

EL TORO HIGH SCHOOL THESPIAN CONSTITUTION TROUPE #2823

Article 1 Name and Purpose

Section 1:

The name of our organization shall be the El Toro High School Thespians, Troupe 2823 of the International Thespian Society, a branch of the Educational Theatre Association.

Section 2:

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide eligible students with the opportunity to enjoy and participate in theatrical activities. More specifically, the troupe shall encourage students to attain a better mastery of language, to develop poise and self-control and to appreciate dramatic literature and its techniques.

Section 3:

The organization forbids secrecy. Membership is given as recognition for work in the theatre arts and will be offered when minimum requirements are met and the sponsor has given his approval.

Article II Membership

Section 1:

The prospective member must have completed the requirements for membership in accordance with the International Thespian Society.

Section 2:

When the student has reached these requirements, they can be initiated: Once 150 hours, equal to 15 points, have been accumulated, along with participation in two full-length shows or one full-length and two one-acts or four one acts. Participation shall be in at least two of the listed categories, for example, acting and business. After dues are paid, the member will become a Thespian of Troupe 2823 with all rights and privileges thereof.

Section 3:

Final authority concerning membership requirements shall be vested in the troupe sponsor.

Section 4:

The categories in which one can receive points are: Acting, Production (technical), Business, Directing and Miscellaneous. (See point sheet) All work must be done for El Toro High School.

Section 5:

Member who has been placed in bad standing may be reinstated by accumulating 70 hours, at least 20 of which must be in Theatre Arts or Technical work. In addition, they must write a letter of intent to the Sponsor. The officers and the Sponsor shall review the letter and work before reinstating member. After reinstatement, one absence will cause them to be dropped. There will be no reinstatement upon being dropped a second time. Points will then be subject to review by the President of the Troupe.

Section 6:

You must be a Thespian in good standing with a G.P.A. of 2.5 or above in order to wear the Thespian Shirts and the Thespian Honor Cords at graduation, as well as receive any and all honors. Also, you must accumulate 60 thespian points to be eligible to wear honor cords. In good standing means: One cannot be removed from a thespian office, participate in all productions in some capacity, involved in fundraisers that the troupe deems, help out if officers or sponsor asks for help. If you are working concessions/ ushering you must help for half of the performances.

Section 7:

In bad standing means not maintaining a 2.5 GPA or failing to participate in the required Thespian activities.

Section 8:

In order to receive Thespian Honor Cords to wear at graduation, one must have been inducted into Thespian Troupe 2823 by the end of their junior year and remained an active Thespian throughout their senior year.

Section 9:

If you are in bad standing you are still required to participate in Thespian activities as if you were still in good standing. This includes meetings, shows, fundraisers and other activities deemed fit by the officers and/or the sponsor. All Thespian requirements are still applied with a renewed strike policy. The consequence of not meeting these requirements will result in the student being dropped from the troupe permanently.

Article III Meetings and Attendance

Section 1:

The officers will meet once a week. The times and days to be determined at the beginning of each school year.

Section 2:

The Thespian Troupe will meet **every Second and Fourth** Wednesday of every month unless specified by the President or Sponsor. Excused absences include school business or having a readmit from an all day excused absence. (For school business one must submit a note from the teacher to the Vice President, which will then be authorized at the officers' discretion.) All non-shirts and tardies count as one point. Unexcused absences count as two points. The points that you can get at a meeting is one. For example, if you are tardy and a non-shirt, it will only count as one point. After over three points, you are put into bad standing.

Section 3:

Any member who is absent four rehearsals during a current production, (unless they have an excuse considered valid by the sponsor or who does not participate in a current production), which would earn one or more points, shall be put into bad standing. Any member who causes deliberated dissension, which would disrupt the workings of any production or business meetings, shall be dropped from active membership at the discretion of the Sponsor. Any member requesting readmittance must have the consent of the sponsor and a two thirds vote from the Officers.

Section 4:

Being late to a meeting is defined as arriving 10 minutes after lunch has started. Late arrival to or leaving early from meetings or rehearsals without a reason considered valid by the theatre director/sponsor will be demerited. Three such offenses will be counted as an absence from a meeting without excuse.

Section 5:

The Sponsor, President or Vice President may call special meetings.

Section 6:

A quorum for voting shall be at least 50% of active members and include at least 2 officers.

Article IV Point Award System

Section 1:

The theatre director/sponsor will determine the exact number of points to be awarded in all theatrical and non-theatrical participation.

Section 2:

Points will be awarded in accordance to the International Thespian Society and the El Toro High School Point Sheet.

Section 3:

Comedy Sportz points will be awarded at the discretion of the Comedy Sportz manager. A maximum of three points per semester and approved by the sponsor.

Article V Officers

Section 1:

The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity Manager. The Comedy Sportz team manager will be a member of the Thespian Board, with all rights and privileges accorded to all officers. To be an officer, you must be enrolled in an acting or technical theatre class at El Toro High School.

Section 2:

The following are the offices to be elected and their duties.

PRESIDENT: The President attends all meetings, appoints all standing and special committees, directs and supervises all Troupe activities and delegates' authority over these projects if and when needed. Also the President is in charge of the End of the Year Awards.

VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President assists the President in implementation of all troupe activities and polices, oversees and coordinates fundraisers, field trips, and registration information for troupe activities. The recycling program is also part of their duty.

SECRETARY: The Secretary is responsible of keeping track of the Thespian points, taking minutes at meetings. They shall also be in charge of reading selected Thespian minutes at each meeting.

TREASURERS: The Treasurers pay all bills, is in charge of all accounts, collects and records any monetary payments. Example: Fees, Fundraisers, Shirt dues, tickets, etc.

PUBLICITY: The Publicity manager publicizes all Troupe activities, performances, and festivals/competitions. This person is also to go out into the community to make the El Toro's name known.

COMEDY SPORTZ MANAGER: Is in charge of all Comedy Sportz activities.

Section 3:

The duties of the sponsor will be to oversee all troupe activities, to be the final authority in selection of new members and to be the guide and inspiration of the group.

Article VI Elections

Section 1:

The current Senior Officers and the sponsor of the El Toro High School Troupe #2823 shall elect officers once a year.

Section 2:

Requirements for all elected officers are as follows: Each student must be an active member of one Drama class for at least one school year, and at the time of election must be enrolled in the Advanced Drama/Play Production class the following year, and have at least a 2.5 GPA.

Section 3:

Candidates for office must fill out and submit an officer application form and have an interview with the sponsor and senior officers. Officers must maintain a 2.5 GPA throughout the year to remain in office.

Section 4:

Any Thespian officer that is to be removed from their office needs to be voted on by the remaining officers. If there is a tie, the sponsor will cast their vote.

Article VII Installations

Section 1:

Officers shall be installed at the End of the Year Awards.

Article VIII Inductions

Section 1:

Inductions shall be held at the End of the Year Awards.

Section 2:

The Thespian Sponsor and the officers will determine the time and place of inductions.

Section 3:

The induction ceremony will be followed as written in the Thespian Handbook.

Section 4:

The President will be held responsible for the training of the speakers of the induction ceremony, must schedule and rehearse said speakers, as well as take care of the preparation of the stage and induction properties.

Section 5:

The Secretary will take charge of ordering awards and sending out invitations for Induction.

Article IX Dues

Section 1:

The initiation fee, as required by the International Thespian Society, is due to the Treasurer before induction. The shirt fee is due after the induction. The Thespian shirt must be purchased in order to be a part of Thespians.

Section 2:

The Festival shirts are encouraged to be worn at all competitions.

Section 3:

There shall be no dues for the troupe except as provided by the International Thespian Society, unless determined by a two-thirds vote of the membership at the regular meetings.

Section 4:

If you sign up to buy something and fail to pay for it the day that it is due you will be put on the debt list.

**Article X
Authority**

Section 1:

All powers of Thespian Society officers and Constitution are derived from the Sponsor and are subject to revocation at any time if the Sponsor feels that it is against the International Thespian Society's rules or may inflict on the safety of the students.

**Article XI
Amendments**

Section 1:

Amendments to this constitution must be approved by a unanimous vote of the Thespian Officers and approved by the Thespian Sponsor in the beginning of each Semester.

Section 2:

All Amendments need to be approved by the Sponsor in accordance to the International Thespian Society and is in the best interest of the Thespian Society.

**Article XII
Ratification**

Section 1:

This constitution shall be ratified by a unanimous vote of the Thespian Officers per semester. If ratified, this constitution shall become effective immediately, and shall replace all previous constitutions.

Article XIII
Conflict Resolution

Section 1:

In the event issues/conflicts arise between a Thespian and a Sponsor, which cannot be solved through communication between the two parties, the issue should be resolved by the school administration.