

MVDC SQUARE DANCE LESSON CLASS

The following are standards under which the MVDC Square Dance Lesson Classes have been conducted during the past years.

As an Educational Organization, MVDC should provide high quality classes for beginning square dancers. All clubs should be encouraged to be a part of the MVDC classes by recruiting students and acting as angels.

INSTRUCTION

- Classes should be taught by a highly qualified, experienced caller. It is highly desirable that this caller be experienced and qualified to call levels beyond Plus. This enables the teacher to better prepare dancers from the beginning to dance other levels.
- Adequate compensation should be given this teacher - reflecting the experience and qualifications brought to the new dancers.
- Classes must not be rushed - Minimums are as follows:
  - Basic - 14 weeks, Mainstream - 12 weeks, Plus - 12 weeksSince all upper levels require a firm basis, it is important to become proficient in Basic and Mainstream.
- Classes should be FUN!
- Angels should be reminded that only the caller does the teaching. Angels may advise and help practice after the calls have been taught.
- All experienced dancers may angel at Basic and Mainstream. However, proficient dancers are selected to angel at Plus level and above.
- Students should be informed of all opportunities to dance within the MVDC.
- Students should be educated as to the organization of the MVDC and its activities.
- Classes should be operated close to the way clubs function - that is, opportunities for students to act as greeters, mop floor, pick up cups, bring treats, etc. Students should be taught the courtesies to the caller, e.g. thanking caller at end of dance.
- The focus of the class situation should be "What is happening to the new dancer?" Every effort should be made by the experienced dancers to make these students feel they are an important part of our activity. Friendliness, praise, and encouragement are important.
- MVDC student badges are provided for a returnable deposit of \$2.00.