

**BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA  
CONFERENCE CODE OF CONDUCT  
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION**

1. The term "Delegate" shall mean any state association student member attending any conference associated with BPA (FLC; Competitions: Regional, SLC, NLC; ICCCTSO, Summer Summit, Officer Training, etc.)
2. Identification badges must be worn around the neck and be visible when delegates are in conference activities.
3. Delegates shall keep their advisors informed of their activities and whereabouts at all times.
4. Delegates must stay at the state association's approved hotel and **not with friends or relatives or at other hotels of their choosing.**
5. Delegates are not allowed in sleeping rooms with the opposite gender without the permission of their advisor(s).
6. Fraternalizing with individuals other than registered conference participants will not be permitted.
7. Secondary delegates shall not use their own cars (unless they have a waiver from their school's administration) or ride in other cars during the conference unless arranged with their advisor and their school's administration.
8. Delegates are not permitted in bars or nightclubs.
9. Smoking/vaping, possession and/or use of any alcoholic beverage or drugs in any form by a delegate is not allowed. Advisors should be informed of any prescription medicine that their students are required to take and the purpose of this medication.
10. Delegates shall respect and abide by the authority delegated to the Executive Committee, state officers, committee chairpersons, and any advisor or other authorized representatives.
11. Delegates shall attend all General Sessions and activities assigned, including contests, workshops, meetings, etc. for which they are registered unless engaged in some specific assignment taking place at the same time. Delegates are to report time conflicts to their advisor(s) who will work with state staff to correct.
12. Delegates are expected to follow cell phone etiquette in using cell phones during the conference. Cell phones are not allowed in testing and presentation rooms – not even for timing purposes or for calculator use.
13. Members must adhere to proper digital citizenship standards while at the leadership conference. Any irresponsible use of information and technology, including exhibiting negative behavior or language on social media is strictly prohibited. Any infraction will be subject to the rules committee and possible competitive event disqualification.

14. Curfew is noted in the conference program. Students found outside their rooms after curfew are in violation of this code. All delegates not staying in the hotel must leave before curfew.
15. Business attire is required for all conference activities including sessions, workshops, competitive events and banquets. Casual attire including jeans, shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, athletic shoes, and flip-flops will be allowed at social activities. The following are **not** allowed at any time: short shorts, cutoffs, spandex, crop tops, or exposed undergarments. Bathing suits, bedroom slippers and bare feet are **not** allowed in the lobby area.
16. Inappropriate behavior including, but not limited to fighting, use of profanity, inappropriate dancing, public display of affection, sexual harassment, bullying, gang representation, and theft will not be permitted.
17. Delegates violating or ignoring any of the above rules will be subject to the actions of the Rules Committee. This committee is composed of three (3) state officers, two (2) Professional Service Contractors (including Executive Director), Board Chairman, and one (1) Code of Conduct committee member. Any violation should be reported immediately to the Executive Director. The Rules Committee will have a meeting scheduled prior to the conclusion of the conference. A student found in violation of conference guidelines is subject to disciplinary action by the Rules Committee. This could include relinquishing all honors and privileges of membership including competitive events, offices, etc. Such actions will not affect a team's eligibility and/or standing. Parents and/or schools may be notified.

**Your signature below indicates that you have read, understand, and will abide by (support) the rules set forth by Business Professionals of America, Illinois Association.**

**Member's printed name** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Member's Signature**

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**Parent's Signature**

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**Advisor's Signature**

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**Principal's Signature**