

No Kings Carpool Code of Conduct acknowledgement

Purpose. This Code of Conduct sets shared expectations for everyone using the No Kings carpool sign-up tools to travel to and from events.

Important Disclaimer.

Event organizers only facilitates a way for people to find each other for rides. We do not screen, vet, train, insure, supervise, or guarantee any driver, rider, vehicle, route, schedule, or outcome. Participation is voluntary and at your own risk. Use your best judgment.

1) Safety First (applies to everyone)

- Seat belts required for every occupant, at all times.
- Follow all laws: speed limits, traffic rules, hands-free phone laws, etc.
- No impaired driving or riding: zero tolerance for alcohol, illegal drugs, or being under the influence while driving.
 - No weapons in vehicles unless clearly lawful and disclosed in advance; drivers may set stricter rules.
 - Health & accessibility: disclose relevant needs (mobility aids, scent sensitivities, service animals) in advance so a safe match can be made.
 - Emergency protocol: pull over safely, call 911 if needed, then notify the group lead/event contact.

2) Platform & Liability

- Peer-to-peer only: Matches are private arrangements between drivers and riders.
- No guarantees: We do not guarantee a seat, schedule, or alterations to plan. These must be an agreement by driver and rider.
 - Insurance & licensing: Drivers assert they are properly licensed and insured as required by law.
 - Assumption of risk: By participating, you accept the inherent risks of carpooling with people you may not know.
 - Not legal advice: This document is informational and not a legal contract with any organization

3) Code of Conduct Inside the Vehicle

- Be respectful: No harassment, hate speech, or aggressive behavior.
- Keep it clean: Leave the car as you found it; take your trash.
- Noise & calls: Ask before taking calls or playing media. Use headphones when possible.
- Scent & food: Avoid strong fragrances; check before eating in the car.
- Privacy: Do not share others' personal info, routes, or photos without permission.
- Conflict resolution: If issues arise, de-escalate, request a safe stop if needed, and report concerns after the trip.

4) Rider Responsibilities

- Confirm details in advance: pickup/drop-off points, departure/return times, any stops, and the driver's rules (food, music, masks, etc.).
- Be on time: Communicate delays immediately; the driver may leave if you are late.
- Cost sharing: If cost-sharing is agreed, settle promptly (cash, app). No price-gouging or profit.
- Luggage/signs: Confirm space for gear, signs, mobility aids, etc.
- Backup plan: Have a contingency (another ride, transit, or local contact) if plans change.

5) Driver Responsibilities

- Legal & road-ready: Valid license, registration, and insurance; vehicle in safe condition (tires, brakes, lights).
- No distractions: No texting while driving; use hands-free only.
- Capacity & restraints: Do not exceed seat capacity; ensure seat belts for all; secure cargo.
- House rules disclosed: Communicate rules (food, noise, fragrance, animals) in advance.
- Cost transparency: If requesting fuel/toll sharing, state the amount/method upfront.

Required Round-Trip Commitment

Drivers who post a round-trip ride must:

- Bring riders back to the agreed drop-off point at the agreed time, unless an alternative return plan is explicitly agreed with each rider in writing (text is fine) before departure.
- If an emergency forces a change, the driver must help riders arrange safe return (e.g., handoff to another confirmed ride, rideshare to the original drop-off) before ending their responsibility.

6) Matching & Communication

- Confirm identities: Exchange names, vehicle make/model/color, and phone numbers in advance.
- Share itineraries: Let someone you trust know your plans and ETA. Consider location sharing during the trip.
- Group chats: Keep planning chats on-topic; move sensitive info to DMs as needed.

7) Cancellations & Changes

- Notify ASAP: If you must cancel or change times, notify the group and affected parties immediately.
- Replacement seats: Drivers should post open seats promptly if riders cancel.
- No-shows: Repeat no-shows may be removed from future carpools.

8) Youth & Vulnerable Participants

- Minors (under 18): Must have a parent/guardian present.
- Support needs: If a rider needs assistance, confirm an appropriate companion or accommodations beforehand.

9) Prohibited Conduct

- Harassment, discrimination, or retaliation of any kind.
- Violence, threats, or intimidation.
- Illegal substances or activities.
- Reckless driving or refusal to wear seat belts.
- Recording or photographing others without consent.

10) Reporting

- Report concerns to the listed organizer contact or event lead after the trip (or immediately if safety is at risk).

11) Acknowledgment

By participating in this facilitated carpool, I acknowledge that:

1. I have read and agree to this Code of Conduct;
2. I understand organizers only facilitate introductions and makes no guarantees;
3. I accept the risks and will use my own judgment; and
4. If I am a driver posting a round trip, I will return my riders to the agreed drop-off or secure a mutually agreed alternative in writing.

Fill out below form to acknowledge and be eligible to carpool.

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