

Rockin' Jokers Club Etiquette



Rockin' Jokers is a friendly and successful club where we follow the basic rules of square dancing, which are:

- We wear our club badges so people can call us by name.
- We don't drink before dancing and don't wear strong perfume.
- We welcome our guests and make them glad they are visiting our club.
- We square up promptly when the music starts.
- We greet the members of our square at the beginning of the tip and thank them at the end.
- We dance "hands-up", as is recommended for Plus level dancing, unless it is a medical problem to do so.
- We are supportive and helpful to new dancers
- Men usually wear long sleeved shirts as a courtesy to other dancers.
- Women usually wear square dance or "prairie skirt" outfits.

It is the club's intention to accommodate and be friendly to everyone. There are a few behaviors that are considered discourteous or may hurt peoples' feelings and should be avoided:

1. Don't leave a square after you have joined it.
2. Don't walk through a square or across the round dance circle – walk around it.
3. Never force another person out of the square by cutting them off.
4. Don't talk while dancing, when instructions are being given or during announcements.
5. Don't talk loudly while round dancing is in progress.
6. Don't be critical of other dancers. We all make mistakes and the next one may be yours.
7. Do not push or pull another dancer because it might hurt them.

Be sure to dance the workshop tips so you will keep up with and improve the club dance level.

It is a good idea to refresh your dancing skills by being an "Angel" at a class. Being an "Angel" is also great advertising for Rockin' Jokers.

Every member of the Club has the obligation to help with their Duty Square and to assist with and participate in the club-sponsored hoedowns. If you feel critical of what's going on, please volunteer to serve on the Board so you can be part of the decision-making for the Club. It is always a good idea to assume that the other person is doing the best job he/she can.

If you have questions or concerns about your Duty Square, talk to either your Square Head or to the Vice President.

If you have other comments or concerns about the Club, please talk to the President or one of the other members of the Board. The caller and cuer are following the guidelines set by the Board.

The Club publishes a monthly calendar, which is available at Club on Party Night for the following month. You can also always find out what's going on by checking the website at www.rockinjokers.com.

As we work and play together with the above guidelines in mind, we will continue to have a wonderful place to dance and to socialize with our friends.