

NATIONAL TSA CONFERENCE CODE OF ETHICS – TEAMS Participants

Student Attendees

1. There shall be no defacing of public property. Any damages to the property or furnishings in the hotel rooms or building must be paid by the individual(s) or chapter(s) responsible. Conference participants must follow facility guidelines for adhering signs, notices, posters, etc. to walls, doors, or any facility surface.
2. Conference participants shall keep their coaches informed of their activities and/or whereabouts at all times.
3. Conference participants should be prompt and prepared for all activities.
4. Conference participants should be financially prepared for all possibilities.
5. Conference participants not staying at the official conference hotel shall be off the hotel grounds by curfew or immediately following the last scheduled event.
6. Dates shall be permitted to authorized activities only. Only by permission of chapter coaches will dates be permitted between conference participants.
7. No alcoholic beverages, narcotics, firearms or weapons, in any form, shall be possessed by conference participants, alumni or other conference attendees at any time, under any circumstances.
8. Smoking or gambling in public are not be permitted.
9. No conference participants shall leave the conference hotels (except for authorized events) unless permission has been received from chapter/state coaches.
10. Identification badges must be worn on the chest at all times by all persons in attendance at the conference.
11. TEAMS coaches will be responsible for their conference participants' conduct.
12. Conference participants violating or ignoring any of the conduct rules will subject their entire team to competition disqualification. Individual conference participants may be sent home immediately at his or her own expense. Curfews will be enforced (all conference participants will be in assigned rooms by the announced times).
13. Casual wear will be acceptable only during specific social functions as designated.
16. No helium balloons are permitted at the conference.
17. The TSA, Inc. Executive Committee reserves the right to dismiss any person from the conference for inappropriate actions.

TEAMS Coaches

1. Coaches shall conduct periodic meetings with their student conference participants for the purpose of reviewing the many conference activities of which they may take advantage, obtaining progress reports, emphasizing time schedules, sharing successes, and overall, to ensure that the students are taking full advantage of the conference and its activities.
2. Coaches shall keep an agenda of their own schedule and give it to their students so that the coach may be reached during the conference at any time.
3. Each coach shall be responsible for ensuring that student participants adhere to all conduct practices and procedures.
4. The rules, as stated in this Code of Ethics and in the Dress Code are called to your attention for review and apply to coaches and parents as well as students.

Safety and Security

The safety and security of conference participants is of the utmost concern to the governing body of TSA. On site there are numerous security guards provided by the hotel and TSA who work closely with local law enforcement. In addition, daily update meetings provide information on how to report any security issues that may arise. As a necessary precaution TSA enforces the following procedures:

- ALL participants must register for the conference.
- Identification (name badges) must be worn on the chest at all times by all participants during the conference.
- Curfew is at midnight. After that time an adult must accompany any student member/s when outside of assigned rooms.
- The conference is not “open to the public.”

Please be advised that personal items brought to the conference for use at the conference are the sole responsibility of the attendee who chooses to bring the items. If a participant chooses to bring items of value, s/he is responsible for their safekeeping at all times. This includes any item of monetary or personal value, including items used in competitive events. TSA accepts no responsibility for replacement of lost, misplaced or stolen items and will not replace such items. This policy applies to all attendees and includes the conference management team and event coordinators.