

Banner Stealing Guidelines

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1. Banner Stealing

- A. To steal a banner, a visiting (raiding) club must have one complete square of registered dancers present.
- B. When more than one club raids on the same night the first club to pin the banner gains the banner.
- C. A club may have as many traveling banners as they choose.
- D. When more than one club qualifies to steal the banner or the banner is gone because it has been stolen, the raided club should provide a second banner or a written pledge to the second club.

2. Rules Against Stealing Banners

- A. Clubs cannot steal the banner of a club over 50 miles without the permission of the host club.
- B. Clubs cannot steal the banner of another club that dances on the same night.
- C. Clubs cannot re-steal the banner in less than two months.
- D. Clubs cannot steal the banner at a special dance, as determined by the host club and as noted on their flyers or their club calendar.

3. Banner Retrieving

- A. To retrieve their banner, a club must have one complete square of registered dancers present.
- B. A club that has difficulty retrieving its banner may invoke the "Rule of Six" (after any combination of six couples visit the club on several occasions they may take their banner home).
- C. If a club does not retrieve its banner within three months it shall be returned out of courtesy.
- D. To both retrieve and steal a banner a club must have two squares of registered dancers present.

4. Qualifying Rules

- A. A dancer cannot qualify as a member of the raiding club if they are a member of the host club.
- B. Club callers of the raiding club do not qualify if they have been hired to call the dance.