



CALLERLAB COMMITTEE BRIEF

COMMITTEE NAME: Mainstream Committee

COMMITTEE FUNCTION:

1. To develop, maintain, and revise those lists of calls known as the Mainstream Program, in accordance with schedules and policies set by the membership and the governing body. The Mainstream Program includes a subgroup of calls named Basic 1 and Basic 2. In this document, the term Mainstream is inclusive of this Basic subgroup.
2. To coordinate with other committees on those items which affect the Mainstream Program.
3. To develop definitions for all Mainstream calls.
4. To develop and revise the recommended teaching order for the Mainstream Program.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The Mainstream Committee, under the leadership of Johnny LeClair, Jon Jones, Jack Murtha, and Martin Mallard developed the first Mainstream Program. The word "tentative" was used with the program until 1976, when it was dropped. There has been a great deal of stability in the program with only four calls being added since 1976; Touch Family, Pass The Ocean, Ferris Wheel and Recycle. Ninety-four percent (94%) of the calls adopted in 1976 are still in the program. A methodology for changing the Mainstream Program was established. In 2003, the biannual review procedure was changed to a required triennial review of the list and includes what is now known as the "3-Call Limit". Any number of calls may be dropped from the list during a review, but no more than 3 calls may be added. Approval by 51% of the Mainstream Committee Membership is required to drop or add a call. All recent changes in the Mainstream Program have been included in the history section of the Basic and Mainstream Definitions document.

FUTURE
ACTIVITIES:

The Mainstream Committee is charged with the management of the Mainstream Program. New ideas, thoughts and suggestions are always welcomed and considered. Members are encouraged to send their ideas for discussion during the committee meeting at the Callerlab convention. Currently, the Mainstream Definitions are under review by the Definitions Committee, to ensure that terminology is up-to-date and that the definition reflects the way the call is being taught and danced. After each call is updated and placed in a standardized format, it is presented to the Mainstream Committee for final approval. The Mainstream Teaching Order was revised in 2010 and is now being used by many of our callers. Thoughts and ideas about the success of this teaching order and revisions to it are always welcome.

MEMBERSHIP
PREREQUISITES:

Calling or teaching a minimum of 20 Mainstream dances a year and be an Active Member, Associate Member, Active Youth Member, Associate Youth Member, or Life member.

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REVISED:

MARCH 2011

COMMITTEE
CREATED BY: