



**Standing Rules for Region 11 Quartet Champions
SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL**

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MISSION STATEMENT: "Winners' Circle is Region 11's organization of past quartet champions which supports and encourages quartets, provides financial support and performance opportunities for Internationally bound quartets, promotes education, training and coaching for quartets through workshops and classes, and serves as a primary resource and consulting body to the Regional Management Team on issues relating to quartets."

SECTION I. WINNERS' CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP

A. Eligibility

Those who are eligible for membership in WINNERS' CIRCLE include:

1. Members of past Region 11 Quartet Champions, including those who may now be CAL or members of another region
2. Members of past Regional champion quartets from any other region who are current Region 11 members
3. Members of past International champion quartets who are current Region 11 members
4. A permanent replacement in an active past Regional champion quartet, after she has competed with that quartet

B. Classification

1. Active Member yearly dues are \$20.00. Active members have voting privileges, receive music, learning tracks and all communications. They perform with the WINNERS' CIRCLE Chorus at Regional Convention and on the annual WINNERS' CIRCLE Show.
2. Associate Member yearly dues are \$10.00 (one half the dues for Active membership). Associate members have voting privileges and do receive all communications but do not receive music or learning tracks as they do not perform with the WINNERS' CIRCLE Chorus.
3. Inactive Members (non-dues paying members) will remain on the membership list without voting privileges and without receiving communications. They do not receive music or learning tracks as they do not perform with the WINNERS' CIRCLE Chorus.
4. Inactive and Associate Members may change their status at anytime by advising the President and paying the yearly dues difference to move to the appropriate member level (i.e. moving from Associate to Active is \$10 additional for the year and moving from Inactive to Active is \$20 additional dues for the year).
5. Lifetime Member dues are waived. Lifetime members have voting privileges, receive music, learning tracks and all communications. They perform with the WINNERS' CIRCLE Chorus at Regional Convention and on the annual WINNERS' CIRCLE Show.
6. Dues are waived for members of the current Region 11 championship quartet and the current WINNERS' CIRCLE President.

SECTION II. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Election and Term of Office

1. The Executive Committee consists of five members: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President
2. Terms of office last 2-years without term limitations
3. Elections are made at the Biannual Election Meeting (which is held during the Annual Business Meeting)

B. Vacancies

1. In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Committee, the WINNERS' CIRCLE President appoints a member to fill the unexpired term, subject to ratification by the remaining members of the committee.
2. In the event the Immediate Past President of the WINNERS' CIRCLE is elected to an office, the next most recent Past President will become the Ex Officio with power to vote.

C. Duties and Responsibilities

The Executive Committee has the authority and responsibility to enforce the rules and regulations necessary for the proper maintenance, control and management of the WINNERS' CIRCLE.

SECTION III – COMMITTEES

A. Show Committee

The President appoints an annual Show Committee at or around the time of the Annual Meeting. (The Musical Director is included as a member of the Show Committee).

B. Musical Director

1. The President appoints the Musical Director to a one year term at or around the time of the Annual Meeting.

C. Nominating Committee

1. The Nominating Committee is comprised of the Executive Committee with the President serving as Chair
2. In addition to those who have agreed to be conscripted, the Nominating Committee prepares a slate of proposed officers (with nominations accepted from the floor) at the Biannual Election Meeting (which is held during the Annual Business Meeting).
3. Active members in good standing and in attendance at the meeting are eligible to vote.
4. Nominations are confirmed by the majority of active members in good standing present at the meeting.

D. Other Committees

1. The President appoints the remainder of the Committee Chairs. Positions include, but are not limited to: Music/Learning Tracks Librarian, Regional Liaison, Novice Workshop Chair, Royal Academy Chair, Awards Chair, PR/News @11 Chair, Competing Quartet Reception Chair, Quartet Champion Reception Chair, and other special task forces as needed.

SECTION IV. MEETINGS

A. WINNERS' CIRCLE Rehearsals

Scheduled WINNERS' CIRCLE rehearsals are set by the Music Director

B. Annual Business Meeting

1. The Annual Business Meeting is held during Region 11's Spring Convention at a time and place established by the President, usually immediately following the Regional Brunch.
2. A quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual and Election Meeting consists of a majority of the membership in good standing present at those meetings.

C. Executive Committee Meetings

1. The Executive Committee meets at Region 11's Convention, and as necessary.
2. Special meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the members of the Executive Committee, as needed, with notification of time, place, and purpose to be given to each Executive Committee Member at least 10 days in advance.

SECTION V. WINNERS' CIRCLE ACTIVITIES

A. WINNERS' CIRCLE Annual Show

1. The Show Committee, with guidance from the Executive Committee, organizes and stages the annual WINNERS' CIRCLE Show held Saturday night of Region 11 Summer Sizzler weekend.
2. All WINNERS' CIRCLE active members may perform on the Show.
3. Any Regional Championship quartet, comprised of at least one WINNERS' CIRCLE member (even though it will be representing another region), shall have the privilege of performing on the WINNERS' CIRCLE Show.

B. WINNERS' CIRCLE Quartet Workshops

The President appoints a Chair for the WINNERS' CIRCLE Novice Workshop and the WINNERS' CIRCLE Royal Academy, which are designed to provide education, training and coaching for quartet members.

SECTION VI. WINNERS' CIRCLE AWARDS

A. Awards Presentations

All awards are presented at the Parade of Champions following the Region 11 Competition.

1. Sizzle Award - "Outstanding Showmanship" (quartet with the highest showmanship score / C level)
(Traveling trophy and 4 Pins)
2. Mavis Swehla Award - "Most Promising Novice Tenor" (highest scoring novice quartet tenor / C level)
(Traveling plaque and 1 Pin)
3. Charlotte Chilpigian Award - "Most Promising Novice Lead" (highest scoring novice quartet lead / C level)
(Traveling plaque and 1 Pin)
4. Ferne Hogan Award - "Most Promising Novice Baritone" (highest scoring novice quartet baritone / C level)
(Traveling plaque and 1 Pin)
5. Gladys Ripple Award - "Most Promising Novice Bass" (highest scoring novice quartet bass / C level)
(Traveling plaque and 1 Pin)
6. Angel City Award - "Most Improved Quartet" (largest score increase over the previous year / maximum 1 member change / C level)
(Traveling plaque and 4 Medals)

B. Engraving Reimbursement

Each recipient to have engraving completed, in a timely manner, on traveling trophies and the bill sent to the WINNERS' CIRCLE Treasurer for reimbursement.

SECTION VII. FINANCES

A. Operating Income

Operating income is derived from dues, the annual WINNERS' CIRCLE Show, and other fund-raising activities, e.g. "Sing with the Champs" at the annual show's afterglow.

B. Operating Expenses

Expenses reimbursed or expended by the Treasurer with WINNERS' CIRCLE funds (by using the designated Check Request Form and with written approval from the President) include:

1. Operating expenses of the WINNERS' CIRCLE.
2. Financial assistance to quartets representing Region 11 at International Competition.
 - a. Region 11 Champions will receive a minimum of \$1000.00
 - b. Region 11 Competitors will receive \$750.00 (Top 15 & Wild Cards)
 - c. Quartet Champions, Top 15, & Wild Cards from another region with a Region 11 Member(s) will receive \$100.00
 - d. Check(s) shall be presented during the annual WINNERS' CIRCLE Show
3. As Rising Star Quartets are supported through the Young Women In Harmony fund, WINNERS' CIRCLE does not provide financial assistance to Rising Star Quartets.
4. Honorarium to faculty members at WINNERS' CIRCLE Workshops, not to include rooms or mileage.

C. Audit Procedures

The treasurer presents her report at the Annual Business Meeting. Interim treasurer's reports are produced periodically and sent electronically to the Executive Committee. The records maintained by the WINNERS' CIRCLE Treasurer may be audited annually, or as necessary.

SECTION VIII. AMENDMENTS

These standing rules may be amended by electronic or in-person vote. For in-person voting, the rules may be amended:

1. With previous notice by the majority of members in good standing present at the meeting.
2. With no previous notice by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing present at the meeting.

Adopted by the WINNERS' CIRCLE Membership on the 18th day of March, 2012

(signed) Sally McLeish
WINNERS' CIRCLE President

(signed) Erin Zeitler
WINNERS' CIRCLE Secretary