



British Association Of American Square Dance Clubs

Appendix A. Code of Practice for Member Clubs Article 16.1 (a)

- 1.** The Association motto "Fun and Friendship Set to Music" should be the foundation of all club activities.
- 2.** Clubs should encourage dancers to abide by the Code of Etiquette for Dancers. This might be accomplished and regularly reinforced at student classes and on club nights.
- 3.** The welfare and enjoyment of club members and dancers should be the uppermost consideration at all dances and club events.
- 4.** Where practical, clubs should provide student classes for newcomers to Square Dancing or to the appropriate dance programme of that club.
- 5.** Every assistance and opportunity should be available for students to achieve a good standard of dance and an understanding of the Square Dance Association, to which they are entitled.
- 6.** Where possible clubs should appoint or elect a representative to attend Association meetings and put forward the views of their club.
- 7.** Clubs should make every effort to promote Square Dancing within their area.



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Appendix B Code of Etiquette for Dancers Article 16.1 (b)

- 1.** Always be courteous and considerate to all other dancers. Avoid dancing with the same people each tip. Mix and be sociable with others.
- 2.** Never deliberately walk through a Square, always walk around the outside.
- 3.** Resist entering a Square alone in hope that someone might partner you, ask a person to join you first. Once in a Square do not leave it until the tip is over unless for good reason (i.e. injury, urgency).
- 4.** Be patient and always willing to help those dancers who are inexperienced or have some difficulty with movements.
- 5.** If you are not taking part in the dance then keep clear of the dance area so as not to cause obstruction. Keep talk or noise to a minimum so that fellow dancers may hear the Caller/Cuer clearly.
- 6.** Dancers should wear Square Dance dress appropriate to the dance or event. Suitable footwear should be such so as not to cause injury or damage the floor.
- 7.** Avoid wearing jewellery or other articles that might cause injury or discomfort (i.e. cluster rings, belt keys, and sharp objects).
- 8.** Avoid being loud or boisterous to the discomfort of others. Hold hands lightly.
- 9.** If refreshments are provided do not rush to the tables or servery. Be orderly and show good manners.
- 10.** Have consideration to personal hygiene and by not consuming certain foods or drink at or before a dance, so avoiding bad breath or body odour.
- 11.** Be a good ambassador to your Club and to the Square Dance movement. Give active and willing support.
- 12.** Have fun, make friends, abide by the Code of Etiquette and encourage fellow dancers to do likewise.