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# Volunteer Instructor Participation Form

This form puts forth various policies associated with participation in activities involving THSBA instructors and THSBA events. You must read and sign this form before you can volunteer at a school club. All instructors that will volunteer with you must fill out this form.

**WCPS Relationship-** I understand that THSBA is in no way officially connected or affiliated with the Wake County Public School System. Though THSBA offers support, guidance, information, and acts as a networking service between volunteer instructors and my school, participation by a volunteer instructor functions as a separate relationship between the instructor and each school club. I understand that because there is no affiliation, I must pass a WCPS background check in order to volunteer at any school club.

**Two Adult and Physical Contact Policies-** Due to the physical contact inherent in ballroom dancing, our desire to protect students, and a desire to protect our volunteers from false accusations, the Triangle High School Ballroom Association has a strict "Two Adult" Policy. Whenever there is a THSBA volunteer instructor present with students at a club, there **must** be another, non-student, responsible adult in the room. Normally this will be another faculty/staff member from the school or another volunteer instructor.

I accept that while I am present with students at a club, There must be another non-student, responsible adult in the room with me. I understand that it is my and the faculty sponsor(s) responsibility to ensure that this policy is followed. I understand that there are no exceptions to this policy.

I understand that I may engage in physical contact with a student in order to demonstrate a dance step, teach a new dance step, help a student practice a dance step, or for other reasons directly pertaining to teaching ballroom dance. I understand that a student's private parts will never be intentionally touched by volunteer instructors, faculty sponsors, or other students, and that such contact, including dance moves involving such contact, are strictly prohibited in THSBA activities.

I understand that if there is any above mentioned prohibited physical contact between a THSBA volunteer instructor and a student or any prohibited contact between students at activities involving THSBA volunteer instructors or THSBA events, I must report it to the THSBA Instructional Director.

I understand that if students are uncomfortable with physical contact, I should encourage them not to participate.

**THSBA Liability-** I understand that participation in any activity involving THSBA instructors or in any THSBA event is completely voluntary and that THBSA is not liable for any harm, physical or otherwise, incurred while participating in these activities or events.

I knowingly, freely, and willfully accept the above listed policies.

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_