

Onyx & O2 Policy.2012

Members are considered adults and you will be treated as such. However, Onyx/O2 are professional organizations with nearly 25 years of history and there are expectations for all participants. Here are guidelines for the 2012 Season:

Attendance

Attendance is required at every rehearsal and performance. Your role in the show may be altered if you miss rehearsal, at the discretion of the staff.

Facebook/Twitter/YouTube

While you may or may not get along with someone in the guard or have a disagreement with a staff member, it is advised that you do not use Facebook, twitter etc... to air these concerns. It is suggested that if you have an issue with someone the best way to work it out is not by involving everyone in cyberspace. While this electronic media is enjoyable it often does not inspire the maturity or sensibility we may otherwise expect of ourselves. No rehearsal/choreography/performance in whole or part may appear on YouTube or any media site. Please do not use your show work from the current season for a video audition for any organization. Please do not use any choreography you learn at Onyx to teach to another guard during the 2012 season. Originality of our product must be maintained.

Rehearsal

Please note that due to insurance and rental agreements, among other reasons, all rehearsals are closed. If/when we do have an open rehearsal; it will be announced in advance.

Equipment

Practice & performance flags will be provided by Onyx/O2. Rifles and sabres will be the personal property of the member. Equipment should be taped, padded and practice ready when rehearsal begins.

Attire

All black, fitted performance gear. Hair should be up, back and out of the way. Onyx/O2 will rehearse barefoot most times however, on long days, tennis or gym shoes may be worn when not on the tarp. You will want to have a hoodie or jacket for times when the gyms are cool or until your body is warmed up. Gloves are optional but are suggested for those spinning rifle or sabre. Gloves may be nude, tan, brown or black. Leather palm, fingerless gloves are recommended and can be purchased at the Band Hall, McCormick's, The Band Wagon or other online guard supply websites.

Water

Members will need their own water jug at each rehearsal. Hydration is very important and often water fountains will not work or we will lose a lot of time with long lines waiting for water. As these methods are unreliable, we do require you to have your own water in the gym with you.

Conditioning

Onyx/O2 will condition at every rehearsal. Tennis/gym shoes will be needed for every rehearsal for conditioning.

Dues & Late Fees

All fees must be paid on specified dates. A late fee of \$5 per week may be added for late payments. Any member who falls behind will have one week to catch up and pay \$5 late fee. At week 2, a written notice will be given and 2nd late fee attached. Late fees increase to \$10 per week after the first week. At week 3, the member may lose their spot or become an alternate until all fees and late fees are paid current and contingent on the spot still being open. Dues/fees may be paid ahead of schedule, but not paid late without fees.

Checks

Please make all checks payable to the O Foundation

Members may pay fees by cash or check. In the event a check is returned by your bank for any reason, a fee of \$25 will be assessed. If a check is returned, all future fees must be paid by cash or money order.

Smoking/Drinking

Smoking and drinking are adult behaviors and should be treated as such. Many practice facilities will not allow smoking on the property. We will be sure to let you know designated areas for smoking at each site. Smoking is typically not allowed at circuit or WGI contests. Smoking is not permitted while wearing your guard jacket or in costume. Please use good judgment in disposing of cigarette butts. Members are free to make their own life choices however they must not interfere with the guard, rehearsal or performances. Members are asked to refrain from drinking the day/night before a rehearsal or contest. Regardless of the behavior you choose, please be considerate of the guard and the other members, especially members are under legal drinking or smoking age.

Housing Sites

It is expected that each member will respect the wishes of the host at any and all housing sites.

Guard Jacket/Costume

You will be immediately recognizable in your guard costume or member jacket. Members will conduct themselves with the utmost dignity and professionalism while wearing your costume or member jacket. Onyx/O2 is not concerned with piercings or tattoos as these do not affect our program choices. We do ask that hair color be a natural or earth tone color as we do not want any one member to be the focus of the entire show

Drum Corps

Onyx/O2 support DCI and encourages performers to participate. Onyx/O2 rehearsals & camps are extremely important and we typically do not approve off weekends to attend DCI corps camps. However, we do have a positive working relationship with most DCI corps and we will work with you and the Guard Caption Head at the corps of your choice to assist you in gaining membership in most cases without you attending a camp until after WGI. The top corps value your participation in WGI and seek your performance experience. Please see Michael individually and he will work with you to reach your DCI goals. Onyx/O2 performers have performed with the best corps in DCI.

Contact

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Onyx/O2 is an amazing group of people pursuing a passion for the creative & exciting world of color guard. Each participant whether they be performers or staff create his/her own experience. Here at the O Foundation we are all on the same team, working toward a common goal. The expectation is high and the reward is lifelong.

Have a wonderful Season!