

DANCING ETIQUETTE AND SAFETY

Dear Dancers,

Our new 2024/2025 dancing season is about to start!

Our joy of dancing and socializing encompasses **“TEAMWORK & RESPECT”** for

Our teachers, musicians, and for each other. If these attributes are followed, we will all be able to enjoy a great RSCDS experience within our own Society of Peterborough.

DANCING IN THE SET

1. Top couple in each set, when asked, count the couples forming the set to dance.
2. Pay attention quietly to the teacher explaining the dance and the briefing.
3. When a dancer is unsure where to go guide “Gently” – no grabbing, pulling, or turning roughly
4. Give non- verbal cues to each other, a look, a nod, a wave or a smile to direct a dancer
5. “IF” verbal guidance is needed, only one voice in the set can be used, not many voices. It can be very frustrating and confusing for dancers at all dancing levels.
6. It’s fun and quite fine to add dance flourishes if you check with your partner and the rest of the set.
7. Don’t **“pressure”** someone sitting out just to find an extra couple to make up a set. Dancers sit out for various reasons ie: physical restrictions, uneasy about executing a dance etc.

ENCOURAGE!.... Don’t pressure

These etiquette items are based on RSCDS protocol which are acknowledged internationally so that we, as RSCDS dancers, display ourselves to be a kind, respectful inclusive “Society for All.”

RSCDS CODE OF CONDUCT

There is room for All on the dance floor

Respect others

Look out for your each other and your Community

Personal boundaries are paramount

Be OK with people saying “No”

Dance safely

(hand sanitizer, masks if needed, proper footwear)