

DANCE FLOOR ETIQUETTE

1. Never carry drinks or food across the dance floor.
2. Always walk around the outside of the dance floor, not across it.
3. Never, ever, walk through lines of moving dancers.
4. Never stay on the floor to talk.
5. If leaving the floor, do so before the music starts.
6. Be courteous at all times and mindful of beginners.
7. Don't split the floor or start a different dance unless you know this is acceptable to the instructor or DJ.
8. If there is a mix of dance genres on the floor, eg at a club, linedancers stay in the centre, partner or progressive dances to the outside.
9. Partner dancers have right of way around the outside lane. Don't block them.
10. When partner dancing around the floor, line of dance is always anti-clockwise.
11. If the floor is crowded, take small steps and be mindful of possible collisions.
12. If you bump into someone, it's customary to apologise even if you think it isn't your fault. The dance floor is no place for arguments.
13. If possible, start another line rather than join one which will block the outside lanes.
14. To join a line, ask the person at the end of the line if it's OK to do so. Some people dance at the end of line for a reason, ie ill health. They may want to leave the floor during the dance.
15. When starting a dance, go to the front so that others can fall in behind you.
16. When the floor is split, remember to leave a corridor distance between the differing dances of at least the equivalent of one line.
17. On a split floor, be aware not to drift into the line of the other dance.
18. Be polite and respectful to the DJ or instructor.
19. Don't be grumpy or rude if your request isn't played. It may be for good reason, eg not suitable for majority of dancers on the floor at the time, or time doesn't allow.
20. When dancing to live acts, eg at clubs, remember to give applause. Don't just walk off the floor.

Finally, keep smiling :)