

I, _____, a former Rotary International Exchange Student and thus now a Rotex, agree to uphold the following and other Rotary and Rotex rules, expectations and guidelines when volunteering at any Rotary or Rotex event involving current and future Rotex, Applicants, Candidates, Outbounds, Inbounds, and Rebounds (The above listed will be referred to as "students" in the rest of the Rotex documents).

Rotary Youth Exchange relies upon Rotex to ensure the safety of its students, as well as to protect the integrity of the program. ***Being a Rotary volunteer and Rotex mentor is a privilege and a responsibility.*** Following the rules is a matter of showing the proper respect and consideration for the Rotary District 5230 Youth Exchange Program.

Any inappropriate Rotex behavior **must** be reported to a RYE District 5230 Committee member.

Qualifications to participate:

1. Only Rotex who have completed the US Department of State required Criminal Background Check (CBC) may have any contact with students. This must be completed annually. Rotex under 18 are exempt. (Contact Mark Perry or Mary Horst for details on how to do this).
2. Only Rotex who have completed the RYE District 5230 Volunteer Application and have passed the US Department of State Exchange Program Volunteer Certification may interact one-on-one with students or drive students anywhere in their car.
3. Host siblings under 18 years are exempt from the above two items.
4. All Rotex must be familiar with the list of Reportable Items and agree to report such items immediately and appropriately upon learning of the situation.
5. All Rotex must agree that above all else, our primary goals are to provide for the safety and positive experience of Future Rotex and to do nothing to damage the good reputations of Rotary Youth Exchange District 5230.

Rotary Rules:

1. Rotex will comply with all Rotary rules and regulations when interacting at any level with students or while volunteering at a Rotary sponsored event.
2. The use of drugs or alcohol before or during any Rotary YEP orientation, overnight, meeting or other official event is strictly prohibited. Consumption or use of tobacco products by Rotex during such events is also prohibited.
3. Possession of alcohol, drugs or tobacco by minors is illegal. No Rotex will provide, contenance or condone possession or use of such items by any students.
4. A Rotex is not allowed to be alone with another student, always gather in groups of three or more. (Host siblings are an exception to this rule).

Rotex Interactions with Students:

1. Rotex shall always behave as leaders, ambassadors and mentors.

2. Rotex should always behave respectfully of Rotary District 5230 Youth Exchange and Rotary International, allowing Rotarians and other volunteers to set the tone and take the lead.
3. In all ways, Rotex will behave in accordance with the RYE District 5230 guidelines and expectations.
4. Rotex will not encourage or condone students breaking "The D's" (drinking, drugs, driving, dating, disfigurement, dumb-ass).
5. Rotex shall do their best to ensure that all students have the opportunity to fully participate in, and feel included at, all Rotary sponsored events.
6. Stories from exchange students being encouraged or allowed to break the D's by anyone associated with Rotary YEP should not be shared by Rotex or students.
7. Under no circumstances may a Rotex speak inappropriately or lewdly with, date or invite on an interpersonal activity, engage in inappropriate contact or sexual activity, or in any other way cross any professional boundary with students.
8. Any Rotex deemed to be under the influence or otherwise impaired at official Rotary-sponsored events or while interacting with students will be immediately removed by RYE District 5230 committee members or Rotex leadership.

Consequences for Infractions

The minimum penalties for a Rotex found guilty of breaking or not enforcing the above rules are:

1st. offense – miss the next Rotary or Rotex sponsored event

2nd offense – miss the next two Rotary or Rotex sponsored events

3rd offense – never allowed to attend future Rotary or Rotex sponsored events

Signature _____

Date _____

Host Country: _____ Year of Exchange _____

Current e mail: _____

Current mobile phone: _____

Date of most recent CBC: _____

Date of most recent District 5230 RYE Volunteer Application: _____