

'THE J.L. STOMPERS'

LINE DANCING ETIQUETTE

This simple guide will help you to enjoy your Line Dancing even more, especially if everyone is aware of the floor etiquette and tries to follow it whenever possible.

- Never come onto the dance floor carrying drinks, glasses, cans or lighted cigarettes.
- Never stay on the floor to talk - if the music has started, go off the dance floor to chat.
- When dancing near beginners, be mindful and courteous and don't show off. Too many variations can put people off. Remember everyone was once a beginner - if you can dance, do try to be helpful to newcomers.
- Don't start a different dance of your own, unless there is plenty of room on the dance floor and you sense it is acceptable.
- Remember the floor is for everyone. If you are dancing in lines, try to leave the outside lane clear for the couple dancers.
- Those couples dancing around the outside lane have the right of way. Don't block their progress.
- When dancing around the floor, the Line Of Dance is always anti-clockwise. Never dance against the Line Of Dance.
- If the dance floor is empty and you are starting off the dance, go to the front so that others can fall in line behind you.
- If the floor is crowded, take small steps, enjoy the company, but watch out for collisions.
- If possible, start another line rather than join one which will block the outside lanes.
- Don't be tempted to stop dancing to teach, especially if there is no room. Try to teach off the floor if you can find space.
- Never walk through a line of dancers to cross the floor - always walk around the floor or wait.
- If you should bump into someone, it is customary to apologise whether it is your fault or not.
- Should you accidentally knock over someone's drink, replace it immediately!
- And finally, keep your head up, keep **smiling** and **enjoy** yourselves.

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