



## TRAILBLAZERS WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008 CODE OF CONDUCT, FOR SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

All of the pilgrims for World Youth Day 2008, in Australia, are expected to adhere to the following code of conduct. As for the number in parenthesis, refer to the sanctions below.

Code:

- 1.** Follow the World Youth Day 2008 Trailblazers dress code, especially during the Holy Mass. This is out of respect for other people in general, and for the dignity of each pilgrim in particular.
  - 2.** Arrive on time, if not early, for scheduled events. (1)
  - 3.** No romantic involvement is permitted at any time during this pilgrimage. At all times, appropriate behavior towards members of the opposite sex must be maintained. (1)
  - 4.** The pilgrimage has prohibitions of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs.
    - 4.1.** Alcohol shall not be on the person of, consumed by or purchase by any pilgrimage participant under the age of 21. The purchase or consumption of alcohol is not to be done in the presence of any pilgrimage participant under the age of 21, with the sole exception of the obtaining of altar wine for the Catholic Mass. The use or consumption of alcohol before or during any Trailblazers event is strictly forbidden. Nor shall any person provide alcohol to any person under 21 years of age. (4)
    - 4.2.** The use, purchase, possession or consumption of illegal drugs is strictly forbidden. (4)
    - 4.3.** There will be no use of tobacco by anyone when the Trailblazers group is gathered as a whole. Persons over 18 years of age, outside of these events, may use tobacco only where allowed if there is a designated place. (3) Note: The sale of tobacco in Australia to anyone under 18 is illegal. (3)
  - 5.** Curfew (2)
    - 5.1.** For safety and health, observe the curfews established each day by the Director of Trailblazers. Request permission from the Director for any exception. Do not venture into unknown territory without a chaperone, escort or company as established by the Director for each case.
    - 5.2.** During sleeping hours, observe silence, out of respect for others. Recollect the spiritual fruit of the day.
    - 5.3.** No phone use during curfew hours, emergencies accepted.
  - 6.** Socializing should take place only in public areas. NO visiting is allowed in sleeping areas occupied by the opposite sex. Exceptions are emergencies, for which a group leader must be present and the visit must be brief. (2)
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7. Pilgrims are expected to respect one another and act in a Christ-like manner. (1)
  8. All pilgrims must refrain from vulgar and inappropriate language. (1)
  9. It is forbidden to touch or use another person's possessions without express permission from that person. (1)
  10. Youth/Young Adults are expected to participate in as many pilgrimage events as reasonably possible. (1)
  11. Disagreements which engage a group (or team) will be brought to the leaders' attention for final resolution, which can be appealed to the Director. Major issues pertaining to Trailblazers as a whole will be brought to the Director for final resolution. (1)
  12. Housing abuse will not be tolerated (running in the halls, loud noises, destruction of housing property, food fights, water pistols, etc.) (1)
- A list of directors and chaperones to contact will be provided to all the pilgrims in case of harassment, misconduct or discrimination, whom the pilgrims should promptly notify if they feel harassed or discriminated against.*

### Sanctions

- The following sanctions will be applied in punishment for breaching the code of conduct. The standard degree of severity is indicated by the number in parenthesis above, but the act itself or circumstances may aggravate or attenuate the severity. Repeated violations of this code of conduct could result in dismissal at the sole discretion of the Directors of Trailblazers.
- Trailblazers distinguishes five levels of severity, that is:
  1. Verbal correction by the Directors of Trailblazers.
  2. A work assignment given by the discretion of the Director of Trailblazers.
  3. Disciplinary action at the discernment of the Director of Trailblazers.
  4. Participant is dismissed from entire program and sent home at participant's/family's expense.

Participant: Keep this sheet of paper with you as you travel to World Youth Day 2008, in Sydney, Australia.

*Cut off and return the following portion filled out to the directors of Trailblazers.*



**Agreement form**

**Code of Conduct**

*Check where applicable, and sign.*

**(Trailblazers asks all to check this box.)** I understand and agree to observe the Trailblazers World Youth Day 2008 Code of Conduct. I also understand that my parents/guardian will be notified at the time of any infractions requiring my dismissal from any part of the program and that I may be sent home at my/my family's own expense.

I am a parent or guardian, I have reviewed and discussed this Code with my child or dependent, he/she understands what is expected of him/her, and I agree that he/she will obey these rules.

I am a Group Leader, I furthermore agree to honestly, justly and prudently enforce this code.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian (if Trailblazer is under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_