



## **STN CONVENTION 2020 - 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 an expected 3000 attendees. STN wants every person to have an enjoyable experience with every attention paid to safety and comfort. All participants are 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 by students, chaperones and advisers.

The 2020 STN Convention will be held March 12-15 in Washington, DC.

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 ensuring they are accompanied by an adult on all excursions outside the hotel, knowing the whereabouts of their students, managing student behavior and ensuring all rules and curfews are followed;
- will support an 11:00 pm convention curfew by having all students in their rooms at that time for the night;
- will prohibit students from making 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 facilities incurred by students under their supervision;
- will ensure that their students abide by STN Ethics Policy, Creative Content Policy, and Use of Copyrighted Materials Policy. All contest submissions will be the original work of the entrants. Advisers may assist students in the production of Crazy 8s contests only. ALL OTHER CONTESTS MUST BE 100% STUDENT WORK. Advisers who assist students in the production of their contest entries may have their work disqualified or face other penalties as outlined below.

### **STUDENTS:**

- will not use alcoholic beverages;
- will not use illegal 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 11:00 pm and is strictly enforced. Students must be in their assigned room by this time.
- will not visit rooms of opposite sex attendees;
- will show respect for all convention staff, volunteers, interns, board members and all attendees at the convention;
- will not leave the hotel/motel without the express permission of their adviser and with an adult chaperone;
- 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 or hotel guests;
- will wear their convention name badge at all times while in the convention hotel to be identified with STN;
- will abide by STN Ethics Policy, Creative Content Policy, and Use of Copyrighted Materials Policy, contest instructions and hotel filming policy. All contest submissions will be the original work of the entrants.

### **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 of the student, class and/or school from all contests and forfeiting all rights to attend convention. Any violations may require relinquishment of awards and recognition. In addition, the violator and school may be sent home at his or her own expense and the entire school may be disqualified from any contests in which they are registered and/or sent home before the official convention ends.

**By registering for the STN Convention 2020, ALL attendees agree to this Code of Conduct.**