

# **RYS Policies**

RYS is committed to musical excellence. This will only be achieved by orchestra members adhering to the following:

## **PUNCTUALITY**

The rehearsal schedule will be posted online. Members are asked to be in their seats 15 minutes before the start of the rehearsal in order to be warmed up and focused before rehearsal begins.

## **REHEARSAL PROTOCOL**

Rehearsals are most productive when every member is 100% focused and attentive to the conductor. There is no cell phone use allowed during the active rehearsal. Members are reminded to bring their instrument, music folder, and a pencil to each rehearsal. Parents and prospective members may attend rehearsals as long as silence is maintained.

## **PREPARATION**

It is critical that players work on their music during home practice and with the assistance of their private teacher in order that RYS may present polished performances. Evaluation and seating auditions will be announced and held for each concert cycle.

## **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

The rehearsal and concert dates will be posted well before each season begins. It is extremely important for members to double check the rehearsal and concert dates before committing to the ensemble. Any rehearsal absences negatively impact the entire ensemble. Members are asked to give 24 hours notice if they cannot attend a rehearsal. Please leave an email at [RocklandYouthSymphony@gmail.com](mailto:RocklandYouthSymphony@gmail.com). Lateness to rehearsal 3 times will constitute an absence. If more than 2 absences occur per concert cycle a conversation will be had and may result in dismissal. A missed concert will result in dismissal.

## MUSIC

Each member will be given a music folder with music for the current concert. Keep only RYS music in this folder as it will be turned in at the end of each concert to be updated. If there is a selection missing from the folder or an incorrect part is given, alert the music manager.

## SEVERE WEATHER NOTIFICATION

In case of an impending severe weather event a notice of cancellation will be posted on the website. Members will also be notified by text if possible.

## CONCERT DRESS

RYS aims to present top notch performances which includes uniform concert dress. All orchestra members will wear elbow length or long sleeved white shirts, black dress pants (or long skirt), black socks, and black shoes.

## ORCHESTRA MEMBERS' CONDUCT

Musicians are expected to treat the conductor and any other adults, as well as peers, with utmost respect. Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated and may result in immediate dismissal. It is important that rehearsal and concert venues are also treated with respect.

## TUITION

The annual tuition is \$300. There is a sibling discount of 10%. There are no refunds for any reason, with the possible exception of a severe medical condition. Please refer to the registration form for specific payment information.