

Banner Raid/Retrieval Guidelines

The Club Banner Raid Award recognizes dancer(s) who support their club by participating in raids and retrievals.

- New dancer students will be given full credit for raids/retrievals as soon as Hi/Lo dances begin.
- Only one (1) banner can be given to each raiding/retrieving club at discretion of the host club.
- Out of courtesy to the host club, call one (1) week in advance when planning to raid/retrieve. This gives the host club time to plan their refreshments and have the banners ready.
- No club should plan more than one (1) raid/retrieval per timeframe. A club can raid one club in the afternoon and another club in the evening, but not more than one (1) raid during the same hours of the same day or evening.
- Impromptu raid/retrievals will be up to the discretion of the host club.
- Raid Chairs are expected to keep accurate and up to date records of raids/retrievals for members of their club. This is very important when turning forms in to the Council for the Honor Raider Badge. If a club folds, the raid/retrieval records should be given to the MVDC Historian.
- When a dancer belongs to more than one club, raids from all clubs combined count toward the Honor Raider Badge. It is the responsibility of the Raid Chair of the dancer's primary club to gather raid information from all the clubs a dancer supports and submit the information to the MVDC Awards Chair.
- The host club gives out banners or IOUs to every club raiding/retrieving in one evening.
- The only badge that can be earned for raiding/retrieving is the Council Honor Raider Badge. Dancers receive only one (1) raid credit for each dance attended. Raids/retrievals outside of the Council cannot be counted toward the Council Honor Raider Badge.
- If a club holds a banner for one year, the club holding the banner (with notification acknowledged to the club), can return the banner to the host club and receive free admittance for one (1) square at the host club's next dance where raids/retrievals are accepted.
- Clubs are encouraged to give priority to retrieving their banners. This assists other clubs financially and socially. It also preserves group harmony between dancers and clubs.

- Guest fees should be paid by all raiding/retrieving dancers - even when the dancer also belongs to the host club. The dancer cannot represent more than one club when raiding/retrieving (sometimes a dancer belongs to more than one raiding/retrieving club).
- If a dancer is a member of the host club, the dancer must pay extra admission to be a member of the raiding/retrieving club. Guest fees must be paid by all attending dancers.
- Ghost or Phantom Dancers may be allowed in an effort to aid clubs in meeting the raid/retrieval requirement of one (1) square. Clubs may allow raiding/retrieving clubs to pay for additional dancers if they do not meet the requirement of eight (8) dancers.
- If callers/cuers are members of the raiding club, they cannot get credit for the raid because they are being paid to call/cue the dance. If the caller/cuer attends the dance to dance (not call/cue), they can receive credit for the raid. Caller/cuer partners who dance can receive credit at discretion of the host club.
- The Friendship Badge is to encourage dancers to visit other clubs even when their club is not raiding/retrieving.

Council Information

- Council will recognize dancers earning 100 club raids by adding the dancer's name to the Honor Raiders wall display at the Michael Solomon Pavilion. Dancers are not added again until they reach 1000 raids.
- Council will maintain the Honor Raider wall display.
- Council will provide Honor Raider Badges. If a badge is lost or incorrect, the dancer must pay for the new badge.
- Representatives of Council clubs will write or change the raid/retrieval rules.