



## **NATIONAL TSA CONFERENCE CODE OF ETHICS**

### **Student Attendees**

1. "Delegate" shall mean any TSA member (voting or non-voting) attending the national conference. This includes all advisors, parents, guests, etc.
2. 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. Delegates must follow facility guidelines for adhering signs, notices, posters, etc. to walls, doors, or any facility surface.
3. Delegates shall keep their advisors informed of their activities and/or whereabouts at all times.
4. Delegates should be prompt and prepared for all activities.
5. Delegates should be financially prepared for all possibilities.
6. Delegates not staying at the official conference hotel shall be off the hotel grounds by curfew or immediately following the last scheduled event.
7. Dates shall be permitted to authorized activities only. Only by permission of chapter advisors will dates be permitted between TSA delegates.
8. No alcoholic beverages, narcotics, firearms or weapons, in any form, shall be possessed by delegates, alumni or other conference attendees at any time, under any circumstances.
9. Smoking or gambling in public will not be permitted since a delegate in TSA attire is officially representing a state and/or national association of TSA.
10. No delegates shall leave the conference hotels (except for authorized events) unless permission has been received from chapter/state advisors.

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11. Delegates are required to attend all general sessions and activities assigned, including workshops, competitive events, committee meetings, etc., for which they are registered.
12. Identification badges must be worn on the chest at all times by all persons in conference attendance.
13. Both state and chapter advisors will be responsible for their delegates' conduct.
14. Delegates violating or ignoring any of the conduct rules will subject their entire delegation to being unseated and their candidates or competitive events participants being disqualified. Individual delegates may be sent home immediately at his or her own expense. Curfews will be enforced (all delegates will be in assigned rooms by the announced times).
15. 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.

### **Advisors**

1. Advisors shall conduct periodic meetings with their student delegates and voting delegates 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. Advisors shall keep an agenda of their own schedule and give it to their students so that the advisor may be reached during the conference at any time.
3. Each advisor shall be responsible for ensuring that student participants adhere to all conduct practices and procedures as published in this book.
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 advisors and parents as well as students.

### **Safety and Security**

The safety and security of TSA members who attend the conference 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 advisor 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.