

# Interlocked Squares Dancing Standard

Interlocked Squares expects members and guests to dance at a PACE or national festival C-1 level.

## What is a PACE or national festival level of C-1 Challenge dancing?

PACE dances are typically at what is considered standard C-1 level. This entails the use of a high percentage of C-1 calls, frequent use of concepts, and challenging positioning. It is delivered with minimal or no cueing, and at speed (not starting and stopping). This is standard C-1, not an extreme level like "TNP" or Take No Prisoners, which is C-1 designed for the most skilled dancers.

## Interlocked Squares members and our guests are expected to have the following skills:

- dance at speed, without hesitation, and with high levels of precision, accuracy, and comprehension
- execute calls, and incorporate concepts, in the designated number of beats allocated per call
- execute calls without cues
- handle standard C-1 choreography as called at PACE and other regional challenge festivals
- comfortably and quickly use the definitions of calls and concepts to execute extensions and novel applications of calls in choreography, including calls given from unusual and non-standard set ups.
- do not rely on counter parting or opposites to dance.
- work as a team with their square to solve the puzzles and challenges presented by the choreography. Carry your own weight as a contributing member of the team.
- dance Advanced and Plus with full skill and competence

## How does this affect me?

We believe that everyone should be able to dance at a venue where they are challenged, yet can be successful and enjoy themselves, without encountering frustration. Not all dancers can attain or maintain the skill level needed for standard C-1, due to lack of time to dance, and other mitigating factors. Interlocked Squares is committed to maintaining these standards, and applying them to EVERYONE who dances with the club. We do this so that our dancers can dance at full level, have fun and be challenged, without the frustration of frequent break downs.

We sincerely believe that all interested dancers, should have the opportunity to attain Standard C-1 skill level. Therefore, from June 2014 through the end of the year, the club leadership and callers will focus on helping everyone dancing with us. We will counsel those who are struggling to meet the standard and, if necessary, provide them with additional help and support.

As of early 2015, dancers who have not attained the standards will be asked to find alternative dance venues that match their skills, and no longer dance with the club. We will provide a list of suitable places to dance. As they increase their skill, they will be welcome to dance with us again. While this may seem to be insensitive, if a standard is set, then it must be administered fairly.

## The Board of Directors, Interlocked Squares