



## **STN CONVENTION 2012 - Code of Conduct Agreement**

**THESE GUIDELINES ARE ESTABLISHED TO ENSURE ALL CONVENTION PARTICIPANTS HAVE A SAFE, EDUCATIONAL AND ENJOYABLE CONVENTION EXPERIENCE.**

The Student Television Network Convention is designed to be an educational function and all plans are made with that objective. It is STN's most significant event, with more than 1500 students attending from all over the country. STN wants every person to have an enjoyable experience with every attention paid to safety and comfort. All participants will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner best representing STN and their own home school and city. In order that everyone receives the maximum benefits from their participation, the Code of Conduct must be followed at all times by both students and advisers.

By voluntarily participating in and registering for the convention, you agree to follow the official convention rules and regulations or forfeit your personal rights to participate. We are proud of our students and advisers and know that by agreeing to this Code of Conduct you are simply reaffirming your dedication to be the best possible representatives of your school.

### **ADVISERS AND CHAPERONES:**

- will take full responsibility for their students and for the well-being and safety of all students attending the convention by knowing the whereabouts of their students, managing student behavior and ensuring all rules and curfews are followed.
- will note that a midnight convention curfew will be in effect
- will prohibit students from making no excessive noise while in their rooms or in the common areas of the hotel
- will recognize that they and their schools will be held liable for any damage to hotel/convention center facilities incurred by students under their supervision.

### **STUDENTS:**

- will not use alcoholic beverages.
- will not use drugs.
- will, at all times, respect all public and private property, including the hotel/motel in which they are housed; this includes no throwing or suspending of items out of the hotel room windows, defacing property, climbing on railings, etc.
- will not abuse the hotel room and realize any lost, stolen, or broken items will be their responsibility.
- will spend each night in the room of the hotel/motel to which they are assigned.
- will strictly abide by the curfew established and shall respect the rights of others by being as quiet as possible after curfew. Curfew is midnight and is strictly enforced. Students must be in their assigned room by this time.
- will not visit rooms of opposite sex attendees
- will not leave the hotel/motel without the express permission of their adviser.
- will exhibit exemplary behavior at all times.
- will keep their adviser informed of their whereabouts at all times.
- will attend, and be on time for, all sessions and activities to which they are assigned and/or registered
- will receive permission before entering stores to videotape and will not annoy/interfere with the shoppers.
- will wear their convention name badge at all times while in the convention hotel/convention center to be identified with the STN Convention.

### **Violations and Penalties**

I agree that if, for any reason, I am in violation of any of the rules of the conference, I may be brought before the appropriate discipline committee for an analysis of the violation. I also agree to accept the penalty imposed upon me. I understand that any penalty and reasons for it being imposed upon me will be explained before it/they are carried out. I further realize that the severity of the penalty may increase with the severity of the violation, even to the extent of being immediately sent home at my own expense and/or jail time.

Violations of the Code of Conduct may be grounds for disqualification from all contests and forfeiting all rights to attend convention. Any violations may require relinquishment of awards and recognition. In addition, the violator may be sent home at his or her own expense and their entire school may be disqualified from any contests in which they are registered and/or sent home before the official close of the convention.

**By registering for the STN Convention 2012, I agree to these rules of conduct.**