

# Milonga Etiquette

## for Social Tango Dancing

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Following these guidelines will lead to a more enjoyable social tango dancing experience.

### Safety First

- Safe driving: respect line of dance, stay in lane, keep traffic flowing, visibility, blind spots, no backwards steps, pass carefully, avoid obstructions, no drinking & driving
- Avoid injury to self & others, in case of accident driver apologizes

### Manners

- Asking & accepting: no obligation nor duty, 'cabeceo' eye contact first then smile & nod, no stalking, no cutting in, "NO" means "NO"
- At a Milonga: **NO** teaching, no critiquing
- Embrace is comfortable & gentle, close embrace is by mutual consent, no squeezing, no head pushing
- During dancing: **NO** talking, no singing, no loud chewing, no apologizing, no interrupting
- "Thank you" means we're done!

### Comfort

- Hygiene: shower, clean clothes, anti-perspirant, dry change of clothes, fragrance used sparingly, breath mints or gum, clean hands, colds & flu bugs stay home!
- Closeness: shave to remove stubble, control your hair, glasses off
- Separation of tango from work & life

### Milonga Format

- Tandas music sets by same orchestra or style played at Milongas 4 tangos, 3-4 vales, 3 milongas in cycles of 2 tangos, vals, 2 tangos, milonga
- Cortinas short breaks between tandas, usually change partners during cortinas

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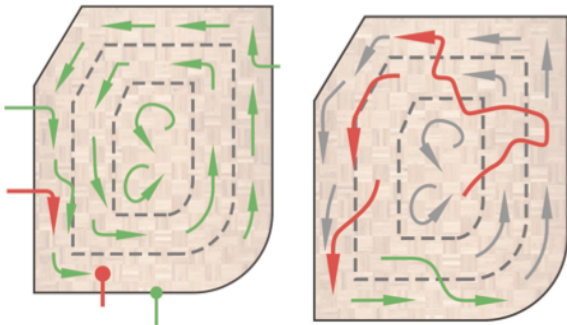
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- Enter dance floor when there is space
- Make sure you are seen by advancing couple before entering dance floor
- Make space for other couples
- Continue dancing in one lane
- Change lanes carefully, space permitting
- Be cautious of leaders blind spots

### DON'T

- Change lanes unnecessarily
- Change lanes suddenly
- Dance backwards against LINE OF DANCE
- Cause a traffic jam
- Endanger other dancers
- Walk across the dance floor

**DANCE LANES:** Number and width of lanes varies with floor size and number of dancers.



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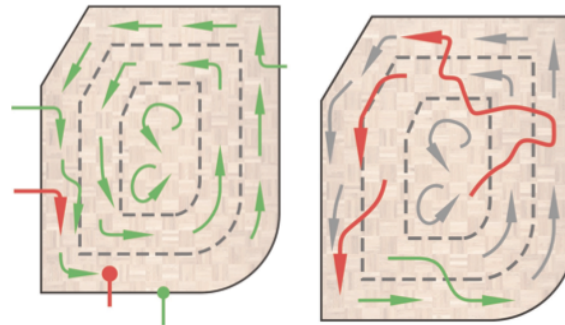
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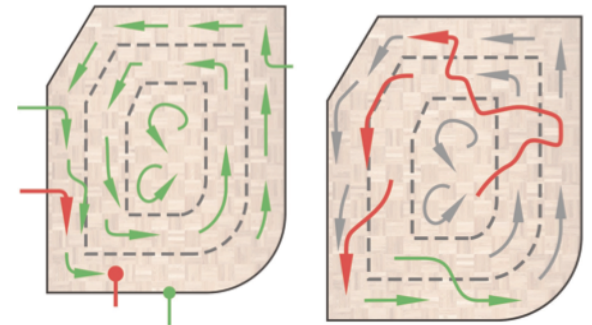
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