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## CODE OF CONDUCT – Team Canada Students

The following Code of Conduct is a general description of the type of behavior and attitude that is expected of all student delegates selected for Team Canada to attend international debating tournaments representing Canada and the World Schools Debating Championships, **and other such events, both prior to and during such events, including any preparation sessions.** Student delegates are required to adhere to the spirit of the Code, not just its specific provisions, or they will be subject to removal from their delegation by the coach(es) or team manager acting on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Student Debating Federation.

1. Delegates shall be of good character. Without limiting the generality of this rule, delegates shall:
  - (a) be honest and candid. Fraud, cheating, lying, stealing or other such conduct will not be tolerated;
  - (b) abstain from alcoholic or intoxicating beverages of any kind, illegal drugs and all other mind-altering substances. If consuming over the counter or prescribed drugs, delegates shall take them only in recommended dosages and not in combination with anything else that might enhance their effects; and
  - (c) avoid any sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, or compromising situations.
2. Delegates shall abide by the laws and rules of their school, province, country and any other place that they may visit. If Delegates are unclear as to the details or meaning of any law or rule, they shall take it upon themselves to seek guidance from their coach, the team manager or the event organizer.
3. Delegates shall respect other people, customs, cultures, **sexual orientation**, religions and ideologies. Delegates shall not make racist, sexist, obscene, blasphemous, seditious, defamatory, or other such comments or propagate hatred of anybody. They shall respect others and their right to speak and demonstrate a sense of sportsmanship and fair play.
4. Delegates shall be considerate of others. They shall listen attentively and quietly while being instructed by organizers and shall refrain from publicly criticizing the organizers or officials of an event or the conditions of the venue. Delegates shall discuss any complaints privately with their coach(es).
5. Delegates shall be prompt in arriving at all events unless they are delayed by circumstances beyond their control.
6. Delegates shall co-operate and collaborate with other delegates on their teams. They are to assist and encourage their colleagues and share research with them.
7. Delegates must commit themselves to preparing properly for competition. They must complete all assignments given them by their coach, by the deadline prescribed by the coach. All work and preparations must be completed (and if required, submitted) on time.
8. Delegates shall communicate with the coach and/or chaperone as required. This may involve checking in regularly so that their coach/chaperone may monitor/supervise them.