

CincyHop Code of Conduct

Preamble

CincyHop cares about the health, safety, and well-being of all dancers at our events. We are dedicated to providing a comfortable and fun environment for all. All attendees, volunteers, and organizers are expected to abide by the CincyHop Code of Conduct.

Rules

- Do not harm anyone physically, sexually, or psychologically.
- Do not harass anyone for any reason, such as gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, or religion.
- Do not bring alcohol to our events. CincyHop is not licensed to handle or sell it, though our venues may be.

Redress

If you notice someone else breach this code of conduct, react as soon as you are able--not at the end of the song, dance, event, or weekend. Please contact any of the following with your concerns:

- the perpetrator only if it is safe to do so
- our Event Safety Coordinator. Their name will be published prior to the event. Feel free to remain anonymous through call or text.
- any event organizer
- [emailinfo@cincyhop.org](mailto:info@cincyhop.org)
- in an emergency, call 911

CincyHop Dance Etiquette

CincyHop expects every dancer to bring joy to their fellow dancers. We provide the open floors and hopping jazz music, so here is what is left for you to do.

1. Pick out a dance partner.

Be dependable and pick your friends, but also be brave and pick strangers. Be generous and pick those who might feel out of place.

2. Ask them politely to dance with your words.

Be thrilled if they say yes, but also respect them if they say no.

3. Listen to the music.

Swing music has it all--delightful patterns of call and response, exuberant solos, and swinging beats. If a live band is providing it, point jam circles and group dances their direction so they can enjoy it as well.

4a. Lead as best you can.

Leads: smoothly suggest movement that matches your follow's ability and the music. If you focus on your follow, you'll do fine.

4b. Follow as best you can.

Follows: respond beautifully to your lead's suggestions and the music. If you focus on your lead, you'll do fine.

5. Conduct a pleasant conversation with your body.

Jerking limbs is the equivalent of shouting, but nothing comes of limp noodle arms. Speak clearly and decisively, but also listen and improvise.

6. Say "I'm sorry."

Hitting other dancers, leading socket-popping twists, and accidentally grazing private areas requires an apology every time.

7. Say "thank you."

A dance done in good faith calls for gratitude every time. Thank your partner, and thank a live band with applause after each song or solo.

8. Become a better dancer.

Take lessons and ask for feedback yourself, but do not give unsolicited stylistic feedback on the social dance floor.

9. Stay hygienic.

It is difficult to enjoy a smelly, sneezing, drunk, or dehydrated dance partner. Don't be one.

10. Place the comfort and safety of your fellow dancers foremost.

Call out risky or outright bad behavior, especially from your own friends. Offer to walk people to their cars or request an escort on at the front desk. Make romantic advances with extreme caution. Swing dancers protect their own.

If you are uncertain if you are breaching these guidelines, ask yourself--am I bringing joy to all my fellow dancers? That's all that CincyHop asks.

Refund Policy

CincyHop attendees pay to reserve their spot at events, and CincyHop uses that payment to make the event happen.

This means we cannot offer full refunds. Instead, you can transfer your pass to the next year's event. The transfer applies to you only and only for the following calendar year. You must contact CincyHop via email and receive emailed acknowledgment of the request for the pass transfer to be complete. Pass transfer requests are normally due at the same time that housing closes before an event (customarily roughly two weeks prior to the event).