This document details the rules enforced at the West Texas A&M University Chamber Music Camp. These rules have been implemented for your safety and the safety of the West Texas A&M University community. Camp Directors reserve the right to remove campers from camp without refund and notify parents, school directors, and/or appropriate law enforcement officials for any violation or accumulation of violations of these rules. Illegal action by any camper will result in immediate expulsion and will be reported to law enforcement.

The first 5 rules are “Zero Tolerance” offences, which will result in immediate removal from camp, notification of parents, home directors, and law enforcement:

1. The use or possession of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia; sharing of prescription drugs; possession or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, mood changing or mind-altering substances will not be permitted.

2. The use or possession of firearms, knives, fireworks, incendiary devices, or weapons of any kind will not be permitted.

3. Verbal or physical harassment, threats, racial or sexual harassment, whether to members of the same sex or the opposite sex will not be tolerated. Report any incident of harassment to the camp headquarters.

4. Vandalism of any sort will not be tolerated. Any camper who defaces or destroys property will be responsible for repair or replacement.

5. Physical altercations, fighting, shoving, malicious pranks, etc. will not be tolerated.

6. Campers should dress in good taste and may not wear clothing that will attract undue attention. Camp directors will send campers home or to their dorm to make suitable changes.

7. Nametags and ID cards will be issued to each camper. Your nametag admits you to classes and your ID admits you to the cafeteria and dorms. You must wear them around your neck at all times. Nametags may not be altered or decorated. If you lose it, you will be required to replace it through the Camp Headquarters. There is a $5 replacement fee, which will not be refunded if you find your old nametag. If your nametag contains an error, it will be replaced at no charge (you will need to turn in the nametag containing the error). Duplicate use of nametags/ID’s will be investigated. Missing ID’s are replaced for a $10 charge.

8. Attend all class/rehearsal sessions. Attendance will be checked. In the event of illness or accident, a PARENT or RA should contact the Camp Office. Camp staff will confirm this call.

9. All cell phones and pagers must be turned off during class sessions and rehearsals. Using phones or pagers in classes or rehearsals will result in the loss of the phone for the rest of the class periods that day. Your parents will be notified if this action is taken.

10. Once on campus, campers may not leave in personal vehicles unless properly checked out through the Camp Headquarters.

11. Campers needing to park on campus must obtain a parking permit. The permit is $10 and is good for all days of camp. Registration requires the make, model, year, and license plate.
number of the vehicle. Permits must be hung from the rear-view mirror. Tickets will be issued to non-registered vehicles and vehicles that are improperly parked. Tickets and fines are the responsibility of the violator. Chamber Music camp assumes no responsibility for damage, tickets, clamping/towing, etc. of vehicles.

12. Please do not block hallways or stairways in university buildings. Do not play in or overcrowd elevators.

13. Roller blades and skateboards are not permitted at camp.

14. Campers caught in a “public display of affection” will be reprimanded by camp staff and will be reported to parents.

15. Campers will show respect for authority, personnel, property, and other campers at all times. No foul language will be tolerated.

16. Non-camp guests are not allowed at any nighttime function.

**Additional Rules for Residential Campers**

In addition to the rules stated on the previous pages, the following apply to residential campers:

1. Apart from family members assisting with move-in and/or move-out, neither campers nor guests are allowed to go into the rooms or halls of the opposite sex at any time or for any reason. Non-camper visitors regardless of sex are not allowed in the residence halls. Violation of this rule will result in an immediate expulsion from camp.

2. Matches, lighters, incense, candles and fireworks (anything producing sparks, flames, or smoke) are not allowed at the camp or in the dorms regardless of their intended use. Violation of this rule will result in an immediate expulsion from camp, and the University imposes fines of up to $25 per item found in dorm rooms.

3. Residential campers may not leave the campus unless they properly check out through their RA, and must check in upon return.

4. Residence hall room changes can be made only on the first night of camp, and only if all four people involved agree to the change. All four must be present at the same time with keys to all the rooms involved.

5. Residential campers should have their rooms locked and carry their key with them at all times. If your room is found to be open, your RA will lock it. Neither the camp nor the University is responsible for lost or stolen items.

6. Residential campers may not leave campus in personal vehicles, including their own, for the duration of camp.

7. Residential campers must attend a nightly group meeting with their RA at 10:00 p.m. Campers will be in their rooms by 10:30 p.m. Lights Out will be at 11:00 p.m. Do not order pizza or other delivery after 9:30. If you do, the staff will greatly enjoy it. Campers may not use their room phones or cell phones after Lights Out.

8. During the camp, keep the lounges and rooms clean and free of trash and clutter. Take your trash with you when leaving lobbies and common areas. Refrigerators and microwaves must be cleaned out 24 hours before the end of camp. RA’s will check rooms before campers are allowed to check out of the dorms. Campers must pay for any damages before check-out.
9. If radios, stereos, televisions, games, etc. in your room are being played loudly enough to be heard outside your door, they will be taken and stored by your RA until the last day of camp. Your parents will be notified of this action. Please note that we do not recommend taking these items to camp.

10. Uniformed police officers in marked cars patrol our campus. Please do what they ask. Occasionally, our campus officers wear polo type shirts with appropriate insignia. They will always be identifiable as officers. If you have any doubt, please ask them for identification.

11. Shoes must be worn at all times in campus buildings.

12. Any camper who destroys, tampers with, defaces or damages university furniture, appliances or facilities will be held financially responsible for the cost of replacement or repair. Rooms are inspected before and after camp.

13. Do not walk in groups of less than 4 at night.

14. Frisbees, footballs, hacky sacks, etc. are allowed outdoors only. Roller blades and skateboards are not permitted at camp.

15. Washers and dryers are located in each residence hall. DO NOT use those in areas housing the opposite sex.

16. If you lose your room key or fail to turn it in at the end of camp, there is a university-required charge of $55.00. Campers are responsible for the cost of missing room keys.

17. RA’s will review fire/tornado information with campers at their first meeting.

18. Campers may not leave the dorms between 10 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. for any reason other than university mandated evacuation.

Feel free to ask any Director or Staff Member if you have any questions about camp policies or procedures. Take all major problems straight to an adult staff member.

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