



Standards of Conduct for Teal Sound Members

The following rules and standards of personal conduct are expected from and apply to all members involved in programs of the Teal Sound Drum & Bugle Corps program. The rules are designed to help ensure the safety, welfare, and enjoyment of all members. When participating in any activity of the Teal Sound, your behavior reflects on this organization as a whole. You are a representative of this organization. Behavior that could negatively reflect on this organization is prohibited.

1. The Teal Sound is a substance-free youth activity. **The possession or use of alcohol and illegal drugs is strictly prohibited by all members** at all times while involved in a corps related activity or tour. This rule applies to all members even if he or she is of legal age to possess or consume these items. A corps related activity means all practices and meetings. This also includes all trips to competitions from the time a member leaves the Jacksonville, FL/south Georgia area to the time he or she returns to the same area. Members suspected of possession of any of the above shall be subject to search.
2. The only drugs a member may possess or consume are those specifically prescribed by a physician or those purchased over the counter for a legitimate reason. Such drugs must be used according to their written directions.
3. Hazing, initiation, or harassment of members is prohibited.
4. Theft and vandalism of corps member property or the property of others is prohibited. Any person caught stealing or vandalizing another's property will be immediately dismissed from the corps.
5. Assaultive behavior towards other members, staff, and other corps personnel is prohibited.

*****NOTE*** Violation of the above rules will result in immediate dismissal from the corps, suspension from future competition, or other disciplinary action as directed by either the instructors, management, or Board of Directors. There is zero tolerance for violation of the above rules.**

6. All members must abide by the appearance policies of the corps during the summer months including those policies regarding facial and body hair, length of hair and hair color.
7. Corps members should control their temper to refrain from use of offensive language. Do your best to control your moods and temper. Respect each other. How you are treated depends on how you as an individual behave toward others.
8. Corps members shall obey a lawful order of the administrative and instructional staff, drum major, or VolunTeal. Disrespect shall not be tolerated.
9. While there is no dress code while out of uniform, members are expected to dress appropriately. Clothing which is in bad taste or which is disruptive is not allowed. Members must comply with instructor requests to change clothing or improve personal hygiene.
10. No minor or corps member of any age is allowed to have a dating relationship with a staff member of the corps.
11. Corps members shall not engage in public displays of affection with each other which may be considered offensive to others.
12. Verbal or physical abuse aimed at another corps will not be tolerated. While competition may bring out strong feelings, members are to conduct themselves with pride and good sportsmanship.

13. Teal Sound has a “one bag, one body” policy that will be strictly enforced while at camps and on the road. Any member not following this will be immediately dismissed from the corps.

14. If for any reason you are dismissed from the corps, it is your responsibility for transportation costs home and not Teal Sound’s. If under 18, your parents will be contacted immediately. You will be taken to the nearest airport or bus terminal and it will be either yours and/or your parent’s responsibility to take the necessary procedures to return you to your home.

Member Name (Print)

Date

Signature