



CODE OF CONDUCT

1. No delegate shall leave a YMCA LA Youth & Government function unless with the approval of his/her advisor AND the director of the program is secured. The delegate must be picked up and returned by a parent or legal guardian.
2. Each delegate is legally and financially liable for the removal, defacing, or willful damage to public or private property. This includes the property of fellow delegates and staff, schools, and the hotel. Any act of vandalism, destruction of property, or misuse of a facility may be a crime and will be treated as a potential criminal violation.
3. Food is not permitted in any conference meeting rooms. Beverages are limited to water and coffee.
4. The use of incense, vaping devices, tobacco products, and use of/possession of alcoholic beverages or non-prescription drugs is forbidden at the YMCA LA Youth & Government function.
5. Delegates shall not leave the conference perimeter except to travel to scheduled conference activities. This includes staying in designated areas at the hotel. The hotel pool is off limits for everyone, all the time.
6. Delegates may not visit or be in anyone else's hotel rooms without the explicit permission of their school advisor. Delegates may not be in any room of the opposite sex at any time.
7. All delegates shall be in and remain in their assigned hotel rooms by scheduled curfew and doors shall remain closed until scheduled end of curfew.
8. Delegates shall not invite or receive outside visitors to the conference or hotel.
9. There shall be no room switching in the hotel without the approval of the delegation advisor and the director of the program.
10. There shall be no noise in the halls or rooms of the hotel that would disturb other people after 10:00 p.m.
11. Official observers are registered as part of the YMCA LA Youth & Government conference and are governed by this code. All other visitors to the program are restricted to the assigned areas unless approval is secured from the director of the program. Each delegate shall attend all sessions of the YMCA LA Youth & Government program unless options are designated.
12. **BADGE SWITCHING OR SHARING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** Participants will wear their assigned badges at all times when they are not in their sleeping rooms and must be able to produce their badge at all times. Badges are to be worn above the waist and must be visible. Badges are not to be defaced, decorated, or altered in any way. **ONLY ADVISORS CAN REQUEST REPLACEMENT BADGES.**

13. Unless there is a fire, pulling a fire alarm is a serious offense. Hotel alarms automatically summon the fire department and create a great inconvenience and fear for the hotel and other guests.
14. Use of personal vehicles by students at YMCA LA Youth & Government conference is strictly prohibited. Only club and conference advisors and staff may use personal vehicles.
15. Student participation in all dimensions of the YMCA LA Youth & Government conference shall be maintained on the highest plane with utmost respect for fellow delegates, advisors and staff.
16. Weapons of any kind and items that could cause injury or damage to participants and/or property are strictly forbidden.
17. Students are responsible for demonstrating respect for themselves and others through their use of appropriate language, avoiding profanity; racial and ethnic slurs; or any otherwise denigration of others through other verbal and nonverbal language or communication. Harassing, intimidating or bullying others will not be tolerated.
18. The Program Director has the authority to determine both the appropriateness of appearance and attire of participants during the YMCA LA Youth & Government conference. All participants are to maintain a professional and business-like appearance each day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Dress codes will be enforced. *Specific clothing not allowed at YMCA LA Youth & Government conferences: miniskirts, extremely tight clothing, bare midriff, shorts, hats and caps. Jeans and athletic shoes are allowed during free time only (refer to schedule)*

I understand that conference delegates are housed four (3 or 4) to each room and that in order to participate in this program, I must share a room and bed with at least one other student of the same sex from my delegation. I further understand that I may not room with anyone other than YMCA conference delegates – not an advisor, parents, or other relatives. I also understand that I may not room alone.

I understand that I may be expelled from all future Youth & Government activities if I have drugs or alcohol at the conference or commit any of the infractions listed on the student code conduct form.

I understand that all fees are non-refundable.

I have read, reviewed with my advisor and understand the Code of Conduct required to attend Youth & Government activities.

EMERGENCY CARE & TRANSPORTATION PERMISSION – The YMCA of the Capital Area does not provide accident or medical insurance for program participants. I recognize that participation in YMCA sponsored activities may expose my child to risk of injury. I agree to hold the YMCA and the school system offering the program (if applicable) harmless from any claims that may occur through participation in any activity at the YMCA, or in its programs. In cases of emergency or accident and I am unable to be contacted, I hereby grant the YMCA director or his/her agent to secure proper medical treatment and transportation for my child to an appropriate facility for treatment.

MEDIA PROMOTINAL MATERIALS – In further consideration of my child being allowed to participate in YMCA activities, I hereby grant permission for my child’s name, voice, picture and basic personal information to appear on television as a participant in YMCA activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Student Signature _____ Date: _____