

L1 Smooth Standard

Basic Beginner Elements of Dancing

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LEVEL 1

Waltz

Waltz Non-Continuity

- Floor Contact:** Both feet must very close to the floor at all times with 1 supporting foot always on the floor.
- Tricks:** No lifts or Performing Arts under the definition in 'Rules'.
- Dance Holds:** Dancing must commence in a 'normal closed dance position', without torso contact.
All allowed with the exception of: Shadow/Parallel Positions, travelling Sd by Sd, Apart Choreo.
- Lead/Follow:** All material must be Lead & Followed.
- Timings:** Allowed: 1,2,3 and hesitation timing only.

ELEMENTS ALLOWED:



- **LF & RF Closed Changes/Link Steps/Progressive**
- **Closed Boxes turning L or R**
- **Underarm Turn**
- **Hesitations/Balances**
- **5th Positions**
- **Cross Body Lead**
- **Closed Simple/Single Twinkle**
- **Other appropriate L1 figures from Fox.**

NOT ALLOWED:

- Pivots
- Syncopated Chasses
- Grapevines
- Twist Turns
- Progressive Twinkles
- Lock Steps
- Slip Pivot
- Posed Picture Lines/O-sway
- Natural Spin Turn



LEVEL 1

Tango

Tango Non-Continuity

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- Lead/Follow:** All material must be Lead & Followed.
- Timings:** No Syncopations.

ELEMENTS ALLOWED:



- **Tango Walks - curved or straight.**
- **The Basic CL/OP - SSQS only.**
- **Promenade**
- **Underarm Turn**
- **Corte - held for 1 Slow only.**
- **Fans/Outside Swivel**
- **Simple Rocks**
- **Links to and from PP**
- **Running Step/Progressive Side Step**
- **Closed Left Box Turn/Reverse Turn.**
- **Closed Finish**

NOT ALLOWED:

- Pivots
- Syncopations
- Grapevines
- Twist Turns
- Oversway
- Checks
- Slip Pivot
- Posed Picture Lines



LEVEL 1

Foxtrot

Foxtrot Non-Continuity

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- Lead/Follow:** All material must be Lead & Followed.
- Timings:** Allowed: SSQQ, SQQ.

ELEMENTS ALLOWED:



- **The Basic - fwd & bk**
 - **Promenade**
 - **Underarm Turn**
 - **Rock Turns/Ad Libs/Corner Step**
 - **Closed Boxes**
 - **Closed Simple/Single Twinkle**
 - **Cross Body Lead**
 - **Sway Step/Swing Step/Side Hesitation**
- Other appropriate L1 figures from Wal.**

NOT ALLOWED:

- Pivots
- Syncopated Chasses
- Grapevines
- Twist Turns
- Progressive Twinkles
- Lock Steps
- Slip Pivot
- Posed Picture Lines



LEVEL 1

Viennese

Viennese Waltz Non-Continuity

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- Dance Holds:** Dancing must commence in a 'normal closed dance position', without torso contact.
All allowed with the exception of: Shadow/Parallel Positions, travelling Sd by Sd, Apart Choreo.
- Lead/Follow:** All material must be Lead & Followed.
- Timings:** Allowed: 1,2,3 and Hesitation timing only. (Refer to Glossary for Timing Descriptions).

ELEMENTS ALLOWED:



- **LF & RF Closed Changes/Link Steps/Progressive**
- **Left Turn/Left Cross Turn**
- **Closed Right Turns**
- **Hesitations/Balances - normal hold**
- **5th Positions**
- **Cross Body Lead**
- **Closed Simple/Single Twinkle**

NOT ALLOWED:

- Progressive 5th Positions
- Underarm Turns
- Grapevines
- Twist Turns
- Progressive Twinkles
- Lock Steps
- Slip Pivot
- Posed Picture Lines/O-sway



LEVEL 1

Quickstep

Quickstep Non-Continuity

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- Dance Holds:** Dancing must commence in a 'normal closed dance position', without torso contact.
All allowed with the exception of: Shadow/Parallel Positions, travelling Sd by Sd, Apart Choreo.
- Lead/Follow:** All material must be Lead & Followed.
- Timings:** No multiple syncopations.

ELEMENTS ALLOWED:



- **Quarter Turn to Right**
- **Progressive Chasse**
- **Natural Turn**
- **Natural Turn w Hesitation**
- **Natural Pivot Turn**
- **Natural Spin Turn**
- **Chasse Reverse Turn**
- **Forward Lock**

NOT ALLOWED:

- Any elements in Levels:
2,3,4,5,6.

L1 Rhythm Standard

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Cha Cha

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- Dance Holds:** Dancing must commence in a 'normal closed dance position'.
All allowed with the exception of: Shadow/Parallel Positions, travelling Sd by Sd, Apart Choreo.
- Lead/Follow:** All material must be Lead & Followed.
- Timings:** Allowed: Normal Rhythm, Double Cross Over Rhythm, Cross Triple Rhythm. No extra syncopation.

ELEMENTS ALLOWED:



- **Basic Step & Progressive Basic**
 - **Cross Over Breaks - Single or Double**
 - **5th Position Breaks**
 - **Offset Breaks**
 - **Open Break**
 - **Single Underarm Turns**
 - **Walk Around/Switch Turns**
 - **Single Chase Turns - Visual Lead**
 - **Cross Body Lead**
 - **Three Cha's/Cross Triples**
- Other appropriate L1 figures from Rum, Mam, Bol.**

NOT ALLOWED:

- Fake Steps
- Fwd/Bk Spot Turns
- Multiple Underarm Turns
- Knee Lifts
- Shadow/Parallel Breaks
- Pops
- Taps



LEVEL 1

Rumba

Rumba

- Floor Contact:** Both feet must very close to the floor at all times with 1 supporting foot always on the floor.
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- Dance Holds:** Dancing must commence in a 'normal closed dance position'.
All allowed with the exception of: Shadow/Parallel Positions, travelling Sd by Sd, Apart Choreo.
- Lead/Follow:** All material must be Lead & Followed.
- Timings:** QQS starting sd on 1 or SQQ starting fwd on 1. No Syncopation. No switching between rhythms.

ELEMENTS ALLOWED:



- **Box Basic**
 - **Cuban Walks**
 - **Single Underarm Turn**
 - **Side/Bk/Fwd/Open/5thposition Breaks**
 - **Cross Body Lead**
 - **Cross Over/Offset Breaks**
 - **Forward or Turning Rock Steps**
 - **Mambo Box**
- Other appropriate L1 figures from Cha, Mam, Bol.**

NOT ALLOWED:

- Fake Steps
- Fwd/Bk Spot Turns
- Multiple Underarm Turns
- Knee Lifts
- Shadow/Parallel Breaks
- Spirals/Taps
- Arm Loops
- Rhondes/Developes
- Grapevines



LEVEL 1

Swing

East Coast Swing

- Floor Contact:** Both feet must very close to the floor at all times with 1 supporting foot always on the floor.
- Tricks:** No lifts or Performing Arts under the definition in 'Rules'.
- Dance Holds:** Dancing must commence in a 'normal CL/PP dance position Swing Hold'.
All allowed with the exception of: Shadow/Parallel Positions, travelling Sd by Sd, Apart Choreo.
- Lead/Follow:** All material must be Lead & Followed.
- Timings:** Allowed: Single, Double & Triple. No Lindy Rhythms (except Peek-A-Boo) or Merengue Rhythms.

ELEMENTS ALLOWED:



- **The Basic - with or without turn**
- **Single Underarm Turns**
- **Throwaway/Release Break**
- **Tuck-in/American Spin/ Free Spin - Single Turn Only**
- **Change hands behind Back**
- **Simple Arm Slide**
- **Sweetheart/Cuddle/Wrap/Eggbeater**
- **Stop & Go/ Peek-a-Boo (Lindy Rhythm)**
- **4 Kicks**

NOT ALLOWED:

- Lindy Turns or U/arm Turns
- Continuous Tuck-ins
- Shoulder Taps
- Hitch Kicks/Swivels
- Sugar Foot/Chicken Walks
- Multiple Turns/Spins
- Sailor Shuffles
- Side by Side



LEVEL 1

Mambo

Mambo

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- Dance Holds:** Dancing must commence in a 'normal closed dance position'.
All allowed with the exception of: Shadow/Parallel Positions, travelling Sd by Sd, Apart Choreo.
- Lead/Follow:** All material must be Lead & Followed.
- Timings:** Allowed: Hold 1, Step 2,3,4. The break step must be on 2. No other timing allowed L1.

ELEMENTS ALLOWED:



- **The Mambo Basic**
 - **Progressive**
 - **Fwd/Bk/Sd/5th Position Breaks**
 - **Cross Over/Offset/Outside Breaks**
 - **Walk Around/Switch Turn**
 - **Single Natural & Reverse Underarm Turns**
 - **Cross Body Lead**
 - **Single Chase Turns**
- Other appropriate L1 figures from Rum, Cha, Bol.**

NOT ALLOWED:

- Right Side Pass
- Shadow/Parallel Breaks
- Kicks/Kick Breaks
- Cross Over Swivels
- Multiple Turns
- Back/Fwd Spot Turns
- Roll Turns/Swivels/Hip Twist
- Copa/360
- Jumps/Slides



LEVEL 1

Bolero

Bolero

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- Dance Holds:** Dancing must commence in a 'normal closed dance position' without torso contact.
All allowed with the exception of: Shadow/Parallel Positions, travelling Sd by Sd, Apart Choreo.
- Lead/Follow:** All material must be Lead & Followed.
- Timings:** Allowed: SQQ. No other timing.

ELEMENTS ALLOWED:



- **Bolero Basic**
 - **Cross Body Lead**
 - **Open Break**
 - **Single Underarm Turns**
 - **5th Position/Offset/Outside Breaks**
 - **Crossover Breaks**
 - **Walk Around/Switch Turn**
- Other appropriate L1 figures from Rum, Mam, Cha.**

NOT ALLOWED:

- Left Side Pass
- Right Side Pass
- Open Point Break
- Back/Fwd Spot Turns
- Multiple Turns
- Leg Crawls
- Rhondes/Developes
- Shadow/Parallel Breaks
- Grapevines/Fencing Lines
- Hip Twists/Contra Check