

Youth Group Code of Conduct

Romans 12:1: “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.”

Recognizing that we are ambassadors of Christ and this church and, as such, our actions and words provide either a good or bad example, each young person participating in Impact Youth activities of any sort is expected to abide by the following Code of Conduct. This includes church members, regular attendees, and visitors.

Above all, remember that your words and actions should reflect Christ. By participating in Youth Group activities you represent Christ, this Church, your parents, and yourself. What you say and do has impact on others; it is our desire that your impact will be a positive one.

- During Sunday Worship, Sunday school, Friday impact or other youth ministry classes, I will show respect by not causing disruptions and not talking unless appropriate.
- The use of cell phones and similar electronic devices during sermons, classes or group activities will not be allowed unless it is for an approved use.
- When participating in youth ministry activities, youth will not leave prematurely before the activities or events conclude unless I have sought the approval of an adult leader.
- For off-site programs and activities or trips, youth will not leave before the published ending time without approval from BOTH the adult coworker AND a parent or guardian.
- Youth agree to treat each other with respect and kindness, and will not use words (in person or social media) and actions that include aggression, negative language and behavior, intentional exclusion, threats, insults, discrimination, bullying, etc. Should any conflicts ever arise, the church will address them following biblical teachings and seek the assistance of my parent(s) or an adult leader where appropriate.
- Youth agree to respect programs, events and activities by arriving on time and avoiding being late as much as possible within their control.
- Youth agree to help with cleanup activities following events whenever necessary
- Always Keep a positive attitude.
- Youth will show respect for everyone with whom you come in contact, by your actions and your words. This includes members of your group as well as those outside of it.
- Respect the facilities. (e.g., do not throw or kick balls at the doors or walls; no standing, walking or running on furniture or chairs; clean up after yourself.)
- There will be no obscene language, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or weapons allowed in church.
- Public displays of affection while at church functions are inappropriate. This includes “hanging on” someone, excessive hugging, hand-holding, kissing, sharing a seat, or other obviously “romantic” behavior.
- For the safety and well-being of all, every meeting and event has physical boundaries. Stay within those boundaries. At no time will the leadership of this group tolerate language or behavior that is disrespectful or rude to other Youth members or to those in authority over the group. This includes church staff, chaperones, parents, and those involved in the operation of whichever location/event we are attending.

Dress Guidelines

It is important that our dress is appropriate. It is our intention to be holy and pleasing to God. Clothing should not be disruptive or bring unnecessary attention to the wearer. The following will not be permitted:

- Bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, tank tops, see through clothing, tube tops, halter top. Yoga pants and spandex like clothing must be covered up by a t-shirt in “sensitive areas.”
- No visible undergarments. Pants should be worn at waist/hip level.
- Dresses, skirts, shorts, skorts and garments that are shorter than the wearer’s fingertips with the arm and hand fully extended. If a garment has a slit, the top of the slit must be lower than the wearer’s fingertips with the arms and hands fully extended.
- No clothing with offensive or obscene pictures and/or words.

If you would not wear it to church on Sunday morning or to school, then chances are you should not wear it to youth group. Should youth dress in an inappropriate manner the youth will be asked to put on different clothes or parents will be called to bring you new clothing or to take youth home.

Disruptive or unsafe behavior on trips will not be tolerated. Disruptive and unsafe behavior includes any violation of the Youth Group Rules as well as specific rules imposed for that trip. The final authority determining what is and is not considered disruptive and unsafe behavior will be the Youth Pastor. If your behavior is deemed disruptive or unsafe youth parents will be called to come to the event and take you home.

I have prayerfully read and understand Impact Youth Group Code of Conduct and will abide by it.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

As a parent of a youth in the CCIC-TV youth group, I have prayerfully read and understand Impact’s Youth Group Code of Conduct. I support the Code of Conduct and expect my child to adhere to it at all times.

Discipline for Breaking Rules

- Infraction of these rules may result in suspension from busses, classes, activities, and/or church.
- It is the desire of CCIC-TV Impact – That all who are willing is able to come to the services provided and find love, care, and a relationship with Jesus Christ. If a suspension should occur, it will be the result of the student choosing bad behavior over their desire to participate.
- 1st Offense – A warning will be given and the student informed of what was done wrong and what is expected of them.
- 2nd Offense – A second warning will be given and the parents will be contacted to make sure they know the student is being disruptive.
- 3rd Offense – In the case the student comes to church with their parents, the student will not be allowed to come into the youth group gathering. He/She will have to sit with their parents during the entire time they are at church. The Youth Pastor will talk with the parents to gain insight as to why the child might be continuously acting out. The Youth Pastor along with the Elders will schedule a visit with the family to make sure everything is okay and to seek understanding as to why the student continues to act inappropriately.
- 4th Offense – The student will be suspended for one month. In the case a student accompanies his/her parents to church; he/she will not be allowed to participate in anything with the youth group except Sunday School for the duration of the suspension. If the student is a bus rider, he/she will not be picked up for church or any youth group activities. Upon arrival back to church they must apologize to the class for their disruptive behavior.
- 5th Offense – After the 4th offence, disciplinary action will be taken on a case by case basis. The action taken will be either a six month suspension or an indefinite suspension from the church youth group.
- It is the desire of CCIC-TV that in the cases of such disciplinary action reconciliation happens. If the church, parents, and the student can reach an understanding of what is expected of the student when they are on church property, the student could be allowed to return to full participation in the services provided.

It is important to note that none of these rules or disciplinary actions are intended to create a “cookie cutter” student. We believe that each person is created uniquely by God. Each student has different qualities and struggles. God wants to take each student and mold them into His image, not something we create. These rules are strictly for the safety of the student and to create an atmosphere conducive to learning about Jesus Christ and how He can transform a life. CCIC-TV Impact leadership is thankful for your understanding and participation in this area.