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Apply rules fairly.

Let fair standards govern everyone.



One fair standard for everyone.

TRY IT TODAY

Apply the same rule to yourself and others.

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1. ❓ Should a rule change because the person affected is popular or powerful?
2. 🙋 The rule of law means publicly known laws govern people and leaders through fair procedures. Authority does not place someone above the law.
3. ⏳ The U.S. Constitution was signed in 1787. Article VI requires federal and state lawmakers, executive officers, and judges to support the Constitution by oath or affirmation, placing a duty on those who exercise authority.
4. 💡 A group agrees to lend shared equipment in signup order. The organizer’s friend asks to move ahead. Applying the agreed order to the friend as well as everyone else shows impartiality.
5. 🔍 Fairness includes hearing relevant facts. A clearly justified exception can serve a real need; a special favor simply rewards a preferred person. A written rule also needs a just purpose and a fair way to question it.
6. 🌎 A community’s rules reveal what it believes about people, authority, and justice. These are questions of worldview as well as civics. Respect for our God-given dignity calls us to treat others with integrity, even when favoritism would benefit us.
7. 🎯 Today, honor one fair shared rule even when it costs you a convenience: wait your turn, keep the agreed time limit, or follow the same signup order as everyone else. Say, “The same rule should apply to me.”

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