

CUC Youth Event Rules

The following apply to all participants of youth events, regardless of age:

- All participants must be sober at all times (No illegal drug or substance use, or alcohol use is permitted)
- Youth participants must be between 14 – 20 years of age*
- Adults participants must be 25 years of age or older and must remain in the role of advisor at all times*
- A maximum ratio of 8:1, youth to adults, will be used for all overnight events*
- All youth participants (regardless of age) must have an advisor present
- Peaceful behavior and actions should be maintained at all times (No weapons, violence or threats of violence are permitted)
- All participants must stay on site for the duration of the event (No leaving the site except as part of a planned activity)
- All participants must follow the site's rules
- Only registered participants may attend (No drop-ins)
- Inclusive, appropriate behaviors should be maintained at all times (No violating the CUC Policy on Sexualized Behaviour at Youth Cons – see below)
- All participants will sleep individually (1 person per sleeping bag)
- All participants will maintain appropriate dress for the duration of the event (Public nudity at CUC Youth Events is not permitted)
- All participants over the age of 18 or who are in a leadership role must sign the Code of Ethics for Adults and Older Youth Working with Children and Youth
- All participants must submit completed registration forms by the registration deadline, including signed congregational involvement and general release forms

**exceptions*

- Youth between the ages of 12 – 13 year may, in some circumstances, be invited to participate in joint Jr. & Sr. Youth Conferences, provided the youth to adult ratio is increased to **6:1**
- Young Adults between the ages of 20 – 25 may, in some circumstances, be invited to participate in Youth Learning Conferences, if they are specifically designated as multigenerational events. These Young Adults may not act as sponsors for other youth and must abide by all conference rules.

CUC Policy On Sexualized Behaviour at Youth Cons

Sexuality is a healthy and important part of young people's lives. Youth programs are an opportunity for youth to express themselves in a variety of healthy ways; however exclusive relationships, especially of a sexual nature, detract from the larger community. All members of the community must respect each other's physical boundaries. **Inappropriate sexualized behaviour** (i.e. oral, digital, vaginal or anal intercourse, or sexual harassment) **is not permitted.**

The Conference Affairs Committee (or designated group) reserves the right to deem any behaviour inappropriate. Parents/guardians are invited to discuss this policy with their youth.

BREACH OF THE ABOVE RULES OR POLICY MAY RESULT IN PARTICIPANTS BEING DISALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REMAINDER OF THE EVENT.

All MUST sign:

I, _____ have read, understood and agree to abide by the above *CUC Youth Event Rules* and *CUC Policy on Sexualized Behavior at Youth Cons*. I agree that if I break with these rules or policy, I may be subject to consequences for my behavior, including being sent home at my own or my parent's/guardian's expense.

Name Signed

Date