

## YEP-IN STUDENT RULES IN DISTRICT 2130 (BELGIUM)

By signing this document, you fully understand and agree to follow D2130's inbound Student Rules

### 1. ARRIVAL

Plan to arrive at Brussels Airport (BRU) between August 15th and 20th, after consulting with your host club and host family. All inbounds to the 4 Belgian districts will visit Brussels on August 25th. School will start on September 1st.

### 2. LANGUAGE

You must do maximum effort to learn, as quick as possible, the language of the Host District.

For D2130, the local language is DUTCH.

Learning Dutch is the only way to succeed in local integration.

You need to learn the local language quickly or you will face problems understanding courses in school.

If after 4 months you don't understand and speak enough Dutch to make a simple conversation, you will be asked by the District Officers to explain why you don't learn and a warning will be issued.

### 3. SCHOOL

This program is a **Student Exchange Program**.

This means that you must go to school and be present in all school courses. After a few months you should be able to pass the exams.

### 4. EMERGENCY FUND

An Emergency Fund of 400€ should be handed to the host club on arrival. If not used, this money will be returned to you at the end of your exchange.

### 5. MONTHLY ALLOWANCE

You will receive a monthly allowance from your host club on your Belgian bank account.

### 6. HOMESICKNESS

The best remedy against homesickness is participation in family and Rotary Club life. It is important that you try to meet the members of your host Rotary Club anytime, meet other exchange students from time to time and participate in school activities as often as possible.

The meetings of exchange students in pubs are not allowed.

### 7. WORK

Exchange students are not allowed to accept a "student job".

In other words, you may not accept any paid work.

## 8. ALL STUDENTS MUST OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RULES:

Standard Rotary Youth Exchange Program rules are in force (4 D's):

**[No Drinking]** Drinking alcoholic beverages is expressly forbidden.

If the host family offers you a drink of alcohol during a family celebration, it is permissible to accept it under their supervision, in their home.

Student gatherings are formally prohibited in places that serve alcohol, except when organized either by the Rotary District or Club.

More generally, it is strictly forbidden to go to places where alcohol consumption is heavy. Among others, areas like "le Carré" in Liège are forbidden.

**[No Drugs]** You are not permitted to possess or use drugs, except medication prescribed by a physician.

**[No Driving]** You are not permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind.

**[No Dating]** You should avoid romantic attachments. Sexual activity is forbidden.

You will respect the laws of the host country and will not offend against politics, religion, and customs.

You will accept and follow the advice, guidance and direction of the Host

District Chairman, District Officers, Club Youth Exchange Officer, Counselor and Host Parents.

You will keep and maintain yourself always in a clear, neat, and tidy condition and share normal household duties.

An exemplary behavior is mandatory under all circumstances

## 9. WARNINGS / EARLY RETURN

### Disciplinary policy – 3 Warning Policy:

- 1) Verbal warning, minor breach: a conversation will be held with you at Rotary club level, and may involve host family, school officials and Rotary club officers. An impartial Rotarian can be asked to mediate.
- 2) If the behavior continues or for a more serious offense, the Rotary club YEO and counselor will involve a District Officer to discuss the situation. A behavioral contract will be made up. Your natural parents and sponsoring district will be involved.
- 3) Failure to follow the contract and improve your attitude will lead to the decision to send you home. Depending on the severity of the behavior, the district can start at level 3: if the breach is serious enough, you may be sent home immediately, without warning or contract.

The following may result in an immediate return:

- Breaking the law
- Possessing or consuming drugs
- Abuse of alcohol
- Unauthorized travel
- Sexual relationships
- Repeated inappropriate behavior and disrespect

Some situations that may result in a behavioral contract:

- Failure to adapt, not learning the language
- Repeatedly not following the rules of the host family, counselor, or other RYE volunteer
- Repeated problems in school

## 10. PHONE and DATA

Long distance phone calls should only be made with the permission of the host parents. You must always pay for phone calls and limit the use of e-mail/social networks with your home country and natural parents. The use of Mobile phone will be at your own expenses. Use of Internet even with your own portable computer should be agreed with your host family (connection time, schedule, costs ...).

## 11. VISITORS

Your natural parents should not visit during the exchange.

In any case, all visits should be agreed beforehand with the host family, the host Club, and the host District.

During the first six (6) months visits are not allowed.

After 6 months they may be tolerated but only during school holidays.

District 2130 will not tolerate visits from friends. However, if a friend is in Belgium for some other reason and wishes to spend one (1) day with you, you can be granted permission after you have been in Belgium for at least six (6) months.

## 12. END OF THE EXCHANGE

You will go back home on completion of the exchange program, between June 30 and July 15, 2023, unless agreed otherwise with your Host Family, Rotary Club and District Chair.

## 13. AGE

If you are 18 years old or turn 18 during your exchange, you accept to be considered as underage and to remain under the authority of the Rotary.

*Finally, you should always keep in mind that you are the key that opens the door to future exchange students. If the host family or the school do not enjoy your presence or have a negative experience, they will close their home or school forever for other exchange students.*

The undersigned student understands the Rules & Conditions of the Rotary Exchange Program and agrees to abide by them for the entire duration of the exchange in Belgium.

STUDENT

LAST NAME, first name and signature

Signature date: ..... / ..... / ..... [Initials each page and fully sign the last one]

PARENT 1  
Name and signature

PARENT 2  
Name and signature