



RAID MUSIC, HERE'S HOW

The NNJSDA (Northern New Jersey Square Dance Association) has a process to encourage clubs to visit other clubs as a group. This process is called a RAID. The visiting club promenades with their banner around the dance floor, using their favorite music. This is about the music.

Times have changed. You can no longer bring a 45 RPM record, hand it to the caller, and have it played while you perform your clubs Raid Promenade. There is now no way to predict the type of equipment that the caller will be using at the dance. Here is how to successfully play your music every time.

The club's Raid Coordinator should contact the caller prior to the day of the dance, to arrange for the Raid music to be played. For the NJ callers contact information, go to the CCNJ (Callers Council of New Jersey) web site at <http://www.ccnjcallers.com/members.html>. Here are the options:

1. Ask the caller if he has the music you want to use? If so, you are all set.
2. If not, can the caller get the music you want prior to the dance?
3. If not, does the caller have something similar that you can use? Instead of *New England March*, perhaps use *Marching to Pretoria*.
4. If nothing has been pre-arranged, at the actual dance connect your music player to the caller's amplifier with the caller's assistance (see below), explain how to start the music, and then perform your Raid Parade.

Using and Connecting YOUR Music Player

Bring a portable music player.

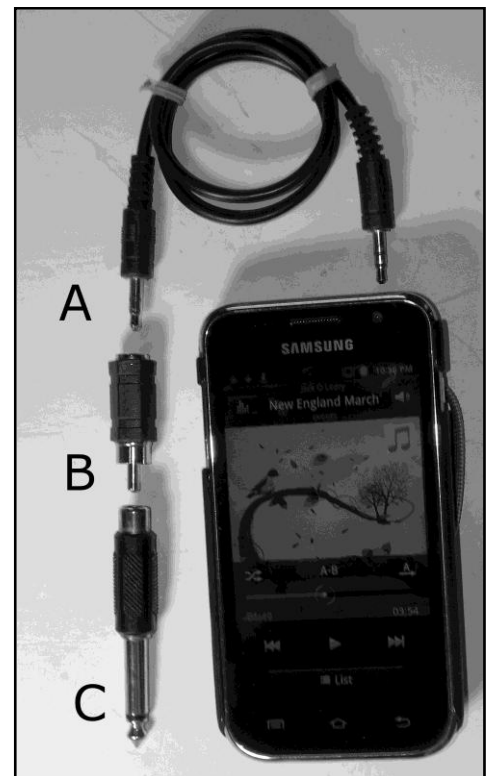
- It could be an MP3 player, an iPod, a walkman type CD player, an iPad or tablet, or even a smartphone.
- Have a legal version of your music on your music player.
- Test that it works (during a break before your Raid Parade).
- Show the caller how to start the music.

Bring the Connector Set.

- This will allow you to plug into any of the common connectors found on most Square Dance amplifiers.
- They all connect together for easy transport.
- For example, to connect to a 1/4 inch jack, plug cable A into adaptor B into adaptor C.
- Note: most square dance amplifiers are monaural.

Connector Set

- A. 1/8 inch stereo plug cable (M/M), Radio Shack catalog # 42-961, or equivalent.
- B. 1/8 inch Stereo Jack (F) to RCA Phono Plug (M) Adapter, Radio Shack catalog # 274-387, or equivalent.
- C. Mono RCA Phono Jack (F) to 1/4 inch Mono Plug (M) Adapter, Radio Shack catalog # 274-320, or equivalent.



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