

WV FCCLA STUDENT CONFERENCE / ACTIVITY CODE OF CONDUCT

Attendance at any WV FCCLA sponsored conference/activity is a privilege. The following conduct policies will apply to all delegates: students, chapter advisors, and any other authorized persons attending the activity. This form must be signed by each student attending a WV FCCLA conference/activity and a copy must be brought to the conference site.

Advisors must keep this form on file for three (3) months after the conference.

LEVEL ONE VIOLATION

Delegates shall abide by the rules and regulations of WV FCCLA and *school county policies* at all times, to and from the designated conference/activity. **The following shall be regarded as LEVEL ONE Violations of the WV FCCLA Code of Conduct**, regardless of when exposed. Determination of penalties for violations will be at the discretion and enforced by the State Advisor and/or the Board of Directors. **NO DELEGATE SHALL VIOLATE ANY LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL LAW AT ANY WV FCCLA OR NATIONAL FCCLA ACTIVITY.**

- ✓ **Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco:** a student shall not possess, purchase, consume, transmit, be under the influence of, or show evidence of having used an alcoholic beverage, other drugs, or substances capable of or intended, purported, or presumed to be capable of altering a student's mood, perception, behavior or judgment; other than properly used, over-the-counter pain relievers and medications prescribed by a physician for an individual student and must be on record with the advisor. Nor shall the student possess, purchase, consume, sell or transmit paraphernalia associated with drugs, alcohol, or chemical substance in any form, at any time, or under any circumstances, on public or private properties. No delegate shall be in a room when they know an illegal or controlled substance is present. If alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs or evidence of their use are found in a hotel room, all occupants of that room will be subject to the penalty prescribed. **THE CHAPTER/STATE ADVISOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEARCH ANY STUDENT OR BELONGINGS.** *Any baggage (i.e. luggage, containers, backpacks, duffle bags) brought to this event may be searched at any time.*
- ✓ **Curfew and Room Assignment:** failure to be in your assigned hotel room more than 15 minutes after curfew time and until 6 a.m. Males in a female's room or females in a male's room are **NOT** permitted. Curfew means being in your assigned room with the door closed and quiet. If you are not staying in the hotel, students shall be off the grounds of the hotel at curfew, or immediately following the last scheduled event.
- ✓ **Personal Conduct:** participating in social activities other than those with conference participants; conducting acts and/or possession of weapons capable of causing bodily harm or fear of life, defacing, damaging or stealing any public or private property (for which financial responsibility will rest solely with offending individuals or their chapter); other serious violations of personal conduct regulations. Students shall avoid places and actions which in any way could raise question as to moral character or conduct.
- ✓ **Private Transportation:** no driving or riding in a private automobile during a conference/activity, unless accompanied by an authorized advisor. Occasionally a chapter advisor may allow a student to drive or ride in a private automobile to a conference. These students are required to submit the "**Permission to Use Private Transportation**" form to the chapter advisor prior to the conference/activity. Permission to drive/ride applies to transportation of the student named on the form, only to and from the conference site. Once a driving/riding delegate has arrived at the conference/activity site, s/he shall not be in a private automobile again until leaving the site at the end of the conference/activity.
- ✓ **Abusive Behavior and Lewd Conduct:** a student shall not engage in any lewd, inappropriate dancing, sexual activity of any type, or obscene act or expression. A student shall not engage in verbal, physical or sexual harassment, hazing or name-calling. Students will refrain from inappropriate or profane language and actions, and the use of slurs against any person on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, age, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, or disability is prohibited.
- ✓ **Admittance of Unregistered Conference Guests in Hotel Room:** inviting or having unregistered conference individuals in your hotel room or at a conference activity is strictly prohibited.
- ✓ **Dishonesty:** of any kind on competitive events to include cheating, plagiarism or lying.
- ✓ **Leaving Conference/Activity Site:** failure to inform chapter/state advisor of your whereabouts.
- ✓ **Additional Violations:** violations not mentioned; as identified by the state or chapter advisor, chaperone, and/or school official.
- ✓ **Leaving a Session Prior to Its Conclusion:** leaving sessions prior to their conclusion (except in the case of an emergency); failing to attend all general sessions and assigned activities (including workshops, competitive events, committee meetings, etc.) For which a delegate is registered (unless engaged in a specific assignment taking place at the same time).

No organization could put into writing a rule or regulation to address everything that could possibly happen, so we must use an analysis of practice, intent and rational decision making to guide our interpretations.

POSSIBLE LEVEL ONE VIOLATION PENALTIES

1. Expulsion from the conference. The parent/guardian will be notified and the violating student(s) **will** be sent home. The parent/guardian must immediately arrange and pay for alternative travel plans to return home. The school official will also be notified.
2. Student **will not** be eligible to attend any future state or international conference.
3. Forfeiture of awards or scholarships will be forthcoming. Student shall also refund any funds provided by WV FCCLA supporting participation in the conference or activities.
4. Other penalties at the discretion of the state or chapter advisor, chaperone and/or school official.

LEVEL TWO VIOLATIONS

The following shall be regarded as LEVEL TWO Violations of the WV FCCLA Code of Conduct, regardless of when exposed. Determination of penalties for violations will be at the discretion and enforced by the State Advisor and/or the Board of Directors.

- ✓ **Conference Conduct:** failure to wear the supplied conference ID badge and wristband (when provided) at all times from arrival at the conference until departure at the end of conference (need not be worn outside of conference facility activities).
- ✓ **Curfew:** failure to be in your assigned hotel room more than 15 minutes after curfew time and by not being in your assigned room with the door closed and quiet. Causing any noise or other disturbance audible by anyone in the hallway after curfew; ordering any food after the designated curfew, causing any other unnecessary disturbance or participating in any other inappropriate activity after designated curfew time.
- ✓ **Willful Companionship:** being in the willful companionship of someone who violates any portion of the conduct code, or failing to report any direct knowledge (other than hearsay) of the conduct code violations.
- ✓ **Dress:** failing to abide by the established dress regulations, as outlined in the WV FCCLA Dress Code.
- ✓ **Hotel Conduct:** failing to meet the professional standards of housing facilities; accruing incidental room charges (i.e. phone calls, room service, Pay-Per-View movies, etc.) without settling the account prior to checkout. (MUST BE FINANCIALLY PREPARED); throwing objects out the window, over the balcony or into the hallway; moving hotel furniture from rooms (e.g. onto the balcony); failing to follow hotel rules and regulations. Disturbing other hotel guests by excessive noise, door slamming, etc., which results in a complaint to hotel management? Two complaints result in a Level One penalty.
- ✓ **Smoking:** smoking while traveling to and from a conference and while at the conference is prohibited.
- ✓ **Tardiness:** delegates must be prompt and prepared for all activities. You should plan on arriving 5-10 minutes early for each activity. If tardy by 30 minutes or more, a Level One penalty applies.
- ✓ **Additional Violations:** violations not mentioned; as identified by the state or chapter advisor, chaperone and/or school official.

POSSIBLE LEVEL TWO VIOLATION PENALTIES

1. Verbal and written warning and immediate compliance with conference rules.
2. Disqualification from competition and/or conference.
3. Repeated violations (after a warning) or another violation of a Level Two may result in Level One penalties.

As a student member, chapter advisor, parent/guardian or school official, I have read, understand and agree that I must abide by the Student Conference/Activity Code of Conduct Procedures.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Advisor Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

School Official Signature _____

Date _____