



Town of Clifton Park Youth Court

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RULES OF CONDUCT

As a member of Youth Court you must abide by the following rules:

RULE 1. You must not engage in illegal conduct.

RULE 2. You must not engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.

RULE 3. You must not knowingly use perjured or false testimony or statements.

RULE 4. You must reveal any false testimony, statements, other evidence used, or any other fraud perpetrated, in any Youth Court proceeding.

RULE 5. You must maintain the confidentiality of the Youth Court proceedings.

RULE 6. You must not violate the rules and regulations adopted by your school district.

RULE 7. You must participate free of bias or prejudice toward any other person's age, race, sex, religion, national origin, or disability.

RULE 8. You must appear promptly and prepared for all Youth Court training sessions and court appearances, unless excused.

RULE 9. You must perform your role as effectively and competently as possible.

RULE 10. You must not engage in undignified or discourteous conduct during a Youth Court session.

RULE 11. You must not ask any question that is intended to harass or degrade a witness.

RULE 12. You must not let any outside influence, such as other members, parents, fellow students or your own self-interest, affect your actions and decisions in how to proceed.

RULE 13. As a defender, unless an offender otherwise directs, you must not reveal a confidence or secret of an offender or use such a confidence or secret to the disadvantage of an offender.

RULE 14. You must treat with courtesy and consideration all persons involved in Youth Court proceedings.

RULE 15. You must not knowingly fail to disclose or exchange evidence which you are required by the Youth Court training manual to reveal to your opponent.

RULE 16. A prosecutor must disclose to the defender evidence that tends to help the offender, i.e., evidence that mitigates the seriousness of the offense or which would tend to reduce the sentence.



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RULE 17. A prosecutor must not communicate with the offender in the case (except, of course, during cross-examination).

RULE 18. A Youth Court member serving as a prosecutor, defender or judge, other than during the performance of your role during a court proceeding, must not communicate with a juror about the case under consideration.

RULE 19. You must abide by all your obligations and responsibilities as specified in the Youth Court training manual.

RULE 20. A Youth Court member must dress appropriately when participating in a Youth Court proceedings.

RULE 21. You must notify the Youth Court Director immediately if you are arrested, convicted of a crime or suspended from school.

RULE 22. You must report to the Youth Court Director or any Community Board member conduct of other members which you believe to be in violation of these Rules of Conduct.

RULE 23. You must cooperate with the Community Board or any disciplinary committee in any investigation involving a violation of these rules of conduct.