

VIRGINIA THESPIANS

CONFERENCE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Sponsors are requested to make two copies of the following rules and regulations and to distribute them to all delegates and their parents prior to departure for the Virginia Thespian Conference. Both student and parent must sign the Medical Emergency Form and return it to you with conference registration.

For the protection and safety of all delegates, the following rules will be strictly enforced.

ALCOHOL/DRUGS

Students in possession of, consuming, or under the influence of drugs or alcohol at any time during the conference will be returned home on a first violation. The parent, guardian, or next of kin will be financially responsible for all necessary costs incurred in returning the student home.

SAFETY

The "buddy system" is recommended. Delegates must remain in conference areas only. Other parts of the buildings and campus are off limits. Parking lots are off limits except during arrival and departure times.

CURFEW

All delegates (students and adults alike) will be in their assigned rooms prior to the curfew listed in the conference program. All music, lights, etc., must be off by the listed time in the program. Delegates are reminded that the behavior of the individual reflects on the organization as a whole and that people other than Thespians will be staying in the hotels.

HOTEL ROOMS

Use the "buddy system" at all times. You may not leave the hotel complex without permission from the sponsors or chaperones. You may not go to another area of the hotel, including another school's rooms, the drink machines, pay phones, front desk, etc. without permission from the sponsors and chaperones.

Visiting opposite sex rooms is prohibited unless the sponsor or chaperone are present at the time.

Only collect calls will be made from pay phones. Only sponsors and chaperones may have phone service.

EMERGENCIES

Each school is to provide hotel security/main desk with a list of delegates and the rooms in which they will be staying. This same information will be required at the registration desk for the conference along with the hotel phone number.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Delegates are not allowed to remove bedding, furniture, or other hotel property from the rooms. Delegates will be responsible to the hotel for damages to their rooms or for any damage caused by them to hotel property. The hotel will bill the delegate, the parents, and/or the school for any damage fees not collected at the time of check out.

ROOM CHECK

Immediately following the curfew each night of the conference, all sponsors and chaperones must physically check each room of all delegates.

CAMPUS REGULATIONS

There will be no eating or drinking in the theatres, workshop and lecture areas. These are allowed in those areas with drink machines and trash cans. Anyone displaying posters or flyers to advertise plays is responsible for removing them before leaving campus.

SMOKING

No smoking will be permitted on the grounds or in the buildings at the conference.

TELEPHONE

You may use the pay phones on campus.

LOST OR STOLEN ARTICLES

The conference committee cannot accept responsibility for these items. All items found may be turned in to the Registration Desk, the Virginia Thespian Boutique, or the State Director, Nancy Curtis.

BADGES

All conference participants must wear their conference badges **EASILY VISIBLE TO ALL AT ALL TIMES** to be included in any conference activity (including dances). This is interpreted to mean that the badge will be worn on the upper chest area outside the top layer of clothing. (Is this specific enough?) Badges will be issued at registration. The badge is also your

admission to meals. Keep track of it. If your badge is lost, you may purchase a replacement at the registration desk for \$3.00. **NO MORE EXCUSES!**

THEATRE

1. The taking of flash pictures is not allowed at any time during a production.
2. No radios or recording equipment, including video cassettes, with or without headsets are permitted in the audience.
3. Students are not to sit with their feet on the backs of the seats in front of them
4. No gum, candy, food, drinks, etc. is permitted in the theatre.
5. No one is to enter or exit the theatre during a performance.

ATTENDANCE OF CONFERENCE EVENTS

All conference participants are to participate in all available conference activities. When productions are in progress, you are expected to be in a theatre. When workshops are in progress, you are expected to be in a workshop. When there is an all conference event, all participants are expected to be in attendance. There will be sponsors and chaperones patrolling the campus. All sponsors and chaperones are requested to question any delegate not in a conference event. If you are found not attending a conference event, you will be escorted to a holding room where you must remain until your sponsor or one of your chaperones comes to get you. This will also result in your being placed on probation. Further violations may result in dismissal from the conference.

VIOLATIONS

Delegates violating rules and regulations of the conference will be required to meet with their sponsor or chaperone and with the State Board of Area Representatives at 8:00 the next morning. Violations may cause non-participation of the school in the conference's festival activities (i.e. technical or performance) until meeting with the Board of Area Representatives. Delegates are required to surrender their conference badge, on demand, to a sponsor or chaperone. This badge may be returned pending the finding of the area board. A delegate placed on probation and subsequently having another violation may be dismissed from the conference, without refund, and sent home by the best available means with all expense for this being paid by the parent or guardian. A large number of violations (whether individual or group) may also result in a school not being allowed to attend the Virginia State Thespian Conference in the next school year.

FEES

No refunds of fees will be made. You may find someone to replace your slot for a \$5.00 change fee.

SIGNATURES

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Virginia State Thespian Conference Rules and Regulations.

Student Signature: _____

Student Name: (please print) _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Name: (please print) _____

School: _____