

## DDF CODE OF ETHICS

All DDF participants, observers and coaches are expected to observe the general principles of:

- Ethical behavior
- Appropriate demeanor
- Proper decorum
- Honest and original best efforts
- Free exchange of ideas

During the school year, students will take care of the spaces that we are utilizing, whether it is at Homer High or at other schools. This includes:

- No eating or drinking in spaces where such behavior is prohibited.
- All furniture that is moved will be replaced where it was found.
- All items that are found in the room will be returned to their original location.
- Students will work on pieces during practice, or be expected to leave.

DDF coaches should guide the intellectual development of the participants; promote and provide opportunities for them to develop their skills; and engender good sportsmanship, fair play and individual integrity. The coach is not a speech writer, a researcher nor a case planner.

The following practices are considered unethical and will not be condoned:

- Distortion or falsification of evidence.
- The altering of material in interpretative events that is contrary to the author's intent.
- The writing of cases, speeches, and introductions by anyone other than the student.
- The use of canned material in extemporaneous speaking.
- The use of emotional appeals without the evidence to support them.
- The diverting of attention from weaknesses in an argument by unsupported attacks on the opponent.
- The breaching of normal courtesy by heckling, grimacing or loud whispering while the opponent is speaking or performing.
- The use of the same material in two different years by the same individual, even if in a different event.

DDF operates largely on the honor system. Students are expected to comply with all appropriate rules, codes and standards of etiquette.

I hereby agree to comply with the DDF Code of Ethics. I understand that not following the Code of Ethics may result in my removal from the Homer High School DDF Team.

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Date

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Student

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Parent