

On Wearing Cowboy Hats While Dancing

THERE IS NOTHING actually wrong with hats or wearing them to or from a dance, but it was the general consensus of the majority of those present at a recent Miami Valley Dance Council that wearing them while dancing was not exactly in the best of taste, that it was highly uncouth or slightly rude, to say the least, unless it is the ultimate desire on the wearer's part to let all know that he is the proud possessor of such a hat.

Since it has always been the custom for a gentleman to remove his hat upon entering an edifice, in the presence of a lady for a meeting of any kind, a square dance falls within this category. This custom follows the general custom of common courtesy that should be shown today.

This also could conceivably be considered an extrapolation of the ever-increasing trend toward getting away from the accepted dress code for square dancers. This general trend toward sloppiness or carelessness is permeating everything which is a deterioration of pride in one's self. Let's try to reverse

this trend in order to keep square dancing on the high plateau that it has been for the common good and enjoyment of all participants.

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