YSU Student Code of Conduct Violations

Incident report or complaint is received by the Office of Student Conduct

Interim measures taken if necessary

Conduct Conference with respondent; investigation undertaken, if necessary

Decision not to charge respondent

Decision to charge respondent based on the preponderance of the evidence

Respondent accepts charges and sanctions and signs Conduct Agreement

Respondent does not accept charges or sanctions; case referred to a Student Conduct Board hearing

Respondent found responsible for violations; sanctions levied

Respondent found not responsible for violations

Respondent submits Request for Appeal; case referred to Student Conduct Board appellate hearing

Request for appeal denied

Request for appeal approved

Case is closed and records are retained on file in the Office of Student Conduct.

Key Terms

Interim measures include any protective measures that are deemed necessary pending the outcome of the investigation into the alleged charges against the respondent.

A respondent is any student or student organization charged with an alleged violation of The Student Code of Conduct.

Charges are the specific sections of The Student Code of Conduct that the respondent is alleged to have violated.

Preponderance of the evidence is met when it is determined that it is more likely than not that the alleged violation occurred.

Sanctions are the penalties, restrictions, or requirements assessed to a respondent as the outcome of a conduct case against them.

A Conduct Agreement is a form that a student may sign to acknowledge that they take responsibility for the charges against them and the sanctions levied upon them.

A hearing includes a panel of three members of the Student Conduct Board, who will weigh all information presented and determine an outcome for the case.

A Request for Appeal can be submitted by a respondent, so long as it is based in one of the four grounds for appeal outlined in The Student Code of Conduct.