



YMCA Center for Civic Engagement Delegate Code of Conduct

The purpose of the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement is to educate its participants on the processes of government at the city, state, national and international levels, in the hopes of beginning what will be a lifetime of civic engagement for our alumni.

Given such, a code of conduct has been developed to help ensure that every delegate receives the maximum benefits possible as a result of their participation. This code of conduct is applicable to adults as well as student delegates. With that in mind, the following code of conduct has been adopted:

All individuals participating in the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement Conferences will conduct themselves in a respectable and positive manner and present a good and decent reflection of themselves, their school and their community.

All participants share equally the responsibility for their actions when violations of the code are witnessed. Those who decide to be present when a violation occurs, shall, by their choice, be considered a participant in the violation. In this program there are no “innocent by-standers.”

Plagiarism of outside sources will not be allowed for any delegates. If evidence of plagiarism exists, delegates can expect to be disciplined by the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement. Authors of plagiarized resolutions will be dismissed from the conference.

Dress code for conference is business attire. No jeans!

Young ladies: Suits, dresses, long skirts, blouses or sweaters and appropriate shoes (no sandals or flip-flops). Tennis/athletic shoes are not appropriate, nor are strapless or spaghetti strap style tops. Also, no cropped tops and no bare midriffs please. **Skirts must be one inch above the knee or longer.**

Young men: Suits or blazers and slacks, shirt and tie. Appropriate shoes. (Appropriate means, as it does for young ladies, no sandals, e.g. Birkenstocks, or tennis/athletic shoes.)

When choosing an outfit, ask yourself, “Would I wear this to a job interview at a law firm if I really wanted to be hired?” Obviously, if the answer is no, then you should probably search the closet again. And, please do not be offended if conference staff asks you to return to your room and change. We are merely upholding this dress code and would never personally criticize your fashion sense! ☺

Possession and or use of alcoholic beverages, drugs (unless prescribed), tobacco products or pornography by any participant will result in an immediate expulsion from the conference. Any participant who is expelled from the conference will be sent home at his or her own expense. Parents and school administration will be notified of the expulsion as soon as possible, and students should be aware they might also be subject to further disciplinary action by their respective schools with regard to specific school policies.

All delegates are to participate in all scheduled events. This includes the nightly activity.

No boys allowed in girls’ rooms or girls allowed in boys’ rooms. Violation of this rule is grounds for expulsion.

No delegate may leave his or her room after curfew except for an emergency. If you have an emergency you must notify your adult advisor and the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement Executive Director.

Nametags must be worn visibly at all functions.

Destruction of personal property, hotel or other property will result in immediate expulsion. Any delegate responsible for damages must make restitution and will be held accountable for any legal actions that follow.

No food or drinks shall be permitted in any session. No cell phones, pagers or other electronic devices are allowed in any session.

Noise must be kept to a minimum in all hotel rooms and hallways. YMCA or other conference staff will investigate any complaints waged by other hotel guests.

ABSOLUTLEY no throwing anything over the balconies of the hotel.

No participant may drive or ride in ANY vehicle during the time they are at a CCE conference.

Use of the Tennessee State Capitol sound system is prohibited. Tampering with the components of the sound systems (microphones, cords etc) is prohibited. Delegates who violate this regulation will be expelled from the conference.

Use of the Tennessee State Capitol voting machines is strictly prohibited. No touching or pushing buttons in chamber seats. Violation of this regulation is grounds for expulsion.

Violation of any conference guidelines may result in dismissal from the conference and/or the suspension of your school for the next CCE Conference.

The YMCA Center for Civic Engagement staff reserves the right to make amendments to the delegate code of conduct at anytime. Notice of these amendments will be given to all delegates and advisors.

Waiver

I grant permission for photographs, written/art work, quotes, videos or other media which may include my child, to be used in media releases which benefit the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement.

I have read and adhere to all delegate guidelines:

Delegate Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

School: _____