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Dancer & Caller Transition Guide for (New) Mainstream Program

Implementation Date: September 1, 2026

CALLERLAB's updated **(New) Mainstream and (New) Plus** program lists take effect **September 1, 2026**. Starting that date, new teaching should begin from the **new lists**. A transition period will follow, allowing callers and dancers time to adjust. Use caller judgment to keep your dancers successful and confident on the floor.

What Happens on September 1, 2026?

- The new program lists are officially in effect.
- Callers should begin teaching and calling from the updated lists.
- Dancers may need to learn a few new calls or adjust to program changes.
- CALLERLAB will provide videos, teaching materials, and guidance on the TIPPP page.

Dancer Transitions

Previous Program	Learn These Calls
SSD Dancers	¼ Tag the Line ¾ Tag the Line Spin the Top
Mainstream Dancers	Single Circle to a Wave
Plus Dancers	*TBD*

Caller Transitions

Previous Program	Adds	Drops
SSD	¼ Tag the Line ¾ Tag the Line Spin the Top	Circle to a Line
Mainstream	Single Circle to a Wave	Allemande Thars, Shoot the Star, Slip the Clutch, Circle to a Line, Cloverleaf, Dixie Style to a Wave, Do Paso, Eight Chain Thru, Pass to the Center, Spin Chain Thru, Turn Thru, Walk and Dodge, Walk Around / See Saw
Plus	*TBD*	*TBD*

Caller Guidance

If your group previously danced only SSD:

- Teach/workshop ¼ Tag the Line, ¾ Tag the Line, Spin the Top.
- Do not call Circle to a Line.

If your group previously danced only Mainstream:

- Include Single Circle to a Wave.
- Do not use calls moved to Plus.: Allemande Thars, Shoot the Star, Slip the Clutch, Circle to a Line, Cloverleaf, Dixie Style to a Wave, Do Paso, Eight Chain Thru, Pass to the Center, Spin Chain Thru, Turn Thru, Walk and Dodge, Walk Around / See Saw.

If your group previously danced Plus:

- Existing dancers know calls added from Basic & Mainstream.
- Watch for updates once the new Plus list is finalized.

Guidance for Running Dances in the Interim and during the Transition

- Identify dances clearly (SSD, Mainstream, (New) Mainstream, Plus, or (New) Plus).
- Communicate changes openly — help dancers understand what's new.
- Allow time for teaches or workshops for the newly added calls to each program.
- Keep the tone encouraging and educational.

Key Points to Remember

- Effective Date: September 1, 2026
- Teaching & Calling: Begin teaching using the new lists as of the effective date. Begin using the new lists at dances but workshop calls added to the list before using.
- Transition Period: While traveling or visiting other groups, gauge the floor to ensure dancers are comfortable with the calls added to each program before including them in your regular programming.
- Support: Additional resources, videos, and tips will be available through CALLERLAB and TIPPP.

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We thank you for the coverage you have given us in the past and for your continued support in the future.

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(New) Mainstream Program Teaching Order

Implementation Date: September 1, 2026

CALLERLAB is pleased to announce that the Mainstream Committee has approved two key updates that will guide future instruction for the Mainstream Program.

1. New Recommended Mainstream Teaching Order Adopted
Committee members voted to adopt an updated teaching order for the (new) Mainstream Program. This revised sequence is intended to support clearer, more consistent instruction for dancers and callers.

2. Minimum Instructional Time Established
The committee also approved a new recommended minimum of 30 hours of instruction for teaching the Mainstream Program. This standard is designed to ensure dancers receive a solid foundation.

Next Steps
The new Mainstream List will take effect September 1, 2026.

The committee will now begin work on a new Mainstream Instructional Guide/Playbook to support callers in applying these updates.

Additional information and progress updates will be posted at **CALLERLAB.org/tippp**.

CALLERLAB thanks the Mainstream Committee for its continued work to strengthen caller education and support the success of dancers worldwide.

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UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA

BEYOND THE DANCE FLOOR WEBINAR SCHEDULE FOR 2025

Tentative Schedule – Subject to Change

DATE	TOPIC	FACULTY
January 15, 2025	No Webinar	
February 8, 2025	Encouraging Social Connections: The Key to the Growth, Success and Fun in Your Club and Association	Mike & Lisa Seastrom, International Square Dance Caller
March 8, 2025	The Biggest Party of the Year - What's Waiting for you at the National Square Dance Convention in Shreveport, LA	Ted & Tonia Hofmeister, General Chairmen, 74th National Square Dance Convention
April 5, 2025	The Wonderful World of USDA: The Benefits, The Programs, The Resources	Sally Schmidt, USDA Information Officer
May 17, 2025	Be Prepared! Tips to Help your Club/Association be Prepared For A Medical Emergency at Your Dance or Event	Renee Trevao, Member, Jackson Claim Jumpers, Jackson, CA
June 14, 2025	The Proposal: CALLERLAB's Idea for the Future of Square Dancing	Ted Lizotte & Teresa Berger, CALLERLAB
July 12 or 19, 2025		
August 9, 2025	Leadership: Being Someone Who Makes Our Hobby Better	Tom Miller, Keynote Speaker, 74th National Square Dance Convention
September 20, 2025	USDA's 501(c)3 Not for Profit Group Exemption Program	Jim Maczko, Pat Inglis & Jim Taylor, USDA Exec. Committee Members
October 11 or 18, 2025	USDA Insurance – Making Sure Your Clubs and Dancers are Covered (possibly Nov.)	Elizabeth Sanders USDA Insurance Director
November 8 or 15, 2025		
December 13, 2025	Youth Programs and the USDA's Founders' Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship Program	Dan Reedy, USDA Youth Advisor

For Direct Notification of the Next Session
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