

INTRODUCTION

1. Be socially clean, courteous and pleasant.
2. Arrive at the club early and be ready to dance the first tip. This pleases the Caller, Club officers and other dancers.
3. Attend and participate in workshops to learn new calls and to improve your dancing abilities.
4. Know and adhere to your dance level.
5. Accept help from others and be helpful to others.
6. Share dance time - don't be exclusive - no cliques.
7. Know your leaders and the relationship of your caller to club.
8. Talk to the caller and Club leaders about your dance problems and desires for the club. They need your input.
9. Volunteer to perform Club functions without having to be asked.
10. Serve in positions of responsibility - it's your duty to help. It is "your" club and surely you want the "best." Become a Club officer or committee member.
11. Recruit and assist new dancers (Angels) at class lessons.
12. Stay for the entire dance if possible - dance the first and last tip - this honors your Caller, Club officers and fellow dancers.
13. Be courteous to speakers, leaders and callers. Be a good listener. Listen attentively to Club announcements.
14. Be financially responsible - pay Club dues in advance without being asked.
15. Assist the leaders in the set up and clean up of the dance hall.
16. Participate in all club visitations, exhibitions, charity activities and other functions.
17. Attend seminars, mini-legacies and other leadership and club operational training programs.
18. Wear your badge and proper square dance attire at all Club functions.
19. Form your squares promptly, and welcome anyone who joins the set. Introduce yourself before the tip starts.
20. Be tolerant and polite to new dancers and senior dancers.
21. Dance with visitors, singles, callers taw - allow them the pleasure of your expertise.
22. Never walk through a square or leave a square. Join the nearest square that is forming.
23. Honor your caller and Club Officers.
24. Introduce yourself to visitors and guests - make them feel welcome and want to visit your Club again.
25. Guide your partner - do not shove, push or jerk.
26. End each tip with a flourish, applause and thanks to all in the set and the caller - and mean it.
27. Get acquainted with everyone at the dance whom you have never met. An unknown square dancer is a friend you haven't met yet.

28. Contribute toward the enjoyment of the dance by expressing friendliness, good humor, cooperation and a real desire to have fun.
29. No drinking of alcoholic beverages before or during the dance.
30. Thank everyone who made your evening out a pleasant one - the Caller, Club leaders, guests, etc. Your "thanks" is their "pay" and their reward.
31. Forget about business, financial, social and family cares and concentrate on enjoying the fun and fellowship at the dance.
32. Be loyal to your Club and Club officers.
33. Set a good example for other Club members to follow.

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**CLUB MEMBER
RESPONSIBILITIES**



This information sheet was developed by the Education Committee of the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, INC. and will provide a general overview of the typical responsibilities of a club member.

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