



## **Awana Standards of Conduct and Contact: Youth Sixth Grade and Above**

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1.0 Two Adult Rule – A minimum of two adults is required in attendance during all Awana Clubs International sponsored activities and events, and these two adults must be CP trained. Co-ed groups require co-ed chaperones.

2.0 No Private One-on-One Contact – Private one-on-one contact between an adult and child is not permitted. In situations that require personal conferences, the meeting is to be conducted in the clear view of others.

3.0 Respect of Privacy – Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers, and intrude only to the extent that health and safety require some other action. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations.

4.0 Accommodations –

4.1 Summit Regional Teams – Youth of the same sex will stay in motel rooms separate from adults.

4.2 Church Teams – Awana Clubs International recommends that church teams abide by the same rules as the regional team accommodations (see #4.1). If a church team varies from this standard, they agree to indemnify and hold Awana Clubs International harmless for any and all claims that may arise from this choice.

4.3 Camp – Two adult counselors are recommended for each cabin. This is protection for the camper as well as the volunteer. It is recommended that counselors plan activities with counselors from other cabins. Mix it up, so your cabin does not always do activities with the same other cabin. Conduct devotions and other activities in plain view of other counselors. If you want to go on a hike, not only do you ask another counselor and cabin to go with your cabin, but also check and see if there is a third adult available to go with the two cabins. That way, if there is an emergency, the extra adult can return to camp for help. Remember to follow the other standards of conduct listed here for camp, especially respecting the privacy of campers and counselors. Also, encourage campers to respect the privacy of others and treat each other kindly.

5.0 Male and female leaders require separate sleeping accommodations, unless they are married.

6.0 No Secret Organization – Awana Clubs International does not recognize any secret organization as part of its ministry programs or activities. All aspects of the Awana Clubs International ministry are open to observation by parents and missionaries.

7.0 Appropriate Modest Attire – Proper clothing is required for all activities. Remember, as an Awana Clubs International employee or volunteer, you are a testimony to the students and all those with whom you come into contact.

8.0 Constructive Discipline – Discipline used during Awana Clubs International - approved events and activities must be constructive and reflect the values of Awana Clubs International. Corporal punishment is never permitted.

9.0 Hazing Prohibited – Hazing and initiations are prohibited and may never be included as part of any Awana Clubs International event or activity.

10.0 Driving and Riding in Vehicles – Whenever possible the Two Adult Rule must be followed when transporting young people. If two adults are not available, then several young people must be in the car. Before transporting young people, the adult must have a signed permission slip from the parent(s). Also, the parent(s) must have a clear understanding of (1) pick up and drop off times, (2) the intended destination and purpose of the trip and (3) the cell phone and/or pager number of the adult driver.

11.0 One-on-One Meetings between an Adult and a Young Person – One-on-one meetings must take place in plain view of another adult. The exception to this is when, prior to the meeting, written parental permission is given, all of the guidelines in Section 11.0 of this document are followed, the one-on-one contact is between an adult that is the same sex of the young person, and all of the instructions the parent(s) may give are followed.

12.0 Day Events or Activities – All applicable guidelines in Sections 10.0 and 11.0 of this document must be followed for day events, as well as Awana Clubs International Basic Standards of Conduct. A proper adult to young person and male and female adult ratio is required. Adults have the responsibility to supervise their group members where opportunities abound to elude the watchful eye of the chaperones. Care must be taken as necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of the students, others and property.