



Rochester Women's Community Chorus Handbook Addendum

ATTENDANCE POLICY

1. Attendance at every regularly scheduled rehearsal is expected of all RWCC singers. This expectation covers the entire weekly rehearsal, 6:30 – 8:45 pm.
2. Attendance at all dress and technical rehearsal for all members is critical to the success and smooth performance of each concert.
3. A full calendar of all rehearsals (regular, retreat, dress/tech) is published in the weekly newsletter within the first month of the season. Please plan accordingly.
4. If you know you need to be absent for a regular rehearsal, PLEASE inform your Section Leader and/or the Music Director, or leave a message at RWCC hotline: 585.234.4441. Your Section Leader and the Music Director can recommend strategies to help you prepare. These include but are not limited to:
 - a. Use of a practice tape/cd
 - b. Sectional rehearsals
 - c. Retreat rehearsals
 - d. Small group, “buddy”, or individual practice

If you are absent, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to ask about and pursue these opportunities. Section Leaders and other members can help.

5. If you are absent for TWO regular rehearsals during the Fall season or THREE regular rehearsals during the Spring season, you should speak to the Music Director RIGHT AWAY.
6. The Music Director will meet with each member for whom absence has been a concern, and decide whether you are ready for the upcoming concert, based on:
 - a. Your knowledge/memorization of words
 - b. Independent knowledge of your part
 - c. Intonation
 - d. Dynamics
 - e. Rhythm
 - f. Entrances and cutoffs
7. Taking advantage of the practice opportunities in #4 above can really help you be prepared. If, however, the Music Director determines that you are not fully prepared for the upcoming concert, you may be asked to withdraw as a performer. If this happens, we would still appreciate your help and support in other ways. The Music Director will make that decision only after all other avenues have been exhausted, and it would only be for that performance.

ALCOHOL & SCENT POLICY

Any alcohol consumption or use of illegal drugs at chorus sanctioned events (e.g., rehearsals, performances, retreats, potlucks) is prohibited.

The use of anything that is strongly scented (e.g., perfumes) and may adversely affect other chorus members (e.g., due to allergies) is prohibited, as well.