

2026 Viva Aztlán Festival Participant Code of Conduct

The Board of Directors of the Viva Aztlán Festival (“the Board”) hereby establishes the following **Participant Code of Conduct** to provide clear expectations regarding participant behavior and to uphold the safety, dignity, and integrity of all individuals associated with the festival. All Folklórico and Mariachi groups, including their directors, members, and affiliated guests (“participants”), are required to comply with these standards. By participating in the Festival, groups acknowledge and accept that the Board retains full authority to enforce this Code and may impose disciplinary action, up to and including removal from festival activities, based on violations outlined herein.

The Board reserves the right to exercise jurisdiction over all individuals and groups participating in Festival events, including rehearsals, performances, workshops, and related activities.

Prohibited Conduct

The following actions, whether committed by a participant or a guest affiliated with a group, constitute grounds for disciplinary sanctions:

1. Assault or Threats of Physical or Verbal Violence

- a) Engaging in any act that causes, or is intended to cause, physical harm to another individual.
- b) Engaging in or threatening any physical assault or abuse against any participant or their property, or that of their family members.
- c) Directing harassing, threatening, intimidating, or discriminatory verbal or physical behavior toward any individual in a manner that disrupts or impedes participation in the Festival.
- d) Engaging in any act, including verbal threats or non-verbal intimidation, directed at another participant, director, staff member, or instructor with the intent to threaten or coerce.

2. Theft or Property Damage

Stealing, damaging, defacing, or destroying the personal or collective property of others, including but not limited to costumes, accessories (e.g., headpieces, jewelry, shoes), or any Festival-owned or leased property.

3. Disruptive or Dangerous Conduct

Acting in a manner that disrupts Festival programming or creates a risk of bodily harm, including but not limited to:

- a) Unauthorized possession, use, or distribution of alcoholic beverages;
- b) Possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia;
- c) Participation in activities that could reasonably result in injury, personal degradation, or endangerment of oneself or others.

4. Disorderly or Offensive Behavior

Engaging in disorderly, lewd, indecent, obscene, or otherwise offensive conduct in any space designated for Festival-related events.

5. Facilitation or Encouragement of Misconduct

Aiding, abetting, encouraging, or permitting others to engage in any conduct prohibited by

