PARTICIPANTS

1. Smoking, drinking alcohol, drug abuse, cheating, deceit, flagrant curfew violations and violations of the “off-limits” areas as well as aiding and abetting any of the above will not be permitted during any MESAC event. (4/01)

   When a student commits an infraction relating to alcohol, tobacco, drug abuse, cheating, deceit, disrespect, flagrant curfew / “off limits” areas violations, as well as aiding and abetting any of the above, the following shall apply:
   
   i. The student may no longer participate in that convention.
   
   ii. The student will be sent home at his/her parents’ expense if it is feasible to do so.
   
   iii. Upon return to school, the following consequences will apply
   
   • The student will be excluded from any MESAC season/activity that begins within this 40-day period.
   • Consequences related to third sport season infractions may carry over to the following school year in cases of late discovery.
   • Revocation of MESAC Awards: Students will be ineligible for any awards pertaining to the activity. Principal decides on consequences other than MESAC above. Other Individual School’s Consequences: Depending on the severity and specifics of the infraction, individual MESAC
   • schools may levy other consequences as per their school policy/handbooks, e.g. out-of-school suspension, exclusion from all MESAC events for one year.
   
   iv. For a second offense, the student will automatically be excluded for one calendar year from all MESAC events, including the same convention the following year.
   
   v. If at any time a student is suspended from further competition or involvement in an event, then the only results affected will be those happening after the infraction, and all pre-infraction results will stand.
   
   vi. Consequences will be carried over if the student transfers to another MESAC school.

2. Participants must notify coaches of hosts before leaving tournament/convention sites. Exploration of the local environment will not be permitted without the knowledge and consent of the host parent/guardian.

3. Under no circumstances may housing assignments be changed.

4. All visiting students must return to the host families’ house before curfew-as set by the host school. Telephone calls will be made to each student every night to ensure that all students have returned safely and on time. Once a student is in and has answered the curfew call he/she may not leave the house. Note, however, that should an event finish so late that students have less than one hour to make curfew, the curfew will be extended so that they have at least one hour.

5. All laws of the host country must be observed. Guidelines are to be provided by host schools as required.

6. No disciplinary action will be taken by the Tournament/Convention Director without direct communication with the respective coach/sponsor or trip Administrator.

7. The host school will arrange transport to and from the airport as well as the tournament/convention site.

8. Any problems arising during the convention should be reported immediately to the host school for corrective measures.

9. Student medical release forms will be available at the convention site each day of the event.

10. All students must carry their Tournament/Convention Identification Cards with them.

HOST FAMILIES

1. All host families will be provided with complete Tournament/Convention details (schedules, curfews, policies, procedures, emergency phone numbers for coaches and important tournament personnel, etc.).

2. Host parents/guardians will not offer housing unless one of the parents/guardians is present for the duration of the tournament/convention.

3. Hosts are expected to cooperate with Tournament/Convention Director in ensuring student compliance with all MESAC policies relating to participation.

4. Any student who shows reluctance to fully comply with the above rules and regulations shall be reported to the Tournament/Convention Director who will report the matter to the student’s coach and Administrator in charge with the expectation that action will be taken.