

## Chapter 15 - New Dancer Lesson Policy

Due to the continuing complexity of square dancing and the desire of clubs and dancers for a starting base in the activity, the following **lesson policy** is recommended to all Association clubs for their use:

- Clubs teach approximately 40 lessons. These may be called whatever the club chooses (lessons or workshops) and divided as the club decides (10 weeks at a time or two 20-week sessions, etc).
- The figures taught are to agree with the CALLERLAB PROGRAM. All MCASD New Dancer Dances will follow the CALLERLAB Program.
- Attendance at New Dancer dances should be actively encouraged during lessons, but should not be forced or required.
- No dancing should be done by the New Dancers at regular club dances, without previous permission of the host club, until after graduation. New Dancers may attend the parent club's dances whenever the parent club decides they are ready.
- The most competent, experienced caller or teacher available should be enlisted to teach the New Dancer Lessons.
- These are intended as a base of instruction for use in the Chicago area to prepare new dancers to dance at the **mainstream** level. They are in no way intended to alter any clubs' dancing level. Making new dancers familiar with what they will meet at Mainstream dances is not the same as saying every member club should dance Mainstream only.
- **Suggestion:** If each club designated and advertised one regular spring dance as New Dancers Night, New Dancers would know that they are welcome and those not desiring to dance with beginners could make a choice.