

GUIDELINES FOR NEW DANCERS

- 1) **DANCE AT OTHER CLUBS:** Your home club needs your support and there should always be a special place for the club where you learned to dance, but you are missing one of the greatest things about square dancing if you only dance with your home club.
- 2) **DANCE TO OTHER CALLERS:** During lessons you tuned into the caller who taught you and you will always have a special place for him. Every caller has a different style, that's part of the fun.
- 3) **DANCE IN THE FRONT OF THE HALL:** The tendency for newer dancers is to hide in the back of the hall where they think the caller can't see the square break down. A good caller watches the whole floor, including the back square. Don't be afraid to dance in the front square.
- 4) **DANCE WITH EXPERIENCED DANCERS:** Sometimes an outreached hand from a more experienced dancer is all your square needs to keep going. Everyone dancing today was a new dancer at one time and can remember how it felt.
- 5) **TOUCH HANDS AFTER EVERY MOVE:** Establish your position by touching hands after every move. If you are lost, at least you'll have company.
- 6) **KEEP DANCING:** To use all the information you have learned and to make it become second nature it's important to practice, practice, practice.
- 7) **BE AWARE OF YOUR LEVEL:** Look for dances advertised at the level you know.
- 8) **STAY AT YOUR LEVEL AWHILE:** The level you dance has nothing to do with how good a dancer you are. It has to do with how much time you are willing to devote to our hobby. You may never choose to move to another level and that's fine. Don't make a choice until you have danced Mainstream at least a full year. Don't let anyone rush you.
- 9) **SQUARE DANCE FOR FUN:** The odds are pretty good that someone is going to make a mistake (even a caller makes one sometime). Don't worry about whose fault it was, it doesn't matter. Regroup and KEEP SMILING!
- 10) **FINALLY:** Jump right up when the music starts; get in the first open square, do not pass one up, introduce yourself, smile and have fun. Thank everyone when the tip is over.



Welcome New Dancers!



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