



Standards of Behavior for Minor Participants Participating in
Activities and Programs with Minor Participants

Minors participating in activities and programs with minor participants sponsored by Ohio State are required to
conduct themselves according to the following standards of behavior. These standards operate in conjunction with
the guidelines and regulations of the specific activity or program.

Minor participation expectations:

- Be responsible for own behavior and uphold high standards for the group and accept consequences for inappropriate behavior
• Support and abide by the group’s designated leader
• Practice good citizenship, leadership and self-control
• Follow the direction of activity or program staff and/or leaders
• Demonstrate positive sportsmanship and attitudes at all times which is becoming of a leader
• Show respect to others, be courteous and respectful
• Use appropriate language at all times

The following behaviors and actions are not permitted at The Ohio State University in activities or programs with minor
participants:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct, unethical, immoral conduct
• Improper language, e.g., profanity
• Possession or consumption of alcohol and illegal drugs, including the use of tobacco by a minor
• Possession or use of harmful objects with the intent to harm or intimidate others, e.g., weapons, fireworks
• Boys in girls’ rooms/restrooms and vice versa
• Destruction of property
• Violation of established curfew, when applicable
• Disrespect of adults, other participants, volunteers, staff and/or those in leadership positions
• Belittling others/putting others down and being disrespectful of individuals’ differences
• Aggressive physical behavior, e.g., fighting
• Taking property that belongs to others
• Other conduct determined to be inappropriate for youth development by the event chair or designated Ohio State faculty/staff

Violations of the standards of behavior will be handled as follows:

1. If a chaperone is present for the minor involved in the violation, this person will be made aware of the violation.
2. The parents will be notified of the incident and actions taken. When necessary, arrangements will be made to remove the minor
from the activity or program.
3. The minor can/may be barred from participating in future Ohio State activities and programs with minor participants.
4. When warranted (e.g., violation of law) the situation may be turned over to the appropriate law enforcement authority.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a participant in an activity or program with minor participants, \_\_\_\_\_,
(name of minor, print) (name of activity/program, print)

have read these standards of behavior and agree to accept and follow them. I also accept the consequences for my
actions if I choose not to follow the standards of behavior.

Minor signature

Date

I, we \_\_\_\_\_ have read the standards of behavior and support my minor’s participation in the
(parent/guardian, print)
activity/program.

Parent/guardian signature

Date