

In accordance with St. Louis County mandates, masks are required for all class members, including those who have been vaccinated. Masking requirements will be adjusted as St. Louis County mandates change.

ST. LOUIS BALLROOM DANCERS' CLASS POLICIES

Our dance classes are divided by skill level:

Novice Dancers (beginners) are those who have never had ballroom dance instruction or have had limited exposure to instruction. Novice classes are the Introductory Social Dance classes at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

Intermediate Dancers are those who have completed one or more Novice classes, know the basic steps of the dances being taught, and are comfortable advancing to the Intermediate Social Dance class at 8:00 p.m. Thursday evenings.

Pre-Silver Dancers will have completed one or more of the Intermediate classes and are able to follow instruction at this level. This class is offered at 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays. **ALL DANCERS AT THIS LEVEL MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN PARTNER.**

Skilled Dancers are those who have advanced through many classes and are qualified to enroll in Silver classes that are offered on Tuesdays or American Gold and International Open classes that are offered on Fridays. **ALL DANCERS AT THIS LEVEL MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN PARTNER.**

Registration: Please register for **ALL** classes by mail or by following the Pay via PayPal link. In order to allow classes to start promptly on the hour, early registration is essential. **Those who register the night of class may pay by check only.**

Attendance: Everyone should arrive at least 10 minutes before class time. **Please attend ALL the classes.** Regular attendance is necessary since each week builds upon the past week. No registrations for class sessions will be accepted after the second week of classes.

The teen children and grandchildren of the members of the St. Louis Ballroom Dancers will be admitted **FREE** to any of our dance classes if they are between the ages of 13 through 18. They must have their own partner and **THEY MUST PREREGISTER** for the class. (Their partner does not have to be the child or grandchild of a member. If a partner is between the ages of 13 and 18, there will be no charge, but if they are 19 or older, they must pay adult prices.)

In the event of an emergency cancellation of class due to weather or other circumstances, every effort will be made to reschedule. In the event that a class cannot be rescheduled, a refund will not be made.

Because ballroom dancing, by definition, involves close contact with other dancers, please limit the use of perfumes, colognes, and scented products of any kind, as well as being mindful of basic hygiene of the body and breath.

St. Louis Ballroom Dancers is not responsible for any personal injury incurred while attending our classes.

PARTNERS

You must provide your own partner in order to register for the Thursday nine o'clock class and for all Tuesday and Friday classes.

We will attempt to arrange a partner for you for the 7:00 p.m. Introductory and 8:00 p.m. Intermediate classes on Thursday if you register online at least one week in advance of the start of class. Please indicate on the registration form if you need a partner.

Singles will be matched with a partner at the first class to the extent possible. A limited number of single dancers will be accepted in the Thursday Introductory and Intermediate classes due to a shortage of available partners. Partners are assigned on a first-come first-served basis and those who do not register in advance may find that a partner is not available.

You may not ask someone to be your partner who is a club-assigned volunteer (Angel).

Single dancers should exchange phone numbers with their Assigned Partners so that they may notify each other if they need to miss a class, preferably six hours in advance. This is a basic courtesy as some dancers drive great distances to attend classes.

CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to prevent action that can hurt or intimidate another person, the St. Louis Ballroom Dancers club expects persons attending its functions to behave in a mature and responsible way. All participants at club functions will respect the rights and dignity of others. None of the behaviors below will be tolerated:

1. Angry or vulgar language, including swearing, name calling and shouting;
2. Physical contact with another person in any angry or threatening way;
3. Harassment or intimidation by words, gestures, body language, or any other menacing behavior;
4. Behavior which intends to or results in the theft or destruction of property;
5. Carrying or concealing any weapons or devices which may be used as weapons and;
6. The sale, possession, distribution, or use of any illegal substance.

Members and guests of the St. Louis Ballroom Dancers are encouraged to report any violation of this Code of Conduct to a member of the Board of Directors. The St. Louis Ballroom Dancers Board of Directors will investigate all reported incidents and take action that is reasonable and fair. Termination of membership/participation privileges may result from any violation of the Code of Conduct.