

Texas Public Service Association  
**Code of Conduct**

Effective July 25, 2019

TPSA believes that each of its members should demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship. These qualities promote the development of good character and employability skills necessary for success in the Law and Public Safety field. The TPSA Code of Conduct is a guiding document created to maintain a safe, professional learning environment for all participating members.

The highest potential for success is achieved when everyone is committed to pursuing all activities in accordance with our five core principles; trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, and citizenship.

### **Trustworthiness**

I must be worthy of trust in all that I do by exhibiting:

*Integrity* - I must demonstrate ethics and sportsmanship.

*Honesty* - I must live and compete honorably.

*Reliability* - I must fulfill my commitments.

*Loyalty* - I must be loyal to my school and team.

### **Respect**

I must treat all people with respect and require the same of others by exhibiting the following;

*Class* - I must be a good sport in victory and defeat.

*Respectful Conduct* - I must maintain respectful conduct with everyone.

### **Responsibility**

I must demonstrate responsibility by focusing on the following;

*Importance of Education* - I must commit to maintaining grade eligibility.

*Role-Modeling* - I must consistently exhibit good character and conduct myself as a positive role model.

*Self-Control* - I must exercise self-control.

*Healthy Lifestyle* - I will refrain from illegal substance use.

*Integrity of the Competition* - I will protect the integrity of this organization by adhering to the rules.

### **Caring**

I must demonstrate a caring attitude by exhibiting;

*Concern for Others* - I must demonstrate concern for others.

*Team* - I must help promote the well-being of my teammates.

### **Citizenship**

I must promote citizenship in this organization by;

*Playing by the Rules* - I must maintain a thorough knowledge of and abide by all organization rules.

*Spirit of Rules* - I must honor the spirit and the letter of rules.

- I have read and understand the expectations set forth by this Code of Conduct.
- I understand that I am expected to perform according to this code.

- I understand that any violation of this code can result in;
  - Probation, suspension, or revocation of membership privileges.
  - Loss of awards
  - Loss of eligibility for competitive events
  - Removal from leadership positions

Violations of this code of conduct will be reviewed by the Executive Board in accordance with the grievance process outlined in the bylaws. Consequences shall be issued as deemed appropriate by the Executive Board. Board decisions are final and cannot be appealed.