

ST. LOUIS METRO SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

WE DONE IT/RAIDING AND RETRIEVING RULES

Effective March 14, 2022

1. The purpose of raiding and retrieving is to aid other clubs financially, socially and to preserve the group harmony between dancers and clubs.
2. Any square dance club, which belongs to the St. Louis Metro Square and Round Dance Association ("Metro"), should participate in raiding and retrieving as prescribed in these guidelines. Clubs that do not wish to participate in raids and retrieves should make this fact known to Metro. That club will then become a non-raiding member of Metro and will not be required to raid or retrieve, nor participate in a "We Done It". Currently, River City Rounds is a non-raiding member of Metro and therefore does not need to be visited for the "We Done It". If a non-raiding club wishes to start participating in raids and retrieves, it needs to notify Metro, at a Board of Directors meeting, of the club's intent and the date the club will start participating in raids and retrieves.
3. The "We Done It" award requires raiding or retrieving all the other participating member clubs twice with no time limit. Another "We Done It" cannot be started until after completing the previous round of raids/retrieves.
4. Raids and retrieves may be made at any regular club open square dance or any dance at the discretion of the host club. If raiding and retrieving will not be honored, it must be advertised in advance. Metro sponsored dances are not open for raiding and retrieving.
5. Multiple clubs can raid or retrieve and conduct a "We Done It" visit at the same club, at the same time. A single club cannot raid or retrieve two clubs at the same time.
6. The number of people needed for a raid or retrieve will be eight (8) club members. The raid or retrieve shall be accomplished by visiting three consecutive dances of the host club. Non-member new dancers may be included in the count when the club dance being attended is advertised as a New Dancer Dance. The club that is retrieving its banner or raiding shall be able to attend up to three (3) dances of the host club in order to reach the total of eight (8) club members (or non-members as described above) needed to retrieve the banner or raid. (Example: 2 dancers on one date; 4 on second date; 2 on third date = 8 total visiting dancers.) The host club shall maintain the record of the members of the raiding and retrieving club.
7. The host club is expected to provide a "We Done It" card to all visiting clubs with the required number of members present. The cards are to be retained by the visiting club until all clubs that belong to Metro have been raided/retrieved twice, and then presented to Metro. Cards may be obtained at all Metro meetings.
8. The host club shall determine the number of members from each visiting club by a physical head count. The host club shall announce the number of members from each visiting club, if it is a raid, retrieve or courtesy raid, and where applicable, which club won the host club's banner (see #10). If, on rare occasion, other means are used to determine the count of members from the visiting clubs and there is a dispute, any of the visiting clubs shall have the right to challenge the count and ask for a physical head count. Club designation at sign-

in shall not be the final determining factor of the club winning the host club's banner and/or receiving We Done It cards. The physical head count of the members from visiting clubs who are wearing their club badge, club shirt, or other kind of club affiliation indication is the final authority for winning the host club's banner and/or receiving We Done It cards and shall rule.

9. All clubs will have a traveling banner. A banner will be awarded to the visiting club winning that night as defined in the raid guidelines below. The banner will be returned to the club as defined in the retrieve guidelines below. Clubs belonging to more than one association should have a banner for each association.
 10. If more than one club has 8 or more dancers in attendance to participate in a raid, the travelling banner of the host club will be awarded to a visiting club via a drawing. Drawing chances will be awarded in the following manner: One chance for the first 8 dancers visiting; 2 chances for 9-16 dancers visiting; 3 chances for 17-24 dancers; 4 chances for 25-32 dancers. The chances will contain the club name and then be drawn "from a hat". The winning club will take the home club's travelling banner. All clubs with 8 or more dancers will receive credit for the raid regardless of winning the banner.
 11. When a club holds another club's banner, they may pay a social visit and receive a card if they have at least eight (8) club members present.
 12. Host clubs are obligated to retrieve their banner as soon as possible.
 13. Clubs that dance on the same night may complete a courtesy raid and receive credit towards their "We Done It". Courtesy raids will consist of at least six (6) club members. Retrieves are not required for courtesy raids.
 14. In an effort to encourage visitation to other clubs, it is highly recommended that a representative couple from each club attend all other clubs "We Done It" dances.
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