
CONTRABAND POLICY

CONTRABAND

The possession of contraband by staff, volunteers and members of Gold Youth Arts Organization is strictly prohibited. Contraband includes any item or material that poses a risk to the safety, wellbeing, or reputation of individuals or the organization. This includes but is not limited to:

- Weapons of any kind.
- Firearms, ammunition, or fireworks.
- Explosive or flammable substances.
- Toxic or hazardous materials.
- Controlled or Illegal drugs.
- Alcohol
- Tobacco
- Vaping devices, e-cigarettes, and related products.

Any contraband found will be immediately confiscated, and disciplinary action will be taken at the discretion of the Executive Director, which may include dismissal from the corps or termination of affiliation.

TOBACCO, VAPING, ALCOHOL, AND DRUGS

Tobacco and Vaping:

- The use of tobacco products, e-cigarettes, and vaping devices is strictly prohibited on all school grounds, housing sites, rehearsal fields, buses, corps vehicles, and camp locations, including outdoor spaces used by the corps.
- This prohibition applies at all times, regardless of state or local laws regarding tobacco or nicotine products.
- Possession of vaping or tobacco products by minors is not permitted under any circumstances.

Alcohol:

- The possession, use, consumption, distribution, or display of alcohol is strictly prohibited in and around corps facilities, vehicles, housing sites, rehearsal fields, and event locations.
- Being under the influence of alcohol while participating in or attending corps activities is also prohibited.

Drugs and Controlled Substances:

- The possession, use, consumption, or distribution of controlled substances—including but not limited to marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines, tranquilizers, barbiturates, or synthetic drugs—is strictly prohibited.
- The misuse or sharing of prescription medication is also strictly prohibited.
- Any member found in violation may face immediate removal from the corps and, where applicable, referral to law enforcement.

SCOPE AND ENFORCEMENT

- These policies on contraband, tobacco, vaping, alcohol, and controlled substances are in effect continuously—from the first day of auditions through the end of the performance season, including all travel, housing, and return to California or home base.
- Violations will result in disciplinary action as determined by the Executive Director or the Gold Youth Arts Organization Board of Directors, up to and including dismissal or permanent exclusion from participation.
- Gold Youth Arts Organization maintains a zero-tolerance policy toward contraband and substance use in any form. This policy is designed to protect the health, safety, and integrity of all members, uphold community trust, and ensure the professional standards expected of every participant in Gold Drum & Bugle Corps.