

DELEGATE CONDUCT GUIDELINES - Conference 2016

All delegates (adult and student) and parent/guardians should read the following list of conduct rules for the Missouri State Thespian Conference. These conduct guidelines supersede any additional requests or rules made by troupe directors at the conference and must be followed by all delegates. No delegate will be allowed to attend the conference unless they have agreed to abide by the conference conduct guidelines. Failure to do so may result in a delegate being sent home at their expense and/or potentially a troupe not being allowed to attend future MST activities (including Leadership, State, All-State, ect). Your required signature on the Consent Form indicates your acceptance of agreement to follow all this agreement to adhere to all guidelines.

THEATER ETIQUETTE - It is your job to be a good audience member. The following are prohibited: food/drink in the theater, feet on the seats, hats, improper language, distractions for the performers/speakers, any use of cell phones, exits/entrances into the house during a performance, flash photography or recording devices. Each troupe will have assigned seats in the theater for all conference events. Delegates who do not follow the above guidelines may have their badge pulled by the house manager and/or permanently removed from the house for future performances. Numerous complaints about a troupe's continued poor theatre etiquette will result in a troupe's ban from participating in future MST activities.

WORKSHOP ETIQUETTE - Being a polite and active participant in conference workshops is the responsibility of all delegates. The following are prohibited within workshop sessions: food/drink in the workshop space, inappropriate use of furniture, improper language, and distractions for the speakers/other workshop participants. The following are use/policies that are up to the workshop instructor: any use of cell phones, entrances/exits into the workshop after it has begun, photography or recording devices. Teaching/guest artists may choose to allow phone use as necessary for their workshop.

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE - No student, under any circumstance, may attend the MO State Thespian Conference without his/her appointed troupe director, co-sponsor, or school approved designated sponsor. Non-registered delegates (those persons whose health/consent forms are not on file with MST) may not attend any conference event or activity. While at the conference, delegates are expected to participate in all conference events including General Sessions and Main Stage Performances. Students are not permitted under any circumstances to leave the conference site (hotel/convention center) without a sponsor and/or chaperone.

BADGES - Delegates are reminded that Badges are provided for safety/security reasons. As a result, badges with Health/Consent Forms must be worn by the registered delegate above the waist and be visible on all delegates at all conference events/activities. Lost badges will require the delegate to purchase a replacement badge in the Conference Office in order to access conference activities/events. Delegates who are not wearing a badge may be ordered from the conference site and/or denied access to conference activities/events. Any adult may retrieve the badge of any student who is not following this code of conduct. A retrieved badge will be brought to the registration area, turned in, and brief paperwork filled out. The student's troupe director will be notified, given a copy of the paperwork, and appropriate action will be taken to correct the problem with may include removal from the conference.

EVENING DANCE ETIQUETTE - All delegates must wear their badges above the waist

in order to enter the dance area. Costuming for the dance theme should be appropriate and tasteful and may not include any costuming which completely obstructs the face (full masks, helmets, hats, etc). The following are prohibited: food/drink in the dance space (other than water), inappropriate use of furniture, improper language, "body surfing", "Freak" dancing, "Grinding", or any dancing that includes sexually explicit or suggestive dance gestures. Moshing, slamming, and break dancing are not allowed. If too many couples are dancing inappropriately the lights will be turned on and/or music changes as a collective warning for everyone. A verbal warning will be made on the microphone. If after this warning if the inappropriate behavior continues, the dance will end immediately.

DRUG USE - Missouri State Thespian activities are all drug free. This includes use or possession of any tobacco products or smoking devices (including e-cigs, personal vaporizers, electronic nicotine delivery system), alcohol, illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, inhalants, and unlawful use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs. MST reserves the right to inspect the premises of any of our activities for these substances and devices.

CURFEW / HOTEL - All students will be required to be in their assigned room by the curfew stated in the conference program. "Lights out" will begin thirty minutes after curfew. Students who are late to curfew are subject to disciplinary action. Mixed groups of unchaperoned male and female students will NOT occur under any circumstances, behind closed doors at any time during the conference. Use of the hotel pool and opening of outside windows is prohibited. All adult sponsors will coordinate the collection of hotel keys for their delegates and determine availability of said hotel room during all conference activities during the day (with a reminder that all delegates must attend Main Stage performances and General Session). Any sponsor who does not follow this guideline understands that Missouri State Thespians is not responsible for damages or misconduct of your troupe delegates.

LIABILITY - The host, all facilities, and the Missouri State Thespians shall not accept responsibility for the theft, loss or damage of personal effects, money or valuables.

CLOSED CAMPUS - No student delegate is allowed outside of conference facilities (hotel/convention center) after 7pm. Troupes/delegates that are not staying at the conference hotel may not be readmitted to the conference site after leaving for the evening until 1/2 hour before the first conference event of the next day.

PROPERTY DAMAGE - Delegates are not allowed to remove any item that is not their own personal belonging from the conference site or hotel. Delegates will be responsible for any damages caused through their negligence and will be billed for any damage fee not collected at checkout.

PROHIBITED MATERIALS - Students are not allowed to bring fireworks, weapons, candles, skate boards, sports equipment, incense, water pistols, toy guns/weapons or any other kind of dangerous or perceived dangerous materials to the conference.