

## YYSO ATTENDANCE POLICY

The York Youth Symphony operates on the basis of having dedicated and highly motivated membership. Because this orchestra is committed to excellence, each member must contribute his/her best. An important part of your experience in the York Youth Symphony will be the satisfaction of creating fine music through the combined efforts of all the members of the orchestra.

### Responsibilities of Members

The very nature of participation in a performance group means that members shall:

- Attend all rehearsals and concerts.
- Prepare adequately during the week.
- Cooperate in the group effort to achieve superior musical results.

All absences will be recorded and it is your responsibility to provide the rehearsal manager with all necessary information in writing **TWO WEEKS** in advance. **Failure to provide this information will result in the absence being considered unexcused.** Unexcused absences will not be tolerated.

### Some Absences May Be Excused – **DRESS REHEARSALS ARE MANDATORY**

Excused absences for regular rehearsals include:

- School music rehearsals or concerts
- Music festivals
- Illness or related family emergencies
- Necessary family issues
- College visits (Should be scheduled during weekends when there is no YYSO rehearsal)

### Attendance Agreement

For the integrity of the orchestra, any activity that will require frequent absences could jeopardize your position in the orchestra.

### Actions and Consequences

After your second absence (per concert) of any kind, the conductor will review your status in the orchestra and may take appropriate action.

Such action could include:

- Loss of position within your section
- Ineligibility to play in that concert
- Dismissal from the orchestra.

(Additional Guidelines and Dress Code on the Other Side)

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### Members and Parents:

**Please Sign the Contract Below. Detach and Return it on the Day of Your Audition.**

**I have read and understand the rules and guidelines stated above and agree to follow them.**

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## **GUIDELINES**

York Youth Symphony Orchestra members will follow these guidelines:

1. Be a member in good standing with their school orchestra.  
If no orchestra exists, woodwinds, brass, and percussion must be a member in good standing with their school band. Strings may audition.
2. Fill out Player information Cards and pay all fees promptly.
3. Regularly attend all rehearsals and performances. **Dress rehearsals are mandatory.**
4. Notify the Rehearsal Manager in writing, in advance of an absence.
- \*5. **Arrive at 8:45 AM -- 15 minutes before rehearsal; be tuned, on stage, and ready to play at 9:00.**
6. Stop playing when the conductor stops and listen carefully.
7. Be courteous when the conductor is working with another section by not talking.
8. Maintain orchestra parts and folders with care, and to meet the cost of any part damaged or lost.
9. Follow the official dress code for the orchestra's performances.
10. Leave candy, gum and soda at home.
11. Leave homework at home (unless lack of a part in a certain piece or movement permits leaving the orchestra to work in the hall).
12. Challenges will be allowed at the discretion of the Director. Challenges will not be allowed in the two weeks prior to a concert. A notice of one week must be given to the member being challenged. The Director will preside over the challenge. The members will abide by decision of the Director.
13. Accept dismissal if, after consultation with the Conductor and/or Manager, these requirements are not met.
14. From time to time, photos and videos are taken of rehearsals and/or performances. These images may be used in promoting the YYSO and its performances.

## **CONCERT DRESS:**

### **Women**

Long Black Dress with Long Sleeves **or**  
Long Black Skirt and Long Sleeve Black Blouse **or**  
Palazzo Pants (to the floor) and Long Sleeve Black Blouse  
or, Black Dress Pants and Long Sleeve Black Blouse  
Black Shoes, closed-toe, and Dark Hose

### **Men**

Black Suit  
Black Shoes  
Black Socks  
Black Bow Tie  
White Shirt