

# Code of Conduct

The Sugarfoot Stomp guide to keeping conduct fun

Sugarfoot Stomp is a social place of positivity and equality. We stand for all levels of positive self-expression, empowerment and joy. Our goal is to create classes, workshops, events and spaces that support this to give people the most out of their dancing.

Being part of Sugarfoot Stomp means you will have opportunities to learn new things, meet new people and be part of a society that reflects the values of the community. This is primarily a learning environment, where we use the power of humour, openness and encouragement to grow and develop both our dancing and ourselves as human beings.

Our aim at Sugarfoot Stomp is to create fun, open and positive spaces for you to enjoy. In doing so we ask our members and attendees to abide by our Code of Conduct to ensure this remains the case for everybody.



## This space is for everyone

No matter your gender identity, heritage, sexual orientation, age, physical appearance, ability or religion, (this is not a definitive list), you are fully welcome here and can be expected to be treated as such. We will not tolerate any harassment, discrimination, bullying or intimidatory behaviours of any kind from anyone.

## You are welcome to say 'no'

Accepting to dance or interact with someone is a voluntary act - not a requirement. At no point do you need to justify your actions for not accepting an invitation to dance or engage with someone. Additionally, if someone does not take you up on your offer that is their business, not yours - be gracious and move on.

## Classes, events & workshops are social activities

Swing dancing is a social activity where you get to meet and connect with many different people from different backgrounds and experiences.

While social dancing is a great way to meet new people, this is not a 'pick-up' joint. Please keep your interactions friendly and respectful.

## Safety is a priority

Please ensure you use full access to your senses and spatial awareness to protect yourself, your dance partner and others in the community - on and off the dance floor. That includes refraining from performing aerials on the social dance floor.

In the same sentiment, if you feel unsafe at any point in any capacity, you are at full liberty to remove yourself from that situation without explanation. We also trust you to know your own limits and not to push yourself beyond them.

If your actions have accidentally caused someone discomfort or embarrassment, please apologise.

## Keep communication open and respectful

If something doesn't feel right or you feel uncomfortable dancing with a partner - it's OK to let them know. Remember that everyone is learning so be kind and supportive with your feedback. Keep in mind that as a partnered dance, both people contribute to connection and how the dance 'feels'.

Do not give unsolicited advice on someone else's dancing unless explicitly asked to. It is not your place to critique another's dancing ability.

**Our ultimate goal is for everyone to feel comfortable and safe participating with Sugarfoot Stomp.**