



Gu Achi District

OF THE

Tohono O'odham Nation



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Guidelines for Dance Rules for the Gu Achi District

“Dance” is defined as “a community celebration where chicken scratch /Waila music, as well as various genres of amplified music that is played for purposes of dance/entertainment”.

“Church” is defined as “a building or structure for public Christian worship or a place where religious services take place with local religious groups/organization/divisions who follow or recognize the same Christian beliefs or apostolic authority”.

“Feast” is defined as “a periodical celebration or time of celebration, usually of a religious nature, commemorating an event, person (patron saint).”

1. All dances including dances for death anniversaries must be approved at a community meeting 30 calendar days prior to the date of the dance. For any given reason a dance is rescheduled, the 30-day notice still applies and must be approved at a community meeting.
2. All Church feast day dances shall end by 1:00 AM, one (1) dance per year, per church. The Gu Achi District shall provide portable lights for the event.
3. All dances and celebrations, including dances for death anniversaries, with music shall end no later than 1:00 AM. The Gu Achi District shall provide portable lights for the event upon request.
4. Only two (2) dances shall be allowed per day (one daytime dance and one nighttime dance) within the Gu Achi District lands with the exception of Florence Community. Dance Requests are approved on a first-come first-serve basis.
5. A scheduled dance shall be canceled automatically if there is a wake/funeral scheduled on the day of the dance within that community.
6. Requesters shall provide additional security. (i.e. Security Personnel)
7. Only the Tohono O'odham Nation Saint Francis Feast Day held on October 4th, sponsored by the Tohono O'odham Saint Francis Feast Day Committee shall be approved as an all-night dance within the Gu Achi District.
8. The Dance Rules shall not apply to wakes and funerals.
9. All entities (i.e. schools, businesses, and organizations) are excluded from completing the Dance Rules but shall give notice in writing to the Gu Achi District Administration of their dance and/or practice.
10. There will be no dance or public event of any kind on the night before an election (excluding wakes and funerals) according to the Tohono O'odham Code Chapter 1- Elections (Article XIV-Penal Provisions, Section 11401-Public Dances)



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DANCE REQUEST AGREEMENT FORM

I, _____ (Print Name) a member of _____
Community will be sponsoring a dance on _____ and to be held at
(Date)
_____. The purpose of the dance is for _____
(Place/Facility) (Reason)

Check off the specified time of the dance;
 Day Dance (ending no later than 5 PM) Night Dance (ending no later than 1 AM)

I will be held responsible for any violations of the Dance Rules and the Tohono O'odham Nation laws.

My contact number is: _____ and will be available during the dance.

I will instruct the band, deejay, or performer to end their services at the specified time as indicated above.

(Print Name)

(Signature) _____
(Date)

Additional Security:
 Individuals must be 18 years of age and over.
 The following individuals have agreed to serve as additional security for the dance/event mentioned above. They will refrain from any alcohol or any illegal substance prior to and during the dance/event. They will commit to their services until all individuals have cleared the dance area.

Acknowledgment of Agreement

Print Name	Signature
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

At the meeting held on _____ in the Community of _____
 a majority vote passed recommending approval for the dance mentioned above.
 The Community Representative's signature certifies that the vote count was _____ For, and _____ Against.
 (Must have sign-in sheet attached for verification)

 Community Representative Signature

 District Chair/Vice Chair Signature of acknowledgment