

# Code of Conduct

In order for the RYLA staff to concentrate on delivering a program of leadership and character development, free enterprise, and patriotic values, they must be free of concerns about behavior problems among the RYLA attendees. RYLA is only five days long and the volunteers staffing the program do not have the time or interest in managing boys/girls who do not wish to be in camp or have no appreciation for the RYLA experience. The following behavior traits are not found in good leaders, and in this spirit, will not be tolerated at RYLA. Failure to follow these rules will be grounds for dismissal from RYLA, which will require transportation home at the parent's/guardian's expense.

1. **Cheating/Dishonest behavior** - Whether as an individual or as your team in competitions, cheating will not be tolerated.
2. **Disregard for Authority** - Constant questioning or arguing about the rules of camp, tournaments, etc., cannot be tolerated. We will not change the rules for you or your team.
3. **Intimidation of Others** - This refers to how you react to other campers and teams. If you can't get along with others without being the "top dog" or you tend to be a poor loser, perhaps RYLA isn't for you. True leaders rise to the top without threats or inconsiderate actions.
4. **Disrespect** - You only get to be at RYLA for five short days. Have fun, but be respectful of others at camp, especially the speakers. Talking during a speaker's presentation cannot be tolerated.
5. **Rudeness** - Inappropriate comments on another's race, religion, athletic ability, character, looks, etc., will not be tolerated as they do not contribute to a positive RYLA experience.
6. **Lateness** - Be on time and have your team present on time. We don't start meals until everyone shows up. Our speakers frequently are on a tight schedule and shouldn't have to wait for us.
7. **No P.D.A.** (public display of affection) between couples. Couples are not permitted to be off alone, daylight or dark.
8. **Any other behavior** which makes you a liability instead of an asset to RYLA. You were selected to attend RYLA because someone knew you are a leader among your peers. Even if **you** aren't aware of your leadership potential, act like it's there and let us help you develop it.

I understand the above guidelines and intend to have as much fun as possible at RYLA without violating any of the above guidelines.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(RYLA Participant: Please Print) (RYLA Participant: Signature)

**Parent's Statement:** I understand that should my son or daughter become a liability to the RYLA Program, he or she will need to be picked up at camp as soon as possible or transported home at my expense. I will be available at the following phone numbers during the week of camp should a problem occur.

Name of Parent/Guardian(s):

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature(s):

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number(s): (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_

**Participants:** THIS CODE OF CONDUCT FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO YOUR SPONSORING ROTARY CLUB'S RYLA REPRESENTATIVE OR TO THE RYLA CHAIR. THE ONLINE APPLICATION SHOULD ALSO BE COMPLETED AT <http://goo.gl/forms/05jioJbEu>. AFTER SELECTIONS ARE MADE, THE COMPLETED HEALTH FORM WILL BE REQUIRED. ALL FORMS AND **ROTARY CLUB** SPONSORSHIP FEES MUST BE RECEIVED BY **MAY 15, 2015**. FORMS MAY BE SCANNED AND EMAILED TO [RYLA5730@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RYLA5730@GMAIL.COM). PAPER FORMS AND FEES SHOULD BE MAILED TO **RYLA, PO BOX 9637, AMARILLO, TX 79105**.