

Online Code of Conduct

Florida YMCA Youth in Government

As an organization that holds character development in the highest regard, the YMCA is obligated to take actions to preserve its core values. Therefore, the state office of Florida YMCA Youth In Government has established an online code of conduct to help all program participants utilize this and other online communities to their full potential while promoting the exercising of safe judgment and protection of personal privacy.

Florida Youth In Government understands the importance of social networking through online communities such as Facebook© and Myspace© as well as our own. While these networks can provide an ideal setting for the discussion and exchange of ideas between civically-active students such as those involved with YIG, they also present delegates and adult advisors alike with situations that require a high degree of discretion and personal responsibility.

1. Comments, posts, and all public messages to current high school delegates must be kept free of inappropriate language.

We define inappropriate language as language which:

- is being used to abuse, harass, stalk, or threaten others, is vulgar and/or profane
 - is libelous or knowingly false
 - violates an obligation of confidentiality
 - violates the privacy of others
2. Advisors, Graduate Advisors, Alumni, and Volunteers are also encouraged to keep the four core values of the YMCA in mind when creating and editing their profiles as well as sending public messages.
 3. All Graduate Advisors are expected to maintain a "limited" online profile status with all current high school delegates met post-graduation (from high school).
 4. All personally posted photos must never portray explicitly illegal activities. Use discretion when posting or allowing any photos to be displayed on an online site. Explicit violations will result in immediate dismissal from the program.
 5. Public profiles should be kept free of profane and vulgar language, offensive material, libelous or knowingly false comments, and content unbecoming of a YMCA volunteer and/or delegate. Always consider the four core values of the YMCA (Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility) when creating and editing online information.