

The Ten Commandments of Square Dancing



1. You shall dance only for the fun to be found in it.
2. You shall not be a snob by considering yourself too good to dance with any and all, by sitting out mixers, or by leaving a square lest you be required to dance with those you deem unworthy of your talents, for the gods of retribution are zealous gods and will visit their mischief upon you and you will be the one to break down the square.
3. You shall be exuberant but shall act your age. Do not offend others by your high flung legs, out flared skirts or overzealous endeavors to help others who may hesitate by pulling, grabbing or pushing them nor by speaking loudly to them. If it distracts other dancers, it shall not be done for it is not fun for all.
4. You shall go abroad and dance to other callers so that your opinions expressed as to the merit of one caller or another are based on fact.
5. You shall be conscious of the feelings of those around you and shall not let the stranger in your midst sit on the sidelines and cool his heels.
6. You shall bathe diligently that the sweet aroma of soap and shaving lotion may assail the nostrils of your associates. You shall similarly take care that words of your mouth are not scented with strong herbs such as garlic nor aromatic beverages such as beer.
7. You shall guard carefully the utterances from your lips while dancing lest you add confusion to your square and cause yourself or others to be unable to hear the next call, for there is but one designated caller in the hall.
8. You shall honor your Club and give your complete loyalty, for if you cannot do this, it would be better to separate yourself from the one and join yourself to another whose methods, members and caller are more to your liking.
9. You shall not kill your Club with bickering and fault finding or by pointing any fingers of blame for errors in dancing or club operation at any fellow member or dancer for in so doing such a finger may thus be deservedly due in your direction.
10. You shall NEVER FORGET that you were once a beginner!