

Rules of Dance Etiquette for Independence Squares

"Square dancing is fun and friendship, set to music."

Our goal is to promote good fellowship and a spirit of friendliness among all
who share the common interest in Square Dancing

1. Be a good listener, courteous and cooperative.
2. Try to attend weekly sessions regularly, and special dances often.
3. Square up promptly when music begins. Join the closer square to you. If all filled, begin a new square by raising hand up high with number of folks needed.
4. Try to be in different squares throughout event.
5. Never leave a square in middle of tip or song.
6. Be sure to thank square as do others.
7. Always walk around caller, not in front of.
8. Do not walk through a square to get somewhere.
9. Do not use door between rooms, go to hall doors.
10. Respect personal space. Different people have different needs for personal space. Be respectful of this when dancing.
11. Listen quietly during all instructions from the caller. If you know the call being explained, resist the temptation to explain it to others in your square. However, after the tip is over your friends may appreciate some help from you and then is a good time to offer it. Do not anticipate the calls. Listen and respond to caller. Do not fix a square, let the caller fix as needed.
12. No roughness or ridicule is appreciated. Friendliness, and showing an interest in others, is very appreciated. No snobbery invited, and remember you were once a fumbler, as were we all.
13. There are a lot of different types of relationships, with different combinations of gender, age, sexual orientation and living arrangements. Make sure all people feel welcome regardless of their relationship type or status.
14. Come to dancing smelling clean of body and breath, sober, and of good spirit.