



STANDING RULES CSOTFA, DISTRICT 1 Revised October 2011

District 1 of the California State Old-Time Fiddler's Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and perpetuation of old-time music. Our primary interest is to revive old-time music for good will, public interest, historical value, and personal enjoyment.

1. District 1 Membership Meetings will be held in accordance with the CSOTFA By-Laws.
2. An acoustic Musical Program will be held on the 4th Sunday of each month.
3. To insure a family atmosphere, "off-color" songs or abusive language will not be tolerated. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the building, and anyone appearing intoxicated will not be allowed to participate in the program and may be asked to leave the premises at the discretion of the M.C. or Board of Officers.
4. Our organization is primarily a fiddle association dedicated to old-time music; therefore, all groups playing on stage or at a function should include a fiddler. Due to special circumstances, a group may play without a fiddler at the discretion of the M.C. and a member of the Board.
5. The formation and performance of musical groups is encouraged on a performance stage. Please get permission from the group before joining.
6. We welcome prospective members to perform at the program and they are encouraged to join the association to participate in our program more fully.
7. There are 11 member districts in California. Yearly membership entitles you to all issues of the CSOTFA publication, "THE SOUNDPOST" and the District 1 newsletter, "FEATHER RIVER HOEDOWN" and to participate in the functions of the association.
8. Membership applications are available throughout the year at jam sessions. Old-time music supporters and musicians are cordially invited to become members. Memberships are due annually on January 1st.

9. A swap table will be available for members to display musical items for sale or trade at the Sunday sessions. Non-members may purchase items. Members must represent all items fairly and honestly. The District assumes no responsibility for the security of items or for the transactions.
10. Member musicians wishing to represent District 1 in public appearances will inform the District President. The District President will contact a fiddler (or musicians). The musician will call his back-up musicians, practice as necessary, and agree to perform on the contracted date. In the absence of the District President, the Vice-President can authorize people to play. Every effort will be made to have a fiddler in the group.
11. All requests for entertainment outside of District 1's official functions must be referred to the District President. The District President will maintain a record of such events. He will utilize our fiddlers in arranging each program, considering the kind of event, style of music, and number of musicians requested. If members of District 1 play music to represent the CSOTFA and money is received, the money must be turned over to the District treasurer. All outside requests should be scheduled when possible through the District 1 President. Nothing in this standing rule should be construed to mean that District 1 members cannot go play anywhere or anytime and for any amount of money, as long as the name of the CSOTFA is not used or advertised. Only the District President is authorized to enter into a contract for CSOTFA services. Expenses may be reimbursed at the Board's discretion.
12. District 1's elections are held, and officers serve, in accordance with the CSOTFA By-Laws.
13. District 1 will acknowledge the passing of a member by putting that member's name in our District 1 newsletter and sending a card to the family.
14. District 1 has in place a fiddle scholarship program administered by the President of the Board of Officers at the will of the Board of Officers. This scholarship may be terminated (without notice) for any unexplained failure to appear at a lesson or Jam during the scholarship period. Any student missing two lessons without calling the instructor with good reason will be dropped from the program. Students will be required to display their ability and progress at the monthly jams, and this can be on stage or off, but students should attend monthly jams.
15. Board meetings and membership meetings will be recorded. Prospective candidates and new officers should be invited to sit in on meetings. The State Director will let members know what is going on at the state level. The Direc-

tor's report to the District Board should be as informative as if the District Board had attended the meetings and will include state minutes and treasurer's report. Board members will hold scheduled Board meetings. All Board members, including the State Director for District 1, will attend all Board meetings if possible and be ready to give reports as needed.

16. New members will be made to feel welcome and join in the playing and singing. Dues will be \$14 single, \$16 couple, \$2 per child, normally collected in January each year. Any person wishing to join District 1 must be approved by two advisors and will be given a CSOTFA Constitution and By-Laws and a copy of District 1 Standing Rules. It will be explained to each member the importance of doing business by attending the membership meetings and voting or providing a proxy.
17. The District 1 Board of Officers will consist of the officers spelled out in Article 5, Section 5 of the State By-Laws, plus three advisors. The editor or other chair holders will not be elected positions but can be given the power to vote if approved by the elected Board of Officers and advisors of the District.
18. An inventory of all District 1's equipment will be conducted annually and will be maintained by the treasurer. All of the equipment will be completely inventoried in this section, and this section will be updated as the equipment is upgraded. The inventory should include the purchase date and price with copies to the president, the secretary and the treasurer. The District Board of Officers has the authority to buy, sell, trade or otherwise upgrade said equipment if voted on and passed by the majority of the District Board of Officers. Equipment that is sold should be sold on District 1's swap table after a fair price has been set. If it is made known that several people are interested in the same piece of equipment, there will be a drawing, and the holder of the winning ticket will be sold the equipment. The District President will be given a key for access to the sound equipment to fulfill the functions of his/her job.
19. Any member doing business for District 1 can be reimbursed money spent, if the District 1 Board of Officers has approved the expenditure. A receipt is necessary. No member should assume expenses will be paid. Mileage will be paid the normal IRS approved mileage rate.