

Ethical Guidelines – World Deaf Camp JASPEL

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Event: World Deaf Camp JASPEL 2026

Place: Slovakia

1. Equality and Inclusion

- All participants and staff must show respect for every individual, regardless of age, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, beliefs, abilities, or cultural background.
- JASPEL distances itself from all forms of discrimination, including racism, sexism, ableism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia, and bullying.
- The camp is a safe space for all children, juniors, and youth. Sign language is the primary mode of communication and must be respected at all times.

2. Respect for Boundaries and Integrity

- Personal integrity and boundaries of all participants must be respected.
- Any form of harassment or abuse — physical, emotional, verbal, or sexual — is strictly prohibited.
- Consent and safeguarding principles apply to all interactions, especially between adults and minors.

3. Role and Responsibility

- Leaders, staff, and volunteers must be aware of their responsibility and influence, and must not misuse their position of trust.
- All adults must act in the best interests of children and youth and follow safeguarding standards.
- Participants must respect the guidance of leaders and follow safety instructions during all activities.
- Everyone is responsible for maintaining the reputation of JASPEL as a safe, respectful, and inclusive camp.

4. Safety and Well-being

- Alcohol, illegal drugs, and weapons are strictly forbidden at the camp.
- Participants must inform the organisers of medical conditions, allergies, or special needs.
- Special care must be taken to ensure the safety of children and juniors, including supervision and appropriate group organisation.
- Any risk to safety must be immediately reported to the Camp Organising Committee (OC) or designated safeguarding staff.

5. Representation and Behaviour

- Camp participants are representatives of the Deaf community worldwide. Everyone is expected to behave with dignity, cultural sensitivity, and respect for local laws and traditions.
- Violence, theft, or damage to property is unacceptable and may lead to immediate expulsion.
- Respect for the environment and camp facilities is mandatory.

6. Openness and Confidentiality

- Camp JASPEL values openness in decision-making and transparency in communication.
- Sensitive personal information and safeguarding matters must be treated with strict confidentiality.

7. Breach of Guidelines

- Minor breaches may result in a verbal or written warning.
- Serious breaches (harassment, violence, illegal substances, repeated misconduct) may lead to immediate removal from the camp without refund, and, if necessary, reporting to the authorities.

8. Authority of the Organising Committee (OC)

- The Camp Organising Committee (OC) has overall responsibility for ensuring the safety, well-being, and proper conduct of the camp.
- All participants, leaders, volunteers, and staff are required to respect and comply with the decisions of the OC.
- The OC has the authority to make binding decisions in all matters concerning safety, safeguarding, behaviors, and discipline at the camp.
- In cases of serious breaches of the Ethical Guidelines, the OC may take immediate action, including removal of a participant or staff member from the camp.
- The OC's decisions are final during the camp. Appeals, if applicable, may be submitted in writing after the event.

9. Confirmation

- By submitting the online registration form, I confirm that I have read and understood the Ethical Guidelines of the World Deaf Camp JASPEL and agree to abide by them.
- I understand that violations may lead to sanctions, including possible removal from the camp.