

Mentoring For The Future
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There is a mentoring program developed by the Callers in Training Committee. This session we will talk about how to start mentoring new callers. Here are some steps in getting started to mentor a new caller and what a new caller should expect from a mentor.

Caller Mentor

- Obtain mentoring guidelines from the Callers In Training Committee
- Obtain two Starter Kit's one for new callers and one for yourself
- Attend a CALLERLAB staffed callers school in order to view the teaching methods
- What are the students goals concerning calling, teaching new dancers, club calling, party dances
- Teach how to use sound equipment, microphone, music devices
- Teach basic calling skills such as, Modules, Chicken Plucker, Equivalentents and Zeros
- Create worksheets for student homework
- BMI/ASCAP
- Ethics as a caller and music
- Set goals for himself
- Communication for training, by email, phone, training weekly, bi weekly, monthly
- Video each session
- Use Call analysis sheet, study the starting and ending formations of calls
- Teaching of new dancers
- If questions about training methods call a CALLRLAB Accredited caller coach or another caller that is mentoring.
- Calling is an art form and a mentor should make sure the caller is learning the chant of patter.

Be sure to have fun in training callers, let your student enjoy the experience of success. Don't move forward to a new topic until he or she is comfortable. Always encourage and be available to answer every question they might have.