

Code of Conduct

For classes, social dances, workshops, and community events organized by Lindy Hop Eindhoven. Last updated 23 August 2026.

1. Our commitment

Lindy Hop Eindhoven is committed to creating a welcoming, respectful, inclusive, and safe environment for everyone who joins our Lindy Hop classes, social dances, workshops, and related activities. We want every participant -- regardless of dance level, role, background, body, age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnicity, religion, disability, appearance, or personal circumstances -- to feel valued and able to enjoy the dance.

By attending or contributing to a Lindy Hop Eindhoven event, you agree to help maintain this environment. This Code of Conduct applies to participants, teachers, performers, DJs, volunteers, organizers, visitors, and venue staff involved in our events.

2. Respect and inclusion

We do not tolerate harassment, intimidation, bullying, discrimination, humiliation, unwanted attention, or behavior that makes others feel unsafe or unwelcome. This includes offensive comments, inappropriate physical contact, deliberate intimidation, stalking, repeated unwanted invitations, unwelcome photography or filming, and any conduct that targets a person's identity, body, experience level, or personal boundaries.

Dance roles are not tied to gender. Anyone may lead, follow, or switch. When inviting someone to dance or to practice, ask what role they would like to dance and respect their answer.

3. Consent and personal boundaries

Always ask before dancing, changing the level of physical connection, giving close-embrace invitations, initiating dips, or doing anything that may affect another person's comfort or safety. Consent can be verbal or clearly communicated through body language, but when in doubt, ask.

It is always acceptable to say "no, thank you" to a dance, to stop dancing, or to ask for more space. No explanation is required. If someone declines an invitation or asks you to adjust something that affects their comfort or safety, accept it respectfully.

4. Dance floor safety

Good floor craft is everyone's responsibility. Be aware of the space available around you, adjust your dancing to current conditions, protect your partner, avoid large kicks or travelling movements when space is limited, and apologize if you bump into, step on, or hit someone.

Aerials, lifts, drops, and risky figures are not allowed on the social dance floor. Dips should only be danced with clear consent and adequate space, and they should never put the dancer being dipped, nearby dancers, or the floor at risk.

5. Feedback, learning, and class etiquette

In classes and workshops, teachers are responsible for instruction and corrections. In social dances, avoid giving unsolicited feedback unless your partner explicitly asks for it or you need to communicate that something is painful or unsafe.

Be patient with yourself and others. We all learn at different speeds. Supportive communication, kindness, and curiosity help everyone grow as dancers.

6. Personal care and community comfort

Lindy Hop is energetic and close-contact dancing. Please help keep dances comfortable by taking care of personal hygiene: wash your hands, consider deodorant, bring a spare shirt or towel if useful, stay hydrated, and be mindful of strong perfumes or scents.

7. Photos, videos, and social media

Be considerate when taking photos or videos. Do not film or photograph someone in a way that makes them uncomfortable, and respect requests not to be recorded or posted online. If Lindy Hop Eindhoven takes official photos or videos at an event, we will aim to communicate this clearly and provide a way for participants to raise concerns.

8. Alcohol, substances, and responsibility

If alcohol is available at an event, drink responsibly. Do not dance if your condition makes you unsafe for yourself or others. Organizers may ask someone to stop dancing, take a break, or leave if their behavior creates a risk or discomfort for others.

9. If something happens

If you experience, witness, or hear about behavior that concerns you, please speak to a Lindy Hop Eindhoven organizer, teacher, volunteer, or designated contact person as soon as you feel able. You may ask for support even if you are unsure whether the behavior is a violation.

Reports will be handled with care, discretion, and respect for the people involved. We will not require anyone to directly confront another person. Where appropriate, we may offer support, check in with affected participants, speak with the person whose behavior caused concern, involve venue staff, or take further action.

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10. Consequences

Lindy Hop Eindhoven reserves the right to take action when this Code of Conduct is not followed. Depending on the situation, this may include a conversation, a warning, asking someone to change their behavior, asking someone to sit out or leave an event, refusing future participation, or contacting venue security or appropriate authorities if necessary.

11. Shared responsibility

A safe and more welcoming dance community is built together. Thank you for helping Lindy Hop Eindhoven create events where people can learn, dance, connect, and enjoy Lindy Hop with mutual respect, care, and joy.