

## ROUNDALAB STANDARD Phase III of Round Dancing

This booklet describes and defines the actions, movements and figures used in various rhythms of Phase III Round Dancing. The material in this booklet is supplemented by other ROUNDALAB publications, including other phase booklets, the *Glossary*, *Index*, *Abbreviations*, *Cueing Guidelines*, *Listing of Phase Rated Actions, Movements and Figures by Rhythm* and *Listing of Phase Rated Actions, Movements and Figures by Phase*.

The material in this booklet is divided into sections according to the rhythm and dance type. Entries appear alphabetically within each appropriate section.

Rhythm characteristics are defined at the beginning of each rhythm. The format for each figure within that rhythm consists of the title and abbreviation [if applicable], and the preferred cue term. Timing, basic steps for the man, and basic steps for the woman [in parentheses] follow. Descriptions of the figures are given for the MAN and WOMAN and explanatory notes [if needed].

The following rhythms are included in this phase:

Bolero	BL	Mambo	MB	Slow Two Step	ST
Cha Cha	CH	Merengue	MR	Tango	TG
Foxtrot	FT	Quickstep	QS	Two Step	TS
Jive	JV	Rumba	RB	Waltz	WZ
Single Swing	SS				

The format of the title reflects the status of the descriptions or definitions that follow:

Approved Standard -  
Tentative Standard -

### **Boldface Type**

Underlined and preceded by a single asterisk [\*].  
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On ROUNDALAB Teaching Videos [RTVs] -

Preceded by a number sign [#].

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- Phase Booklets – Phases I through VI
- Glossary
- Abbreviations Booklet

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- Listing of Phase Rated Actions, Movements and Figures by Phase Booklet
- Cueing Guidelines
- Cue Sheet Writing Guidelines
- New Round Dance Leaders Manual - Phase I / II
- Teaching Manuals for Phase III and IV
- Preliminary Foot Movements & Positions/Dance Positions/Walks in all Rhythms Booklet
- Callers Manual for Using Rounds in the Square Dance Program
- ROUNDALAB Teaching Videos [RTVs]
- Instructional Digital Video Discs [DVDs] [Phase I through Phase VI and Addendum]
- Figure Video Software [FVS]

Because of changes over time as well as differences of interpretation, inconsistencies may appear between the ROUNDALAB Teaching Videos [RTVs], Digital Video Discs [DVDs], Figure Video Software [FVS] and the ROUNDALAB Phase Booklets. In such instances, the Phase Booklets should be taken as containing the most up to date material available.

#### **CHANGES:**

Proposed changes to this Standard should be submitted to:

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Proposed changes are to be submitted as follows:

1. Specific reason[s] for the change.
2. Proposed changes must be received by November 1 to be considered at the next Annual ROUNDALAB Convention.
3. Request[s] to change Tentative Standards must be endorsed by signatures from at least two [2] ROUNDALAB Teaching Member Units in good standing. These endorsements must be part of, and accompany, the original request.
4. Tentative Standards will be considered permanent if no comment is received within the year following approval at the annual convention. Tentative Standards are underlined and preceded in the phase booklets with an asterisk [\*].
5. Request[s] to change Permanent Standards must be endorsed by signatures from at least five [5] ROUNDALAB Teaching Member Units in good standing. These endorsements must be part of, and accompany, the original request.

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6. Request for addition and phasing of a new action, movement or figure requires three [3] different choreographers use the action, movement or figure in three [3] dances prior to being defined and included in the ROUNDALAB Standards. Requests must be endorsed by signatures from at least five [5] ROUNDALAB Teaching Member Units in good standing. Cue sheets are to be submitted with the request and must be received by November 1 to be considered at the next Annual ROUNDALAB Convention.

### **ROUNDALAB PHASE RATING SYSTEM**

The purpose of the "**ROUNDALAB Phase Rating System**" is to provide a method for rating basic round dance actions, movements and figures according to the degree of complexity. This system can be readily used and understood by all those involved in round dancing to rate a dance at the appropriate phase. This concept works as follows:

- a. If all actions, movements and figures in a dance are from the same phase, the dance will be phased at that phase.
- b. A dance cannot have more than two actions, movements or figures [or any combination thereof] from the next higher phase and remain at the lower phase.
  - [1] If there is one action, movement or figure in a dance from the next higher phase, the dance will be phased at the lower phase plus 1 [e.g., a Phase II dance with one figure from Phase III will be rated Phase II +1].
  - [2] If there are two actions, movements or figures [or any combination thereof] in the dance from the next higher phase, the dance will be phased at the lower phase plus 2 [e.g., a Phase II dance with two figures from Phase III will be rated Phase II +2].
  - [3] Three or more actions, movements or figures [or any combination thereof] in the next higher phase requires the dance to be rated at the higher phase level.
- c. A dance cannot be rated any lower than one phase below the highest action, movement or figure used [e.g., a Phase III dance with one figure from Phase V will be rated as Phase IV +1].

ROUNDALAB suggests the Phase Rating be included in the lead information on every cue sheet. Choreographers should put a "degree of difficulty" as part of the heading of a cue sheet, as determined by the following parameters:

- a. EASY [EZ] – a dance that can be done to cues by the average dancer at THAT phase level without further instructions by the cuer.
- b. AVERAGE [AVG] – a dance that can be done to cues by the average dancer at THAT phase level with one or two simple instructions explained by the cuer, e.g., "Lady rolls to LOP, not a Cross Wrap".
- c. DIFFICULT [DIFF] – a dance that probably cannot be done by the average dancer at that phase level without a special teach because of rotations; unphased actions, movements or figures; unusual positioning; figure modifications; or tempo or timing changes.

ROUNDALAB recommends that choreographers assume the responsibility of rating their own dance before publication. However, if the choreographer does not rate the dance, then any person can easily rate the dance by using ROUNDALAB criteria.

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