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National Code of Conduct

The YSA National Code of Conduct has been developed to standardise the rules and bylaws of each chapter in Australia. A breach of this code of conduct will result in immediate and appropriate action by the person in charge of the activity, and disciplinary action being taken by an appropriate body in the member's home chapter. Should any YSA chapter amend their by-laws in a way that the changes create a significant difference between the new by-laws and this Code of Conduct they should then, in consultation with other YSA chapters, amend this Code of Conduct as soon as is practical.

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1. This Code of Conduct applies to all members of all chapters of the Young Scientists of Australia, whether incorporated or not.

2. Definitions:

"Official YSA event" refers to those events organised by YSA and open to the general membership. "Harassment" refers to any verbal, sexual, racial or physical abuse, or other such unacceptable behaviour as deemed by the person who feels harassed. "Home chapter" refers to the chapter which the member is representing at a particular event. "Anyone In Authority" refers to anyone who has a leadership, organisational or supervisory role, as made clear at the beginning of the event.

3. I will conduct myself in a responsible, professional and courteous manner at official YSA events or at any time representing YSA.

4. I will not engage in smoking (including tobacco) or other consumption of illicit drugs or alcohol during any official YSA event.

5. I will not be under the influence of illicit drugs or alcohol at any official YSA event.

6. I will not harass anyone or engage in harassing behaviour. If I feel harassed or witness any act that may be deemed as harassment, I will notify the appropriate organising person.

7. I will abide by all relevant rules and regulations applicable to the event, and all relevant state and federal laws and regulations. This includes any reasonable direction given to me by anyone in authority at the relevant event.

8. I acknowledge that if I am found to be breaching any part of this Code of Conduct, I will face disciplinary action both onsite from the event coordinator and/or relevant YSA representative and also in my home chapter.

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