

## Delegate Code of Conduct

Business Professionals of America–Michigan Association has established the following practices and procedures regarding delegate conduct.

1. The term “delegate” shall mean any Business Professionals of America member, including advisors and alumni.
2. Business Professionals of America, Michigan Association will not tolerate any type of inappropriate behavior from any BPA conference participant. Inappropriate behavior includes discrimination, sexual harassment, bullying, inappropriate photography, any illegal action, etc. Anyone found violating this policy will be expelled from the event or conference and his or her membership will be terminated. If necessary, appropriate legal actions may be taken. Michigan BPA reserves the right to modify the consequences, as appropriate.
3. Delegates shall stay at the approved hotel during the conference in order to participate in conference activities including competitive events.
4. Any damages done to property or furnishings in the hotel or theft of hotel property must be paid by the delegate or chapter responsible.
5. Smoking or use of tobacco products in any form including vaporizing pen and e-cigarette is not allowed during any conference. (PA 140 of 1993)
6. No alcoholic beverages, marijuana, or narcotics in any form shall be possessed or used by any delegate at any time, under any circumstances. This is in effect from the time members leave home until they return home.
7. Delegates shall attend all general sessions, competitions, and activities assigned. This includes competitive events, committee meetings, mini-sessions, etc., for which they are registered unless engaged in some specific assignment taking place at the same time.
8. Identification name badges must be worn at all times.
9. Delegates shall keep their adult advisors informed of their activities and whereabouts at ALL times. All delegates will not leave the conference facilities without permission of their advisor.
10. Delegates shall stay in their assigned rooms.
11. Delegates will not be allowed in the rooms assigned to the opposite sex unless accompanied by an official conference advisor.
12. Delegates shall be in their rooms and quiet by curfew each night.
13. Advisors are responsible for room check. No group or chapter activities are to be scheduled, by advisors, after curfew.
14. The chapter advisor shall be responsible for their chapter delegates’ conduct.
15. Delegates shall adhere to the dress code.
16. Use of private automobiles shall not be permitted, after arrival at the conference. Car doors shall be locked upon arrival and the keys turned over to the chapter advisor.
17. Hand carried stereos or radios are not permitted at any conference. Personal electronic devices, CD players, and MP3 players with earphones are permitted in the room or in travel.
18. All cellular telephones, pagers, PDAs, and other electronic communications devices must be turned off during all meetings, sessions, and assessment event testing. Any student who disrupts a testing session with a mobile telecommunications device will be disqualified from their event. In addition, the picture or video recording feature available with some models of cell phones or other electronic devices cannot be used in any public restroom or locker room.
19. Unregistered individuals shall not be permitted at any conference.
20. Delegates shall conduct themselves in a professional manner.
21. Delegates shall abide by all conference rules.
22. Delegates shall allow Michigan BPA to use conference photographs, video footage, and their names for promotional purposes.
23. Spouses are allowed to attend the state leadership conference if they officially register and pay all financial differences. They shall not have membership privileges. They shall abide by all conference rules.
24. Delegates violating any of the code of conduct rules may subject themselves and/or their entire delegation to be sent home at the individual and/or chapter’s expense. Infractions of this code may also result in disqualification of the individual or school delegation from all other activities, probation, contest disqualification, elimination of recognition at the awards ceremony, expulsion from membership, or other appropriate action. If necessary, appropriate legal actions may be taken. Penalties of violations of the Michigan BPA Delegate Code of Conduct are independent of penalties issued by the local chapter at the local school level. Michigan BPA reserves the right to modify the consequences and penalties, as appropriate.