

INSTRUCTIONS FOR JOINING A COUNTRY QUICKSTEPPERS ZOOM LINE DANCE SOCIAL

What you need:

Internet access on a computer, I-pad. Phone, etc. Computer works best.

Space to dance in front of or near the device

A strong desire to dance and visit with your dance family!

A little bit of patience with imperfect technology!

How to join the social:

Access your internet and find the email you received with the Zoom link

Click on the link, and when prompted choose "Join Zoom meeting"

Join with audio, and with video if desired

Meeting host (the DJ) will admit you to the meeting

Dancing will begin at 2 PM and last until 4 PM

You may enter the meeting as early as 1:30 if you wish for up to a half hour of chatting and visiting with the group, and stay up to a half hour afterwards also.

To see individual screens of all participants, use "gallery view" in upper right corner of main Zoom screen.

To see the DJ or anyone else on a bigger screen, hover you cursor over the upper right corner of that person's individual screen. Find the blue box with 3 dots and click on it. From menu choose "pin video"

During the social:

The host (DJ) or the co-host (helper) will "Mute" all of you while dancing is going on.

This will eliminate the distraction of cross-talk, background noise, etc.

You will be un-muted when it is time for visiting.

There is a "Chat" feature in the meeting. You will find it along the bottom of the Zoom screen.

If you click on it a small window will open into which you can type a message.

The default setting is to send the message to "everyone".

Next to the "everyone" is a small arrow

Clicking on the arrow will bring up a list of all participants.

You can choose one person to send a private message to

The social will begin with a pre-set playlist which will be sent out to the Quicksteppers mailing list and posted on the club web site before the dance.

The technology isn't perfect. There will be a lack of synchronization between the audio and the video.

This takes a bit of getting used to, and makes it difficult to "follow", so you will probably find it better to sync your dance timing with the audio rather than with the video. Some tips to make the sync somewhat better:

Best if the device you are using is the only one using your wifi, turn off any other devices.

Stopping your video while dancing can help with your bandwidth and improve the sync a bit

If it is possible with the location of your device, connecting it to your modem by ethernet cable instead of using wifi will help a lot.