

HAPPY HOPPER GUIDELINES FOR LESSONS ANGELS

Angels are experienced dancers who attend lessons and help out by dancing with less-experienced dancers. If you are dancing as an angel, you don't have to pay. You will fill in squares as needed, and will step out of your square if a paying dancer arrives. Experienced dancers who want to dance only with a certain partner, or who do not want to be pulled out of a square, should pay for the lesson. When you sign in at the beginning of the lesson, indicate whether you are dancing as an angel.

For all experienced dancers (whether angeling or not), please remember these guidelines for lessons:

- **Understand there is only one teacher.** Do not try to explain the move while the teacher is explaining the move.
- **Display your square dance knowledge correctly “by the book.”** Extra twirls, “highland fling” do-si-do's, etc., are confusing to new students and throw off the rhythm of the moves. Students may see them and try to copy.
- **Keep conversation to a minimum** in the square so that no one misses hearing the teacher.
- **Point, nod, or give a quiet “over here” when guiding students** in the right direction. Pushing or pulling to put a student in place is unpleasant and demeaning. Be tactful and respectful.
- **Be patient and understanding with students' mistakes.** We were all beginners once. A smile and encouragement, not impatience or disgust, will keep students coming back.

Angeling is being that silent instructor on the floor who is helping students realize their vision of becoming a square dancer. You are the spirit and enjoyment of this hobby, sharing but a brief moment in time together. Make it a positive remembrance for all.