

EISWALZER (Ice Waltz), Upper Austria

This waltz form has been noted as being danced in the Steyr Region of Upper Austria in the late 1800s, it did not have a special name at that time. The same dance was noted in Aftenau (Salzburg) in 1940, the dance was called Eiswalzer after the music being used. In 1954 the dance was done at a Folk Dance Fest in Vienna and has since spread throughout Austria and Bavaria.

Record: Tanz EP 58-129

Formation: Couple in open social dance position.

Meas

- 4 Couple takes four walking waltz steps fwd in LOD, starting with outside feet.
- 4 At end of preceding 4th meas couple turn toward each other to face RLOD at same time continue holding ML hand and WR hand which are now pointed in RLOD, MR hand and WL hand are now hanging free. Couple continues moving LOD with four more walking/waltz steps.
- 8 Couple turns toward each other, take normal social dance position and finish dance with smooth turning CW waltz in LOD.