

CDR Social Contract

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The Country Dancers of Rochester (CDR) delights in presenting a warm, happy, comfortable, family-friendly environment where friends can gather to enjoy traditional participatory country dancing. We want YOU to feel safe and comfortable here and to look forward to dancing with us again. To do this well, we need your help.

Behavior and Etiquette

- Because country dancing is a contact activity, we expect everyone to consider both the safety of others and the limits of reasonable personal space.
- Women and men both may ask for partners. While we hope that everyone is open to dance with a variety of other dancers, each dancer may decline a request to dance. This should be done tactfully and kindly, and the asker should let it go at that.
- We expect dancers to act respectfully and peacefully toward all others they encounter at the dance. Rough or inappropriate touching is not acceptable, nor is foul or abusive language, or the appearance of insobriety.
- If we feel it necessary to expel a person, it will be at the discretion of the CDR Executive Committee whether to allow them to return.
- It is our fervent wish that all dancers will feel welcome and safe.

Hygiene and Dress

- We maintain a smoke-free environment.
- Some of our dancers are hypersensitive or allergic to highly scented products such as perfume, after-shave, cologne, etc. Please do not wear these types of scented products to a dance.
- Personal hygiene is important during dancing. A clean person and clean clothing are expected of everyone.
- Shoes should be appropriate and not damage the floor.

Children

- Children are welcome; however, those under 17 must come with an adult.

Photography, Videography, and Recording

- Permission of the responsible adult must be obtained before publishing photos or videos of minor children.
- Permission of the performers should be obtained before making videos or recordings.

Feedback and Participation:

- We welcome your feedback; email us at questions@cdrochester.org.
- If you would like to help set up the hall or clean up after the dance, we would greatly appreciate it.
- If someone or something makes you uncomfortable, do us all a favor and talk to the caller and or the organizers or drop an email to questions@cdrochester.org.