

SOUTH DAKOTA STUDENT COUNCIL ASSOCIATION STATE CONVENTION RULES AND REGULATIONS

You have registered for this year's State Convention because you have shown interest in leadership. To ensure that our time together runs smoothly and safely, we ask your full cooperation in adhering to the following rules and regulations. **Infractions will result in our immediate notification of your parents that you are being sent home at their expense.**

1. You **are** to attend all sessions, activities, and meals. Advisors will be assigned to monitor your attendance. **Participants not attending any session (business, instructional or social) of the convention will be sent home.** You **are not** permitted to leave the State Convention Center (i.e., Convention meeting rooms area) anytime during sessions or session breaks without your Advisor (**NOTE:** Advisors are not to take students off the premises of the convention on errands **unless cleared** in advance with the SDSCA staff).
2. Your **Name Badge *must be*** worn in clear view ***at all times*** during all Convention functions. *The 2008 State Convention Advisors specified that name badges should be worn around the neck or chest high.*
3. **Caps or hats are not to be worn during any of the Convention sessions or social activities.** Students wearing caps or hats will have them taken away until the Convention concludes at which time the caps/hats can be reclaimed.
4. **Cell Phones OR Other Electronic Devices will NOT be brought to ANY Convention sessions.** Individuals using (talking, text messaging or playing games) on a cell phone or other electronic device creates a distraction to others around them and it is a sign of disrespect for session presenters. ***Cell phones or other electronic devices observed during a session will be confiscated for the remainder of the Convention*** (returned after the final session) – ***NOTE: The SDSCA will not be responsible for lost or misplaced phones or electronic devices. In addition, violators of this policy will be required to appear before the entire delegation to apologize for the rules infraction.*** **EMERGENCY CALLS:** If there is an emergency during a Convention session and a student must be contacted parents should call the Ramkota Hotel (605/224-6877) and a message will be given to the student.
5. You are to be in your assigned room at curfew as established by the SDSCA (*as listed on schedule*).
6. You are expected to behave in a manner appropriate for the occasion. Excessive noise, disruptive and unruly behavior is not permitted. Participants should refrain from abusive and profane language, avoid boisterous conduct and show respect for the rights and property of others. Televisions and radios should be kept a minimum volume so as to not disturb other convention participants and hotel guests.
7. Any damages caused by you or to your room (whether caused by you or others that visit your room) will be billed to you and your school.
8. Littering the meeting rooms or the hotel hallways is prohibited.
9. **Possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages or alcoholic beverage containers (full or empty), illegal drugs or smoking or tobacco products is prohibited. Violation of this policy will result in the police being called and the student being sent home immediately at his/her own expense.**

THE SDSCA STAFF AND CONVENTION ADVISORS WILL CONFRONT CONVENTION PARTICIPANTS WHO VIOLATE ANY OF THESE GUIDELINES. PERSISTENT VIOLATION OF GUIDELINES # 1-8 WILL RESULT IN THE PARTICIPANT BEING ASKED TO LEAVE THE CONVENTION; VIOLATION OF GUIDELINE # 9 IS IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM THE CONVENTION.

HAVE A SUPER CONVENTION!