

American Legion Auxiliary Code of Conduct

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Code of Conduct describes the principles of good behavior expected of all ALA members. A member's participation in the American Legion Auxiliary is a privilege, not a right. The ALA expects every member to understand and abide by the Code of Conduct, and to exemplify the spirit of the principles of this Code. Every ALA member is expected to conduct herself in accordance with this Code of Conduct in order to foster and sustain a spirit of goodwill in the organization.

Pledge to Abide by the ALA Code of Conduct

A written pledge will include a signed and dated statement by a member that she has read and understands the American Legion Auxiliary's Code of Conduct, agrees to abide by the principles of good behavior described therein, and understands that violation of any part of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action as allowed by the ALA.

A member's pledge to abide by the Code of Conduct will include her statement that a) she understands she represents the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) and that her behavior reflects upon The American Legion Family at all levels, b) understands and agrees to adhere to the highest ethical standards to earn and protect the public's trust in carrying out the Auxiliary's mission, and c) agrees to be a good steward of ALA resources.

To fulfil the obligations of membership in the American Legion Auxiliary, a member serving in any capacity representing the ALA is expected to pledge to uphold the following standards of conduct:

- To conduct herself with dignity, displaying good manners and good morals at all times.
- To respect the dignity of all persons and not bully, nor physically, mentally, or psychologically abuse any other person.
- To demonstrate a high regard for the ALA mission, rendering quality service to veterans, our military, their families, the community, and The Legion Family at all levels.
- To value all members regardless of their ability to participate in ALA meetings, events, or projects.
- To be kind, considerate, and welcoming to members of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities, regardless of their appearance or years of membership.
- To be a good citizen and a good neighbor by obeying local, state and federal laws and regulations.
- To abide by all governing documents of the American Legion Auxiliary.
- To respect the property of the ALA and The Legion Family, her personal property and the property of others; and to not abuse nor tolerate the abuse of property.
- To not abuse or tolerate the abuse of alcohol; to not use illegal drugs or tolerate the illegal use of drugs.
- To honor and fulfil her commitments and financial obligations to the American Legion Auxiliary in a timely manner.
- To be honest, helpful, and to not undermine others.
- To challenge all members to abide by this Code and appropriately address those who violate the ALA Code of Conduct.

Amend National Standing Rules, Section X - Units, number 3, paragraph 5 by striking the existing wording and replacing it with wording that more clearly states the process by which an Auxiliary member can transfer her membership to a new unit, as follows:

X. UNITS 3. (Page 58)

A member who is not subject to suspension or membership revocation under due process is eligible to transfer her membership to another unit if she has paid her membership dues to her current unit for either the current year or immediate past membership year. A member transferring to a new unit must pay current year dues to either her current unit or to the unit into which she wishes to transfer.

Evidence of paid membership includes:

1. American Legion Auxiliary Membership Card
2. Verification of membership by ALA Department or National Headquarters membership records.
3. Other documentation verifying payment of current or immediate past year membership dues such as a cancelled check or receipt; or
4. When verifying documentation is not available, a sworn statement that the member's membership dues payment was tendered.