

Dance Etiquette summary (always good to review)

- Etiquette is here to ensure everyone has a good time in a social dance setting, so pay attention to it.
- Your outfit and accessories should be comfortable, safe, and also reflect the culture and level of formality of the dance group. Most importantly, do not forget your dance shoes.
- Ask everyone to dance. Do not monopolize one partner for the whole night.
- Today's beginners will be the good dancers of tomorrow, so be nice to them and dance with them.
- Do not decline a dance unless you absolutely have to. Having declined a dance, you cannot dance the same song with someone else.
- Be considerate of other couples on the floor. Exercise good floorcraft. Do not cut other couples off. No aerials or choreographed steps on the social dance floor!
- Stationary dancers (e.g. Swing dancers) stay in the middle, traveling dancers move on the boundary along the line of dance.
- Avoid patterns that your partner cannot do: dance to the level of your partner.
- Never blame your partner for missteps.
- No unsolicited teaching on the floor!