

# MASDA VISITATION AWARD RULES

The rules for the visitation awards program are as follows:

If eight or more dancers from a visiting club are signed in at the club visited, the host club will give a MASDA certificate to the visiting club stating this fact. Any club can visit any other club as many times as they wish and can obtain a certificate for each visit as long as eight or more dancers have signed in. If a member belonging to the host club is also a member of another club and that club visits the host club, it will be the decision of the host club as to whether the member can be counted for visitation purposes.

In order for every club, large or small, to have a chance to compete, the visitation program will be based on an average number of members in the club. This gives each club, regardless of size, an equal opportunity to compete for the awards. Your club will be given an average based on the number of members at the first of the year and the number of members at the end of the same year. When submitting your certificates to the MASDA secretary, please include a January and December roster.

The visitation program will have two (2) categories for awards:

1. Most Clubs Visited 1st, 2nd & 3rd place
2. Most Dancers Visiting 1st, 2nd & 3rd place

The rules for the awards for each club are:

1. Eight dancers visiting to receive a certificate
2. Only one certificate per night
3. Only one certificate per club per quarter (January, February, March) (April, May, June) (July, August, September) (October, November, December); if you have two or more certificates from the same club in one quarter, choose the one with the largest number of visitors.  
**This rule applies only to MOST DANCERS VISITING.**
4. Callers and Cuers visiting with their club members must pay in order to be counted for visitation.

Procedure: Get an average number of dancers for the year by adding the number of members on the roster for January and number of members on the roster for December and divide by two.

To get the percentage for **MOST CLUBS VISITED**, divide the total number of clubs visited by the average number of members for the year. Example: If club "A" has 90 members and visited 47 clubs during the year, this would give them 52.22%. If club "B" has 51 members and visited 28 clubs during the year, this would give them 54.90%. In this case, club "B" would win.

To get the average for **MOST DANCERS VISITING**, divide the total number of dancers visiting by the average number of members for the year. Example: If club "A" has 77 members and had 1125 total members that visited during the year, this would give 14.61 visits per member. If club "B" has 51 members and had 684 total members that visited during the year, this would give 13.41 visits per member. In this case, club "A" would win. **Rule #3 applies only to this award.**

MASDA recommends that a visitation certificate be awarded to a visiting club with 8 or more members signed in for all club dances including national callers and combination dances. If a combination dance, it is understood that the visiting club can use only the number of members visiting toward one club or the other, not both, when competing in the two categories listed above. In order to be eligible to compete for these awards, a visiting club must have the following: (1) a caller, (2) a location and (3) regularly scheduled dances.

If you have any questions, please contact your MASDA secretary.

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