

# Waterloo Westies

## Code of Conduct

Welcome to the Waterloo Westies crew—we are glad you are here! We want to ensure that everyone feels safe and welcomed in our community; as such, we expect that you adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1) Welcome EVERYONE into our dance family, regardless of sex, gender identity, race, age, sexual orientation, ability, class, religion, skill level, or any other trait.
- 2) Exercise respectful floor craft—be aware of the dancers around you. Apologize if you accidentally bump into your partner or other dancers in the space.
- 3) Please do not give feedback, lessons, and advice on the social dance floor unless it is regarding something that hurts you or makes you uncomfortable.
- 4) Be open to dancing with others while respecting your own personal boundaries (saying “no” to a dance is OK!).
- 5) Practice appropriate hygiene and self-care. Take a shower before the dance, wash/ sanitize your hands regularly, bring deodorant, get water, take a break, pop a mint, change your shirt, etc.
- 6) For allergy reasons, please do not wear perfume, cologne, or any other scents.
- 7) Only execute dips and tricks if both you and your partner have practiced sufficiently together with a teacher or coach prior to the social.
- 9) Take responsibility for your dancing. Avoid blaming “mistakes” on your partner. Instead, appreciate the unique output of you and your partner and adjust your own approach if need be.
- 10) Let your partner or Waterloo Westies staff know if something hurts you or makes you uncomfortable. Your bravery will help us maintain a safe and inclusive dance community.

If you fall short of these expectations, there may be consequences. These range from an organizer talking to you about your behaviour to removal from the dance space. We take respect seriously. Thank you for your cooperation!

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