

NEW JERSEY DECA

CONFERENCE DELEGATE CONDUCT PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

- 1) The term delegate shall mean any student participant attending any New Jersey DECA Conference.
- 2) **Delegates shall not enter the casino floor or other restricted areas. Delegates violating this rule will cause the entire chapter to be unseated, the entire forfeit all awards, become subject to arrest by the police, be subject to a \$500 fine and an AUTOMATIC LOSS OF DRIVER'S LICENSE until their 21st birthday.**
- 3) There will be no defacing of public property. Any damages to any property or furnishing in hotel rooms or building must be paid by the individual & chapter responsible. Damages are the ultimate responsibility of the advisor & district.
- 4) Delegates shall keep their adult advisors informed of their activities and whereabouts at all times. Each delegate should have a written schedule of his/her activities and the adult advisor should have a copy of this schedule.
- 5) Delegates will spend evenings at their assigned hotel, in their assigned rooms. They will be quiet at curfew and respectful of the hotel guests. All advisors will enforce curfew between the hours of 11:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- 6) Conference delegates not staying overnight shall be off the grounds of the hotel immediately following the last scheduled event, no later than curfew.
- 7) No alcoholic beverages and/or controlled dangerous substances, in any form, shall be possessed by the delegates (students, advisors or chaperones) at any time, under any circumstances. Any delegate found to be under the influence of alcohol or a controlled dangerous substance will be immediately reported to his/her school district at which time the school district will follow the state approved policy for controlled dangerous substances (ch. 390).
- 8) Delegates must be prompt and prepared for all responsibilities.
- 9) Dating shall be permitted to authorized activities only, and between delegates only.
- 10) This is a non-smoking conference. **Smoking will not be permitted anywhere in the hotel or conference facility.**
- 11) **No delegate shall leave the hotel or conference site, except for authorized events, unless accompanied by an advisor or chaperone.**
- 12) **Delegates may not use any non-DECA authorized transportation, including Uber/Lyft type services, buses, taxis, jitneys, etc. during the entire length of the conference.**
- 13) Delegates are required to be assigned and attend all general sessions and all appropriate conference activities including workshops, competitive events, business meetings, etc. for which they are registered unless engaged in a specific approved assignment taking place at the time.
- 14) Identification badges will be worn at all times, when provided.
- 15) All student delegates shall avoid places and actions which in any way could raise questions as to their moral character or conduct. Student delegates shall treat all NJ DECA members, judges, hotel staff and guests with respect. Student delegates shall not violate any state or federal laws.
- 16) Delegates violating or ignoring any of the conduct rules as determined by the NJ DECA State Advisor, will subject their entire chapter delegation to be unseated and their candidates or competitive event participants being disqualified. Individual delegates or entire chapters may be sent home immediately at their own expense. Curfew will be enforced! Disqualification means the student will be ineligible to participate in any future DECA activity.
- 17) In the case of a code of conduct violation is discovered in a guest room that I am in or registered to, that I will accept any punishment on that room, regardless of my participation in the sanctioned conduct.
- 18) Delegates will follow the dress code as stated. By state officer mandate, failure to adhere to the dress code at the awards sessions will result in forfeiting the privilege of being recognized on stage.
- 19) Delegates will be financially prepared for all responsibilities.
- 20) A student delegate shall behave in a courteous and respectful manner, adhering to the NJ DECA Anti-Bullying Policy and refraining from language and actions that might bring discredit upon NJ DECA. Chapter advisors are responsible for delegates' conduct.
- 21) Photographs of students may be used (on njdeca.org/deca.org or on the statewide newsletter or presentations at DECA meetings) to demonstrate the outstanding programs and students in our organization.

A student member who violates or ignores any of the Delegate Conduct and Practices as stated in this NJ DECA handbook subjects himself/herself to:

- Being removed from the NJ DECA activity and sent home at their own expense after consultation with his/her chapter advisor(s).
- Having any honors and/or office withdrawn.
- Having their entire chapter removed from the conference

As a member of NJ DECA, I agree that I must abide by the above Conduct & Practices Procedures.

Delegate Signature _____ Date _____

I/we have read the Delegate Conduct and Practices Procedures and understand that (Student name) _____ must abide by the rules and understand the consequences of violations to this code of conduct.

Advisor Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

School Administrator Signature: _____ Date _____

Each chapter advisor is to bring these signed forms from every student attending the conference to be kept on file for your chapter, and provided to New Jersey DECA upon request of the State Advisor.