

**DO'S AND DON'TS***by Willard Orlich, Bradenton, Florida*

Square dancing has a certain "Do and Don't" set of rules peculiar only to itself, a few of which are as follows:

**Do** be aware at all times that square dancing is a "courtesy" recreation rather than one of competition.

**Do** keep smiling even if you're angry with yourself for goofing. The other seven people in the set may think you're frowning at them.

**DO** recognize your corner, not only what she's wearing but who she is. Next to your partner, she's the most important person in your square.

**DO** be quiet and attentive to the caller during instructions even though you know what he's trying to explain. Perhaps someone else in your set needs to be briefed.

**DO** wear proper square dance attire— long sleeves for men, full skirts for ladies.

**DO** remember to treat all the ladies as you would want other men to treat your own wife. The ladies always seem to treat other men a little gentler than their own spouses.

**DO** wear a name badge at all times. It might surprise some of the oldsters to learn that they are not as well-known or important as they think they are.

**DO** accept or admit you goofed this time. Next time it could be someone else's turn so don't feel badly. And when you goof, goof gracefully and try to recover the best you can in order to save the set from breaking up entirely.

**DO** remember who you are every time you square up, heads, sides, what couple, and some cases whether or not a boy or girl.

**DO** end each dance with a flourish, applause and thanks to all in the set and mean it.

**DO** support a club as a dues paying member. The life blood of the square dance picture flows through this avenue and is the backbone of the recreation. If everyone was a free loader, there would be no one to pay the bills of the activity.

**DO** make it a practice to thank guests for coming, the caller for his efforts, the club president where you're visiting. In general, thank everyone who made your evening a pleasant one.

**DO** pretend to be having a good time even if you are bored. Perhaps the other seven are thoroughly enjoying themselves. If you want a real challenge, try dancing with the seven weakest dancers there and pull them through a dance single-handed. Maybe you are that good.

**DO** take your turn at responsibility in the square dance picture as officers in a club, on the serving committee, in any way that you can help others rather than be catered to.





- The SIX most important words are:  
"I admit I made a mistake"
- The FIVE most important words are:  
"You did a good job"
- The FOUR most important words are:  
"What is your opinion?"
- The THREE most important words are:  
"If you please"
- The TWO most important words are:  
"Thank You"
- The LEAST important word is:  
"I" (From CASDA Chatter)

A radio station gives us some good "sound" advice (pardon the pun).....

**10 COMMANDMENTS OF HUMAN RELATIONS**

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful greeting.
2. Call people by name. the sweetest music is to hear one's name called.
3. Have humility. There is something to be learned from every living thing.
4. Be friendly. If you want to have a friend, be one.
5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is a pleasure.
6. Be interested in others. You can like almost everybody if you try.
7. Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.
8. Give your word; then keep it.
9. Be considerate of the feelings of others.
10. Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.

A SMILE  
INCREASES  
YOUR  
FACE  
VALUE.



Radio Station KMOX

- S... Smile
- Q... Quiet when the caller is teaching.
- U... U always thank the caller for a pleasant evening.
- A... Arrive on time.
- R... Reserve your criticism for behind closed doors.
- E... Enjoy the company of everybody.
- D... Don't ever pass an open square.
- A... Always wear the proper attire.
- N... Neatness counts.
- C... Courtesy to ALL is a must!
- I... Inattentiveness breeds broken squares.
- N... Nice corners are a pleasure.... be one.
- G... Go! And enjoy yourself!!!



**SQUARE DANCING**

**IS FUN and FRIENDSHIP**

## SQUARE DANCE CREED—

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If you belong to a club,  
In heaven's name work for it.  
If the caller gives you fun and good fellowship,  
Support him. Speak well of him,  
Stand by him and the club he represents.  
If put to the pinch, an ounce of loyalty  
Is worth a pound of cleverness.  
If you must condemn, and eternally disparage  
Resign from the club and when you are outside  
Damn to your heart's content.  
But as long as you are a part of square dancing,  
Do not condemn it.  
If you do, you are loosening the ties  
That have made dancing fun  
And at the first high wind that comes along,  
You may be uprooted and blown away  
And may never know the reason  
For losing your friends in square dancing.

## NOTES & QUOTES

### THE SQUARE DANCER'S PLEDGE

**W**ITH ALL MY ABILITY I will do my best to help keep square dancing the enjoyable, wholesome, friendly and inspiring activity I know it to be. This I pledge in the sincere desire that it may grow naturally and unexploited in the coming years and be available to all those who seek the opportunity for friendship, fun and harmony — through square dancing.

