

ADELAIDE YOUTH ORCHESTRA INC CODE OF CONDUCT

To assist with the smooth running of our Orchestras, we ask all Members and their families to comply with our code of conduct.

Respect for others

We expect members of AdYO to behave in a way that is tolerant and respectful of other Members and their property, parents and staff of AdYO. Harassment of any kind will not be tolerated. Members behaving in an offensive manner may be asked to leave the group.

Respect for property

The rehearsal venues that we use are borrowed; please respect property such as chairs and music stands, be responsible for taking home all your belongings, and please do not litter.

Punctuality

It is important that the rehearsals begin on time. Please make sure that you are seated, tuned and ready to play before the scheduled starting time of the rehearsal.

Venues will be open at least 20 minutes before the scheduled starting time to allow time to get ready.

After the rehearsal please make sure that your transport is prompt. While AdYO staff will assume a duty of care for children under 16 years of age, they cannot be expected to wait with a child for more than 20 minutes after the rehearsal ends unless the situation is an emergency.

Attendance

We expect that Members attend all rehearsals unless there is a legitimate reason why they cannot, e.g. illness, AMEB or university exams, compulsory school or university commitments. Please notify your orchestral manager as soon as possible if you are unable to attend a rehearsal. If you are running late, call whichever manager is rostered on for the day (see schedule for details).

Note: social commitments or paid work do not constitute a legitimate reason for absence. If a Member's attendance has not been satisfactory they may be asked to forfeit their position in the ensemble at the discretion of the conductor. In the case of a member being offered performing work (e.g. casual employment with the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra) leave of absence may be negotiated with the conductor prior to the rehearsal date.

Practice

We expect that AdYO members prepare their part to the best of their ability between rehearsals through

private practise so that time is not lost during rehearsals due to wrong notes, etc. Members who consistently fail to practice may forfeit their position in the orchestra at the conductor's discretion.

Concert Attire

Adelaide Youth Orchestra

MEN: Black shirt, black pants, black socks, black shoes (not sneakers).

WOMEN: Appropriate all black formal wear, black shoes.

Adelaide Youth Sinfonia & Adelaide Youth Strings

AdYO black t-shirt as supplied with black pants or skirt with black shoes (not sneakers)

Please do not wear navy blue or dark grey pants or track suit pants with stripes down the sides: the audience does notice.

Orchestral Etiquette

- Make sure that you always bring your instrument and music and anything else you need to play (e.g. rosin, spare reeds) to each rehearsal.
- Pay attention to the conductor at all times, do not talk while the rehearsal is in progress.
- Be ready to start and stop playing without delay when the conductor signals.
- Make sure that your instrument is in good repair.
- Seating order is at the discretion of the conductor and may be changed or rotated throughout the year.

Consequences of Contravention

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct will result in significant consequences for an offending Member.

AdYO is within their rights to impose such consequences, which may include any of the following:

- asking a member to leave or not participate in a rehearsal or performance on a particular occasion;
- arranging meetings between a Member and AdYO staff;
- arranging meetings between a Member, their parents and AdYO staff
- giving written warnings to a Member and their parents; and
- termination of Membership at the complete discretion of AdYO (in cases of severe or repeated contravention of this Code of Conduct).
- any member whose Membership is terminated shall not be entitled a refund of their Membership fees for the duration of the 2010 Membership season.