please email the FVIDA directly if you require further description on positions listed. Please note that volunteer sign up for the day of an event will be sent out separately via email once the event is in the planning stages. In the mean time, we need all board positions, head coordinators, and committee positions filled up. Board positions will be voted in at our AGM on Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. All other positions listed below can be signed up for immediately on line (see link below).

- Ceili Head Coordinator & Committee (March 10<sup>th</sup> event)** (7 volunteers required)  
Organize and put together a fun family event (Book Hall, theme, sponsors, supplies)
- Call to Dance Head Coordinator & Committee (Rehearsal May 28, June 2 event)** (8 volunteers required)  
Organizing and prepare the year end show for all dancers to participate.
- Fun Day Head Coordinator & Committee (June 22 or 23 event)** (7 volunteers required)  
Organize and put together a fun family event (Book Hall, theme, sponsors, supplies)
- Show Booking Committee** (4 volunteers required)  
Booking agent- scout and help secure paid performances for our dancers to perform in the community.
- Fundraising Committee** (8 volunteers required).  
Organize Fundraising events like Shake the can dance outs & on line sign up to bring in financial assistance for FVIDA.
- Cairdeas Lead Coordinator (Oct 20)** (2 volunteer required). Registration and Tabulation/Social Media.

**To complete your Volunteer sign up for the above positions please go to:**

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/KBLTQ>

**FVIDA Board Member** (9 volunteers required- See page below for position descriptions).

Positions to be voted in at our AGM on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS JOB DESCRIPTION**

All Board positions are open for election. Please read the board job descriptions below to see if there is a position that would interest you, or if you can think of a Director at Large position you could see yourself in which you feel should be created to augment this list. If you would like more information regarding these positions, you are more than welcome to contact the current Board members.

**President** - The President holds the responsibility of knowing what is happening within the FVIDA and presides over all regular meetings. All event committees report to the President. In the event that a Board member must resign prematurely, the President should be prepared to take on his/her duties until a suitable replacement has been made. The President makes sure the FVIDA is operating according to its constitution and bylaws. The President is in charge of FVIDA letters (fundraising/sponsorship), and all press releases.

**Vice-President** – The Vice-President is the president's "right hand" and must be available to step in as President if the President is unable to perform their duties. The Vice-President helps direct event committees and gathers reports and information for the Board. They are responsible for applying for the gaming licenses, filing completed gaming reports, government/private sector grants, casino, bingos, etc, as well as research community events that FVIDA can be part of.

**Treasurer** – The Treasurer is in charge of keeping track of all donations, expenditures and budgeting concerns for FVIDA. This person is also responsible for providing financial reports throughout their term of office.

**Secretary** – The Secretary keeps a record of the discussions held at each meeting, as well as the discussions that go on between regular meetings. They are responsible for ensuring that all minutes are posted/emailed out to the membership.

**Registrar**– The Registrar keeps track of membership registration information, fees paid, and recording volunteer hours. They are responsible for ensuring all forms and fees are collected.

**Volunteer Coordinator** – The volunteer Coordinator liaises with members who are planning events to determine the number of volunteers needed for their event and types of jobs available. The Volunteer Coordinator creates online volunteer sign up forms for events, and forwards a report with all completed volunteer hours to the Registrar at the end of each event.

**Costume Coordinator** – The Costume Coordinator manages all costumes and Liaises with Brenda Zubel of Celtic Sewing Circle. They will keep track of Traditional Costumes (repairs, signed agreements, spares, ordering etc) ensuring dress binders are kept up to date, dresses are being cared for properly, as well as storing spare dresses. They will provide assistance in collecting deposits, invoicing, ordering.

**Director of Communications** – The Director of Communications keeps the FVIDA website, and social media accounts up to date, sends out all important information, emails, and notices to the entire membership, and periodic Newsletters informing the membership of updates or upcoming events.

**Director at Large** – A Director at Large is to step in and help with the various projects the Board has agreed (unanimously) to undertake. This Director at Large helps to organize events that directly benefit the dancers. (Fundraising events)



## **All forms/fees are due no later than September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

Forms with required membership fee and volunteer cheques can be mailed to:

Sarah O'Connor  
358 McKinley Drive  
Abbotsford, BC  
V2S 8M6

**OR**

A box will be made available during the first week of dance class for you to drop off your forms/cheques.  
Please label envelope FVIDA membership.

**Dancers whose families are not registered members of the FVIDA by September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 will not be eligible to receive their costume at the FVIDA Annual General Meeting and Traditional Costume Fitting, nor will they be able to vote at the AGM.**

Please ensure you have included and completed the following:

- FVIDA Membership Agreement –signed.
  - FVIDA Membership fee: \$10.00 per family. Please make cheque out to FVIDA dated September 1, 2018.
  - FVIDA Volunteer cheque(s); please make these payable to FVIDA and postdated to June 1, 2019.
    - Two \$25.00 cheques if you are a new member of the FVIDA.
    - Four \$25.00 cheques if you are a returning member of the FVIDA.
- Note: The volunteer cheque(s) will only be cashed in the event that a member family does not fulfill their volunteer obligations as stated in the membership agreement. Volunteer cheques are per family, not per dancer.
- FVIDA Code of Conduct- signed by parent(s) and dancer(s).
  - FVIDA Membership Information: filled out and completed.
  - FVIDA Volunteer Opportunities: on line sign up completed. Each family is required to sign up for at least one position.

\* There are a total of 3 forms and 3 or 5 cheques to be submitted in all. \*