

# Academic Rodeo Code of Conduct

**Keep this document and discuss contests with all participating students and relay parent information as appropriate. Bring signed affirmation of the Code of Conduct to each contest. By registering to participate in Academic Rodeo, your school or group should commit to the following for all involved as outlined. Coaches and students should sign the attached form and bring to the contest.**

## **Coaches and Sponsors**

As a Coach or Sponsor, I will . . .

- Commit to understanding the rules of the contest and informing students.
- Be responsible for seeing entries meet guidelines set in the contest and will verify in writing if requested. I understand that failure to meet guidelines, including entry dates, may result in a student being ineligible for competition.
- Verify that entries submitted are the work of the student and that students have not had inappropriate assistance from school personnel or family members.
- Assume responsibility for the behavior of my students at all Academic Rodeo activities.
- See that students refrain from any activities that could lead to even the suspicion of cheating. This may involve taking up cell phones or other electronic devices at contests, keeping students out of restricted areas at contests, or prevention of any other activities that could give their students an unfair advantage in competition or inhibit a fair contest for students from other groups.

## **Students**

As a student, competing in an Academic Rodeo Contest, I . . .

- Will commit to knowing the rules of the contest, or will seek out the appropriate coach or sponsor to find out rules when they have not been received.
- Am stating that the entry is my own work without inappropriate assistance from coaches, family, or others.
- Will exhibit behavior at all Academic Rodeo contests and activities that exemplifies fairness, integrity, consideration, and respect for others.
- Will refrain from any activities that could lead to even the suspicion of cheating or unfairness in any way during competition. This may involve turning over a cell phone or other electronic device at contests, staying away from restricted areas at contests, or avoidance of any other activities that could give the student or other team members an unfair advantage in competition or inhibit a fair contest for students from other groups. Any behavior that suggests an attempt at cheating or other dishonesty can result in the expulsion of the student or team from the contest.
- Will remain with my group when waiting for a contest to begin.

## **Parents and School Friends attending a contest should . . .**

- Refrain from interacting with students during the contest, especially when doing so could give the students an unfair advantage or give the impression of attempts at cheating in some way.
- Refrain from giving assistance with entries created by a student that pass beyond guidance to the point of actually creating the entry. An entry created by someone other than the participating student will be disqualified.
- Refraining from interfering with the competition in any way, as doing so could result in the expulsion of the student or team from the contest.
- Model appropriate behavior for students competing in attitude and showing respect to others.
- Refrain from any activities that could lead to even the suspicion of cheating or unfairness in any way during competition. This may involve putting away cell phones or other electronic devices at contests, avoiding interaction with students at contests, or avoiding any activities that could give their students an unfair advantage in competition or inhibit a fair contest for students from other groups.