



# Town of Clifton Park Youth Court

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## **RULES OF CONDUCT**

As a member of Youth Court you must abide by the following rules:

**RULE 1.** You must not engage in illegal conduct.

**RULE 2.** You must not engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.

**RULE 3.** You must not knowingly use perjured or false testimony or statements.

**RULE 4.** You must reveal any false testimony, statements, other evidence used, or any other fraud perpetrated, in any Youth Court proceeding.

**RULE 5.** You must maintain the confidentiality of the Youth Court proceedings.

**RULE 6.** You must not violate the rules and regulations adopted by your school district.

**RULE 7.** You must participate free of bias or prejudice toward any other person's age, race, sex, religion, national origin, or disability.

**RULE 8.** You must appear promptly and prepared for all Youth Court training sessions and court appearances, unless excused.

**RULE 9.** You must perform your role as effectively and competently as possible.

**RULE 10.** You must not engage in undignified or discourteous conduct during a Youth Court session.

**RULE 11.** You must not ask any question that is intended to harass or degrade a witness.

**RULE 12.** You must not let any outside influence, such as other members, parents, fellow students or your own self-interest, affect your actions and decisions in how to proceed.

**RULE 13.** As a defender, unless an offender otherwise directs, you must not reveal a confidence or secret of an offender or use such a confidence or secret to the disadvantage of an offender.

**RULE 14.** You must treat with courtesy and consideration all persons involved in Youth Court proceedings.

**RULE 15.** You must not knowingly fail to disclose or exchange evidence which you are required by the Youth Court training manual to reveal to your opponent.

**RULE 16.** A prosecutor must disclose to the defender evidence that tends to help the offender, i.e., evidence that mitigates the seriousness of the offense or which would tend to reduce the sentence.



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**RULE 17.** A prosecutor must not communicate with the offender in the case (except, of course, during cross-examination).

**RULE 18.** A Youth Court member serving as a prosecutor, defender or judge, other than during the performance of your role during a court proceeding, must not communicate with a juror about the case under consideration.

**RULE 19.** You must abide by all your obligations and responsibilities as specified in the Youth Court training manual.

**RULE 20.** A Youth Court member must dress appropriately when participating in a Youth Court proceedings.

**RULE 21.** You must notify the Youth Court Director immediately if you are arrested, convicted of a crime or suspended from school.

**RULE 22.** You must report to the Youth Court Director or any Community Board member conduct of other members which you believe to be in violation of these Rules of Conduct.

**RULE 23.** You must cooperate with the Community Board or any disciplinary committee in any investigation involving a violation of these rules of conduct.