

Responsibilities of Members

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1. Commitment and Punctuality

Show your commitment by attending regularly and arriving in the rehearsal hall at least ten minutes before the start of each rehearsal. This lets us begin on time without disruption.

2. Membership Privilege

Membership in the RSYO is a privilege. It may be withdrawn for lack of preparation, unexcused absences, poor behavior, cell phone use during rehearsal, or persistent talking. Students must also keep all eligibility requirements through the year, including remaining a member of their school orchestra.

3. Attendance

Attendance at all rehearsals is expected.

- **Unexcused absences:** Members are allowed up to three per year. These include personal activities such as family trips, weddings, church events, sports, scouting, and work. A fourth unexcused absence is grounds for dismissal.
- **Excused absences:** Illness, inclement weather, school music events (concerts, marching band, festivals, tours), academic school trips, college testing, and college visits. Please still use discretion. Rehearsals are vital to the success of the orchestra. Any student with more than five excused absences may be asked to re-audition to continue.
- **Reporting absences:** Report absences using the online Google form before 8:00 pm on the prior Sunday, except for sudden illness or emergency. Advance written notice may be required.

4. Preparation and Practice

Rehearsals are not for practicing. Take your music home, prepare your part in advance, and bring your music to every rehearsal. Assigned folders must not be left in the rehearsal hall. Bring your music to your private teacher if that helps. Members may be asked to demonstrate their part for the orchestra, so always come prepared.

5. Equipment and Materials

- Cell phones are not permitted on stage during rehearsals or concerts.
- Always bring a pencil and a music stand to rehearsals.
- Lost or damaged music will be replaced at the cost of replacement, billed to the responsible individual.
- All string players must bring a mute to every rehearsal. Brass players are responsible for the mutes their music calls for.

6. Communication

Check the RSYO website weekly to confirm rehearsal location and rehearsal order.

7. Concert Dress

- **Men:** Black tuxedo or black suit, white shirt, black bow tie, black socks, and black dress shoes.
- **Women:** Long black dress or skirt (length between ankle and calf) with sleeves no shorter than elbow length and a modest neckline, or black full-cut dress slacks with a black top of the same coverage. Black or neutral stockings and black shoes are required.

If you have trouble finding concert attire, try a uniform supplier such as Stage Accents or Southeastern Performance Apparel.

DETACH AND RETURN

Bring to the first rehearsal: this signed form, your signed Publicity Agreement, and tuition of \$295.00. Make checks payable to **Reading Symphony Youth Orchestra**.

I have read and understand the responsibilities of RSYO members and agree to abide by these guidelines.

STUDENT NAME (PRINT)

INSTRUMENT

PARENT NAME (PRINT)

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT SIGNATURE