



PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION RULES AND REGULATIONS For All State and National Conferences and Meetings

Local chapter advisers are required to review these rules with all students attending any state or national conference or meeting. PERSONS WHO DO NOT ABIDE BY THE CONFERENCE RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE SENT HOME AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE!!!

Students and adviser must sign the acknowledgment form found at the end of this document. The form is to be returned to the state office with conference registration materials.

1. Your conference name badge must be worn at all times. This is your admission to all conference activities and meal functions. When traveling outside of the hotel you should remove the nametag to prevent strangers from knowing your name.
2. No food should be ordered by students or delivered to rooms.
3. Telephones in the hotel rooms are not to be used for long distance calls. If calls are necessary please use public phones located throughout the hotel.
4. No electronic communication devices (cell-phones, PDA's, lap-top computers, etc.) may be used during or after STAR Events competition to communicate details of the competition to participants who have not yet competed. A breach of integrity such as this may result in disqualification.
5. Cell phones may be used in individual accommodations and hotel lobby areas and should be turned off at all other times.
6. Pay television will not be available.
7. Proper conference attire is designated as slacks, sport jacket, shirt, or suit for males; dresses, skirts, dress slacks, sweaters, and blouses for females. Blue jeans, shorts, and attire showing mid-riffs are not permitted to be worn.
8. Towels and ashtrays, etc. are the property of the hotel and must remain there. Items missing from a room will be charged to the occupants assigned to that room.
9. Local chapter advisers shall assume full responsibility for the conduct of their members.
10. Members are responsible to their advisers at all times.
11. Members shall attend all designated meetings and be on time. Local chapter advisers are to enforce this rule.
12. Always travel in pairs to and from meetings and throughout the hotel facility.

13. Valuables should not be left in hotel rooms. They may be checked at the hotel desk. Hotel and the Association are not responsible for personal property.

The following rules are considered extremely important for the success of the State Leadership Conference. Violation of these rules is considered extremely serious and will result in severe disciplinary action.

14. The State Leadership Conference curfew is 11:30 pm on the first night of the conference and 12:00 midnight on the second night. This is subject to change to earlier hours to coincide with hotel quiet hours. All members must be in their assigned rooms by that time. Room checks will be made by chapter advisers. Chapter advisers are responsible for enforcing curfew. Security officers are on duty in the hotel. Go directly to the hotel front desk in the event of an emergency. **Curfew at national meetings is determined by National Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and may be different.** Curfew will be established and printed in program materials for other meetings of the state association.
15. No males in female's rooms or vice versa unless the chapter adviser is present. After curfew all students must be in their assigned rooms.
16. USE or POSSESSION of drugs or alcohol is prohibited.
17. Students shall not cause public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm or recklessly create a risk by:
- Engaging in fighting or threatening behavior.
 - Use or possession of any type of weapon.
 - Making unreasonable noise as determined by the Board of Directors.
 - Using obscene language or making obscene gestures.
 - Creating a hazardous or physically offensive condition by an act which serves no legitimate purpose.
 - Smoking or use of any tobacco products.
 - Use or possession of drugs or alcohol.

When one of the previous rules (#14-#17) is violated the Board of Directors shall be notified and the available members convened immediately.

18. Any gross misconduct during the State Leadership Conference or other meetings will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and is subject to their discretion under the following guidelines:
- The Board shall be presented with the information and the charges.
 - The student has the right to a hearing at which time board members (or a designated spokesperson) may question the student.
 - The Board of Directors will then reconvene behind closed doors to determine the consequence.

Violation of any of these regulations can require the issuance of a warrant and/or citation by a law enforcement officer, who makes the decision based on the information received.

A student determined to be guilty of a serious rule violation will face one or more of the following consequences:

- a. The parent or guardian shall be contacted and the student will be sent home at his/her own expense.
- b. The student will forfeit the right to participate in the remainder of the FCCLA State Leadership Conference.
- c. Any awards, recognitions, or medals shall be forfeited. No participation in the awards ceremony shall be allowed.
- d. The student shall not be allowed to compete at the national level.
- e. A written account of the incident shall be sent to the school district, parents, and adviser.
- f. The student's chapter will be banned for a designated time period from future FCCLA events.
- g. Criminal charges will be filed.

It is the hope of the Board of Directors that the aforementioned consequences never have to be implemented with any conference participant. The Board realizes that everyone works very hard to attend these conferences which is why it is extremely important that students, advisers and other participants make every effort to follow all rules and policies of the Pennsylvania Association Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

