

SWING DANCE ETIQUETTE

THIS DESIGN IS BASED ON ONE CREATED BY SWING IT, ISRAEL

RESPECT YOURSELF, YOUR PARTNER AND THOSE AROUND YOU. IF SOMETHING DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT – SPEAK UP. YOU CAN ALWAYS SPEAK TO THE STAFF.*

IF YOU'D LIKE TO DANCE WITH SOMEONE – TAKE THE **INITIATIVE** AND INVITE THEM FOR A DANCE. DO SO **POLITELY**. DON'T SIT AROUND WAITING FOR THE OTHER PERSON TO ASK YOU.

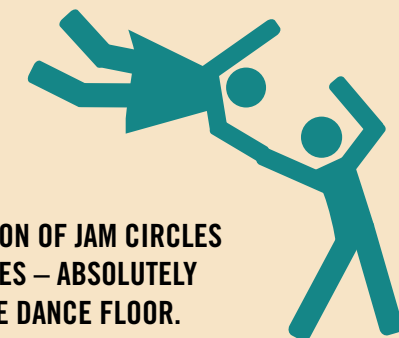


THANK YOUR PARTNER FOR THE DANCE WHEN THE SONG ENDS. USUALLY PEOPLE CHANGE PARTNERS AT THE END OF EACH SONG.

ASSUME THAT PEOPLE ARE AT AN EVENT TO **DANCE**. PREDATORY BEHAVIOUR SUCH AS PUSHING FOR A DATE OR SOMEONE'S NUMBER AND AGGRESSIVELY PURSUING THEM IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.



WITH THE EXCEPTION OF JAM CIRCLES AND PERFORMANCES – ABSOLUTELY **NO AERIALS** ON THE DANCE FLOOR.



EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO SAY **"NO"** TO A DANCE FOR **ANY REASON AT ANY TIME**. ACCEPT **"NO"** THE **FIRST TIME** AND GRACIOUSLY BOW OUT.



DON'T GIVE LESSONS DURING THE DANCE AND DON'T CORRECT OTHERS' DANCING UNLESS YOU WERE SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR FEEDBACK.

HARASSMENT AND INTENTIONAL VERBAL OR PHYSICAL ABUSE (TOUCHING, CURSING, ETC.) IS UNACCEPTABLE. OFFENDERS MAY BE BANNED – PERMANENTLY.



DON'T WEAR PERFUME OR SCENTED PRODUCTS SINCE SOME PEOPLE FIND IT BOTHERSOME, AND SOME ARE MADE ILL BY CHEMICAL SCENTS. MAINTAIN GOOD PERSONAL HYGIENE AND BRING A SPARE SHIRT OR TWO.

IF A PARTNER USES AN UNPLEASANT OR HURTFUL CONNECTION CONSISTENTLY, PLEASE LET THEM KNOW. YOU MAY END A DANCE AT ANY TIME IF YOU FEEL PHYSICALLY OR EMOTIONALLY UNCOMFORTABLE.



IF YOU ACCIDENTALLY KICK OR HIT SOMEONE WHILE DANCING, **APOLOGIZE**. IF A PERSON CONSISTENTLY DANCES IN A DANGEROUS WAY, BRING IT TO THEIR **ATTENTION** OR LET THE STAFF KNOW. BE PREPARED TO STOP IN CASE OF A POSSIBLE COLLISION.



IF YOU UNINTENTIONALLY TOUCH OR GRAZE SOMEONE'S PRIVATE AREAS – **APOLOGIZE**. IF INAPPROPRIATE TOUCHING PERSISTS, BRING IT TO THAT PERSON'S ATTENTION OR THE STAFF'S.



ASK ANYONE YOU LIKE TO DANCE. DO TELL YOUR PARTNERS WHETHER YOU PREFER LEADING, FOLLOWING OR DOING BOTH.

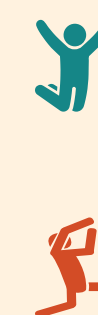


WE'VE ALL GOT THE SWING BUG, BUT GERMS ARE NOT SOMETHING WE NEED TO SHARE. IF YOU HAVE TO SNEEZE OR COUGH – DO SO INTO YOUR ARM, NOT YOUR HAND. USE HAND SANITIZER AND WASH YOUR HANDS THROUGHOUT THE EVENING.



RESPECT YOUR PARTNER'S COMFORT AND BOUNDARIES. CLOSE EMBRACE (ABOVE THE WAIST) CAN BE PART OF SOCIAL DANCING, PROVIDED THERE IS **CLEAR ONGOING CONSENT**.

IF A BIRTHDAY JAM IS CALLED, ANYONE CAN JOIN IN TO DANCE WITH THE BIRTHDAY PERSONS. IF A PERFORMANCE JAM HAPPENS, ANYONE CAN GO IN WITH THEIR PARTNER. GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT!



WE'RE ALL HERE TO HAVE **FUN**. ENJOY YOURSELF AND DO YOUR BEST TO MAKE THE EVENING FUN FOR OTHERS AS WELL!



*THE STAFF INCLUDE SIMON THRELKELD, TONIGHT'S TEACHERS AND THE PERSON AT THE FRONT TABLE. FOR FURTHER DETAILS, SEE DANCE ETIQUETTE AND CODE OF CONDUCT AT SWINGTORONTO.COM