

# Code of Conduct

*Mission Portland Singles Network* is committed to providing a safe and friendly environment where people can dance and meet new people. We hope you find this Code of Conduct helpful. If you have any questions or concerns, please address them to a MPSN **Board Member**, we will do our best to resolve any issues brought to our attention.

## Attendance Guidelines

If you are separated from your spouse and/or going through a divorce, a singles function may not be the best environment for you. Most people who see you at a singles dance will assume you are single and -- potentially -- available to date. For this reason, we ask that you be up-front with other dancers about your marital status.

We will not exclude anyone from our dances based on their beliefs, life's circumstances, history, or rumors others bring to our attention. However, we *will* ask you to leave if your behavior is offensive or disruptive.

**Married people are expected to attend with their spouses.** We respect that there are sometimes good reasons for exceptions. Again, use good judgment and make sure others know you are married.

## Healthy Boundaries

What is a boundary? A boundary is the:

- Emotional and physical space between you and another person.
- Established set of limits over your physical and emotional well-being which you expect others to respect in their relationship with you.

If someone's behavior toward you is inappropriate, you are expected to say so. Politeness and graciousness are wonderful qualities, but not at the expense of your dignity and honor.

## Mutual Respect for Others and Property

Please respect the property of Oaks Park, Mission Portland Singles Network, the DJ, and show respect for each other. Inappropriate comments and behavior are not welcome.

## Appropriate Dress

**Please dress appropriately for a Christian dance.** We ask that each person show respect for themselves and others by behavior and dress. This means avoid clothes that are low cut, tight, revealing, doesn't cover and attracts attention to what is uncovered. See [Dress Code](#).

### **Dance Floor Etiquette**

Sometimes there are different dances going on at the same time. The dance floor is divided into lanes. Think of these lanes as Fast, Slower, and Middle. Use the outside lane for fast progressive dances. Slower progressive dancers should stay just inside the fast lane. The middle lane is reserved for stationary dances.

- As the floor gets more crowded, make your steps smaller and kicks shorter. This applies to every dancer, no matter how experienced.
- If you bump into someone else on the dance floor apologize immediately.
- If the dance floor is too crowded, wait until the next song.
- Wear appropriate clothes and shoes. Extremely high heel shoes or heavy boots are injuries waiting to happen.
- On the social dance floor, don't teach, offer suggestions or critique your partner's dancing unless they ask you to or they give you permission ... social dancing is meant to be fun, not stressful.
- It is tradition for the gentleman to give his arm to the lady and take her back to her seat.

We reserve the right to refuse entrance to the dances to anyone whose behavior the MPSN Board Members believes is disruptive to the environment we provide for Christian singles.

**Alcoholic beverages are not permitted inside Oaks Park or outside in the parking lot.**