

Sophomore Cotillion Ball

Houston Girls Cotillion – Class of 2026
Rules, Consent and Waiver Liability Agreement
***MUST BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED BY
DECEMBER 20, 2023***

1. In consideration of an offer to register or otherwise participate in Houston Girls Cotillion (“HGC”), or an event sponsored by HGC, each member (as defined below) and her escort, as well as each of their parents and/or legal guardians (“Parent(s)”) consent and agree to the terms of this Rules, Consent, and Waiver of Liability Agreement (“Agreement”). This full waiver, release, consent and agreement shall be effectuated by signing and returning this Agreement, after full review of its terms and granting full consent to such agreements stated herein. Each minor Member ***and her escort*** must consent and agree to all rules by signing this form, and each Parent (for both Member and escort) must also consent to all rules and release of liability by signing this form. Minors may not consent on behalf of their parents.
2. Membership in HGC Class of 2026 is by invitation only to all sophomore girls attending Duchesne Academy, Houston Christian High School, Lamar High School, Memorial High School, and Second Baptist School. Membership is limited to girls who pay dues in full and complete the on-line registration. (“Member”). ***Registration is not complete until this Contract, signed by each Member, Member’s Parent, Member’s escort, and Escort’s Parent is received by the Houston Girls Cotillion, Class of 2026 Board of Directors. All Agreements must be on file at the event.***
3. Registration and payment information is provided on the HGC website: www.houstongirlscotillion.com / Class of 2026 (tab). Complete, sign electronically and submit this Agreement form to HGC. All Members and Escorts are required to return a fully executed Agreement. All signatures must be on file with HGC on or before ***December 20, 2023.*** ***Membership is not transferable unless approved by the Cotillion Board.***
4. Attendance at the event is limited to Members and their gentleman escorts. Attire is a long, floor-length formal gown or jumpsuit for the Members and a full tuxedo for the gentleman escorts. Texas tux, boots and hats of any kind are not allowed. Inappropriate attire will be determined by and at the discretion of the Board, and Members and Escorts with inappropriate attire will not be admitted to the event and will not be eligible for any refund of monies.
5. No alcohol, tobacco, JUUL or drugs are allowed at the event. Members and their Escorts, and their personal belongings are subject to search. Any Member or escort who engages in unlawful acts or inappropriate behavior, found to be under the influence, or in possession of drugs, alcohol or tobacco products, will be asked to leave immediately, and the Member’s membership will be terminated with no refund. ***Any Members who have their membership terminated are not eligible for membership the following year.***
6. The Parents of Members and Escorts accept full responsibility for their student’s observance of all rules and are responsible for any damage caused directly or indirectly by their student to the venue, any service provider, and/or any attendee or chaperone at the event.
7. Members and Escorts are prohibited from driving to the event. All Members and Escorts must arrive and leave by driver. Driver can be a Parent, professional car service or Uber.

8. Members and their Escorts may not arrive to the event after 8:30 p.m. and may not leave the event before 11:00 p.m. Members and Escorts are required to register with the check-in table upon arrival before 8:30 p.m. **DOORS WILL BE LOCKED PROMPTLY AT 8:30 P.M.**
9. Prior approval from the HGC Board must be obtained for any late arrivals or early departures and the Member and Escort must check-in and/or check-out with an HGC representative.
10. Backpacks, oversized purses and overnight bags are not allowed. Coats, shoes and purses may be checked but HGC is not responsible for any damage or loss relating thereto.
11. Members and Escorts will not be admitted to the event unless HGC has received a complete registration for the Members, and a signed Rules, Consent and Waiver of Liability Agreement, acknowledging that the Member, her Escort, and each Parent agree to the terms of this Contract.
12. Members and Escorts will comply with all COVID protocol required by HGC and The Ballroom at Bayou Place.
13. Members may attend the event with or without a gentleman escort.
14. The Board of the Houston Girls Cotillion, Class of 2026, reserves full discretion in admitting and dismissing Members and Escorts, with no expectation of any refund.
15. Members, Escorts, and Parents each acknowledge that there will be photographs and video taken during the event, and each consent and agree to the use of their photos and video on the website of HGC or any photographer designated by HGC as the event photographer. HGC is not responsible for the content of the photos or video and any complaints related thereto should be directed to the photographer. This consent and release are without further compensation for the use of such photos and video.
16. **FULL RELEASE AND INDEMNITY:** HGC is an organization of volunteers. In consideration of an offer to register or otherwise participate in an event sponsored by HGC (on behalf of themselves as Members, or as the escort of a Member, or the Parent of a Member or Escort); each Member, Escort, and Parent agrees, for themselves and for and on behalf of their minors, to **WAIVE, RELEASE and FOREVER HOLD HGC ITS MEMBERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS (COLLECTIVELY "HGC") HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL DAMAGES, LIABILITIES, CAUSES OF ACTION, CLAIMS, AND LOSSES WHATSOEVER ARISING AS A RESULT OF NEGLIGENCE BY HGC** in connection with the organization of this event. Each Member, escort, and Parent further agree to **INDEMNIFY** HGC relating to any losses, damages, claims, or causes of action directly or indirectly relating to their, or their minor's participation in HGC, including, but not limited to, the event, and any activities prior to and after the event. Participation in the event is voluntary and the Member, Escort, and Parents assume all risk associated therewith. HGC is not responsible for the safety or conduct of any Member or Escort.
17. Failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement is grounds for dismissal from the event without any refund.