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## 2017 Expectations and Guidelines

As a member of the 2017 All-Ohio State Fair Band, it is understood that these expectations and guidelines, as well as those posted or shared verbally at The Ohio State Fair must be followed at all times. It is understood that the AOSFB is an extension of each member's high school and, as such, most of the expectations and guidelines that will be encountered at The Ohio State Fair are very similar to a member's school.

Timeliness, appropriate interactions, and positive social standards are the norm and are expected from all members. By signing the Member Agreement form I promise to adhere to the following:

### **Musical**

1. Be present and on time at all rehearsals, performances, and special activities unless excused in advance by the appropriate staff member and the office.
2. Have my music in alphabetical order and a pencil at all rehearsals.
3. I will mark music as directed.
4. I will care for my music and instrument and not leave it at rehearsal sites.
5. Follow rehearsal etiquette guidelines as introduced by the music staff: listen, be aware of good playing posture (standing or sitting), and be courteous to my leaders and other members of the AOSFB. I will not waste rehearsal time.
6. Remain in rehearsals at all times; I will use the restroom and get water before rehearsals/at breaks.
7. Take care of myself musically by refraining from playing during breaks.
8. Be careful not to over-play or overpower other members of the AOSFB, I will instead balance with them and create a unified sound.

### **Uniform**

9. Wear my uniform appropriately. This includes, but is not limited to: shirt tucked in, wearing white shoes, and shorts pulled up.
10. The uniform shirt and shorts are only to be worn with the complete uniform, and not with casual clothes.
11. I will not wear large/excessive or unusual jewelry/accessories that distract from the uniform.
12. While in uniform, sunglasses may only be worn when marching or in selected outdoor concerts to be determined by the Director.
13. Public Display of Affection (PDA) is not permitted in any form while in uniform.
14. Wear my State Fair identification badge and have it visible at all times and have my name card displayed on my stand throughout rehearsal. I will not switch either of the pieces of identification with other members.
15. Have a well-groomed hair style. The organization prefers naturally-occurring color and that it will be kept out of the face.
16. Men's hair should be no longer than collar length, or must be worn up at all times while in uniform.
17. Piercings: It is preferred that only small earrings be worn; facial piercings are small and clear; gauges be neutral or plugged.
18. Tattoos that may be deemed socially inappropriate must be covered while in uniform.

### **Dorm Living**

19. Follow the times posted or announced for being "on the floor," and at "lights out."
20. At lights out respect the others by refraining from any noise. Quality rest and sleep are vitally important for my well-being.
21. Stay in the dormitory from the announced "on the floor" time until "reveille" the next morning, and I understand that non-compliance may be grounds for my expulsion.
22. If delayed more than a few minutes, I will call the Band office.
23. Respect the bunk tags as they are important for proper identification in the case of an emergency. I will not change my bunk assignment without the permission of the Administrative Assistant.
24. Follow the Fair's regulations concerning visitors, and I understand that once check-in is completed, visitors, including my family, are not permitted in the dorms until checkout following the final concert. I will arrange to meet my family, friends, and other visitors outside the building or in the Rhodes Center lobby.
25. Refrain from bringing food, or beverages (except water bottles) into the dormitory. Members with food-related medical conditions must keep small, sealed containers in the office.
26. Keep my bunk neat. I will keep extra clothing, towels, and washcloths hung on the rod above my bed or in my luggage/footlocker. I

agree not to leave personal belongings in the washrooms, showers or other community areas.

27. Each morning, as required prior to inspection, I will put all of my belongings on my bunk and clean the area.
28. I will keep my belongings out of the aisles at all times.
29. Label all items of clothing with my name.
30. Lock up my valuables. I understand that neither the Ohio Expositions Commission nor the AOSFB is responsible for the loss or damage to my personal belongings. We urge all members to leave expensive jewelry, watches, electronic devices (including gaming systems and computers), and other valuables at home.
31. Not "borrow" or touch the belongings of others without their permission.
32. Keep myself clean with at least one shower, deodorant, and clean clothes each day.
33. Will not open dorm windows and doors.
34. Not congregate in hallways, the Band office, doorways, or on the outside steps to the dorms, so that traffic in and out of the building is obstruction-free.
35. Be present and on time for all rehearsals, fall-in times, performances and other activities as announced.

### **General Regulations**

36. Respect everyone at The Ohio State Fair.
37. Refrain from any acts that may damage the reputation of The Fair, the AOSFB, my school, my family or myself.
38. Refrain from any activity that may result in injury of me or others. A member's health and well-being are essential.
39. Behave in a manner that will be a credit to the AOSFB and its tradition. This includes language and personal behavior, in and out of uniform, in person and online. Exclusivity, in any form, will not be tolerated.
40. Be aware of the daily Band schedule, and arrive on time for all rehearsals, lineups, performances, and meals. Because the schedule can sometimes change on short notice, I will check it frequently.
41. If I drive I will report it at the first step of check-in and will follow guidelines given to me at that time.
42. Stay on the fairgrounds for all 18 days, unless I have permission of the Mr. Dodd or Mr. Gallagher. I must check in and out at the office.
43. I understand that anyone damaging property must pay for the damage.
44. Will not ride in vans, trailers or golf carts unless authorized by Band staff.
45. Shall not use or possess alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, non-prescription inhalants or illegal drugs/paraphernalia, weapons or fireworks of any kind. I will refrain from fighting, and realize that any evidence of the above is grounds for expulsion and possible prosecution.
46. I will not tamper with smoke detectors, fire equipment, or building speakers that are designed for my safety.
47. Consent to having my belongings searched by the Ohio State Highway Patrol at any time and without prior notice. I understand that if illegal items are found, I will be disciplined up to and including removal from the Band and criminal prosecution.
48. Report any injury or illness immediately to a member of the Band staff, who will contact the proper medical authorities. I understand that if I am sick enough to be excused from a rehearsal or performance, I must sign myself on to the sick list in the Band office, and will be confined to my bunk except for cafeteria meals. Missing any performance, including the Parade, due to illness or injury may mean that I am confined to my bunk for the entire evening including free time. Exceptions must be approved by the Director of Operations or Administrative Assistant. If I report sick for more than two (2) consecutive days, I may be sent home to recuperate before returning to the Fair.
49. Drink plenty of water!! I will try to limit sugary and caffeinated drinks while at the Fair.
50. Refrain from wearing hats in rehearsals.
51. Not tamper with, move or use any AOSFB equipment, including, but not limited to sound equipment, music stands, instruments or tools without permission from a Band staff member. I will take care not to step on cords, and will take personal responsibility at all times for my instrument/equipment (if applicable).
52. Will limit the use of electronic devices to free time only. I understand that electronic devices may not be used during rehearsals, announcements, from fall-in through dismissal at the end of a concert/return to Rhodes Center.
53. Keep myself physically and emotionally fit to perform!
54. Dress modestly when in casual clothing. I recognize that staff members may use their judgment in asking me to change.
55. Report any inappropriate behavior to a Band staff member or Highway Patrol officer in an emergency.

I understand that violation of any of the above rules may result in discipline up to and including expulsion from the AOSFB. Furthermore, anyone expelled from the AOSFB for violations of this agreement, or any other rules outlined at the Fair, will have a letter sent to his/her parents explaining the infractions, and that copies of the letter may be sent to the member's band director and principal.

**I understand that these guidelines are common sense rules that will enable me and other members of the AOSFB to put our best foot forward in representing the organization's proud traditions, and I promise to abide by them, and other rules that may be posted or shared verbally during the Fair.**

Finally, it is an honor to be part of this organization and appropriate behavior at all times is and expected by the AOSFB.

I acknowledge that I am a representative of the State of Ohio, my home school, my family, and the All-Ohio State Fair Band. I promise to act as a professional and realize that in doing so I will also be treated as a professional.

All members must agree to these rules by signing the membership agreement at check-in upon arrival at The Ohio State Fair.