

# Maverick Forensics - Team Policies

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## Academic Policies

**Maverick Forensics is committed to academic integrity**

- Participants must maintain a 3.00 cumulative GPA in order to travel to tournaments. Students who fall below a 3.0 will have their travel restricted. Students who fall below a 2.75 GPA will have the travel suspended.
- As outlined in the MNSU "Make-up Work and Missed Class Policy" participants must give professors timely notification of all tournament related absences, and complete any missed assignments per instructor's specifications.

## Competitive Standards

**Maverick Forensics is committed to competitive excellence**

- Participants will practice their events weekly.
- Participants are expected to compete in at least 2 events when traveling to an overnight tournament.
- Participants will not perform unmemorized PA or interp events in competition. Students attending their first *ever* college tournament may be given a one time exception.
- Participants will adhere to the AFA Code of Standards.
- Participants will support the program goal of obtaining a high national team ranking.

## Campus Policies

**Maverick Forensics is committed to respect for the campus community**

- Participants will abide by all campus policies including the campus non-discrimination in education policy (links to these policies may be found on the program web page).
- Participants will respect the squad room as a public space to be used by any *active* forensic program member. This includes maintaining a clean and uncluttered environment, as well as appropriate use of technology resources. Smoking and the use of alcohol are not permitted in the squad room.
- Participants should respect faculty and staff working in AH 206B and the surrounding areas.
- Participants may not print in 206B without permission from the DOF, ADOF or Department Chair, and should vacate the computers if needed by graduate students, faculty or staff.

## Travel Policies

**Maverick Forensics is committed to safe and considerate travel**

- Participants will wear their seatbelts *at all times*.
- Participants will be on time for all team departures. If you are late you will be left and responsible for getting yourself to the tournament or paying your drop fees.

- Participants will assist in the loading and unloading of luggage.
- Underage drinking is NEVER permitted. Additionally, no participants may bring alcohol into a team vehicle or lodging. Participants who are 21 years of age should never drink to excess (blood alcohol concentration above .08%). No participant should consume alcohol prior to departure to or from a tournament.
- Participants will never use or possess illegal drugs of any kind.
- Smoking is not allowed in team vehicles or lodgings.
- Participants are responsible for all hotel incidental expenses they may accrue.
- Participants will adhere to the curfew established by the coach in charge.
- Participants will respect the authority of the coaches. Any disputes with the coaching staff should be tabled until the team has returned to campus. The dispute should be brought to the attention of the DOF and/or ADOF for resolution.

## Professionalism

**Maverick Forensics is committed to professional behavior**

- Participants will refrain from making critical comments about tournament management, judges and other competitors.
- Participants will demonstrate respect for their coaches and teammates at all times. This includes changing the topic of conversation during a van ride if anyone expresses discomfort with the subject.
- Participants will not receive their ballots until the first class day following the tournament.
- Participants must assist with and attend all team sponsored activities such as tournaments we host, public performances and fund raisers.

## Agreement

By signing this document I acknowledge that I have read and agree to adhere to the above policies. I understand that should I violate these policies my participation with the MSU-Mankato Forensic program may be temporarily or permanently suspended. Additionally, I understand that if I violate any of the policies while attending a tournament I may be immediately dropped from the tournament and responsible for paying the resulting drop fees as well as funding my own transportation back to campus.

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Signature

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Date