

Resources for Learning Square Dance Calls

Calls Taught List (El Camino Reelers “Violet” Class, Sep 15 – Dec 22, 2026):

<https://www.scvsda.org/cgi-bin/classinfo.cgi?c=ecr202609>

Click on each call to get Tutorials with Animated Diagrams and links to Taminations (below) and other resources for that call. Useful for review after each class.

“**Taminations**” – Animations of all calls; click on lower-left to get the **Definition** of a call.

Get the App for your smartphone (*highly recommended*), or use the web version at:

<https://www.tamtwirlers.org/taminations>

You can control the speed of the animation, or step it through one click at a time.

Focus first on starting positions (“formations”) shown in **GREEN**. These are the most common.

Instructional Videos with Live Dancers

A couple of sites have videos for each call with dancers walking through the calls, indexed by call name. See which style suits you best:

<https://www.northshoresquares.com/alphabetical-social-square-dance-videos>

<https://videosquaredancelessons.com/lessons> (Saddle Brooke Squares)

Alternative Brief Descriptions of every call from the MIT Tech Squares club:

<https://www.mit.edu/~tech-squares/lessons/lesson-index.html>

If you prefer a whole document to read or print (but a bit technical, aimed mostly at callers):

Official CALLERLAB Dance Program Documents:

<https://www.callerlab.org/Dance-Programs>

Look for “Mainstream Definitions”.

This class is sponsored by the **El Camino Reelers (ECR)**. <https://reelers.org>

Also check out our sister club in Oakland, the **Oaktown 8s**. <https://oaktown8s.org>

The **ECR** site has additional information useful for new dancers, including *Tips on Squaring Up*, *Thanking Your Square & Tips for Square Dancers*, and lots of handy links:

<https://reelers.org/Classes/StudentInfo.html>

YOUR EMAIL LIST, for “Violet” Class students & angels, to get announcements and useful info:

ecr_violet_class@123mail.org

Your instructors, on different weeks, will be Kurt Gollhardt and Mike Pogue.

Class information emails will usually come from Kurt Gollhardt <sdcaller@mailforce.net>.

(Add this to your email contacts or “allow list”, so messages I send you aren’t treated as SPAM.)