

AUDACITY DANCE - Code of Conduct

Audacity is committed to providing a safe, welcoming and inclusive dance environment. To ensure a happy and positive experience for all, we ask that students:

- ↗ **Respect teachers and the learning process** - Be open to new ideas. Think critically. Actively participate by asking questions. Listen. Heed the teacher's wisdom. Take notes and practice.
- ↗ **Respect other students** – Avoid distracting others during class. Accept that everyone learns at their own individual pace and style. Be encouraging, supportive, patient and forgiving. Never offer unsolicited advice, instruction or criticism, or any comments about physical appearance.
- ↗ **Be considerate** – shower, clean clothing, deodorant and breath mints. A towel and an extra shirt or two if you sweat profusely – your partners will love you for it!
- ↗ **Put safety first** – Please be mindful of other dancers around you to avoid accidental collisions or injury. Watch for traffic flow when crossing the floor. Avoid forceful movements that could cause injury to your partner. Check for consent before attempting ambitious moves or activities.
- ↗ **Be inclusive** – Be welcoming and inclusive – dance with lots of different people of different skill levels. At Audacity we accept dancers of any gender dancing as a lead or follow. We celebrate diversity and welcome anyone and everyone who is interested in joining our community.
- ↗ **Be kind** - You always have the right to choose who you dance with, what songs you dance to and what role you dance. Whilst in social dancing it is proper etiquette to accept an invitation to dance, it is also acceptable to politely decline. If you decline an invitation to dance, it is impolite to then accept another dance offer to the same song. We rotate partners in class and it is unacceptable to refuse to dance with a person in rotation.

We want Audacity to be a place where everyone can have a good time sharing in their passion for dance. That said, it is our right to not accept every request to attend dance classes. Please advise Audacity staff if there are issues that contravene this code. We thank you for your assistance in cultivating an enjoyable, positive experience for all!