

## Background paper

This year's Press Corps will function as a committee. Around 15 delegates will participate and prizes will be awarded. We expect the delegates to be excited and unique. They must be keen on writing and have the required skills. It is important that the participating delegates are in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or up. Every delegate will represent a country and one of its emblematic newspapers through articles and social media such as Twitter and Instagram.

### Position Paper

Every delegate must deliver one position paper in which they will represent their country and its particular national news agency.

The position paper will represent the main aim and the history of the assigned news agency ***presented in its unique writing style***. Example: *If the newspaper is communist biased, you must write your position paper within a communist perspective.*

The position paper should include:

- Introduction
- Paragraph 1 – main aim of the news agency
- Paragraph 2 – history of the news agency
- Paragraph 3 – describe the writing manner and style
- Conclusion

The position paper is required to be *one page* long, *arial 12, line spacing 1.5*, title in *bold*. To continue it should include your *full name, e-mail, committee, country*, and your *school*. NOTE: Picture of the country's flag is not necessary **AND** the position paper must be written in English, even if you represent a Spanish speaking country..

The position paper must be delivered to the Director of Press Corps before Tuesday, December 6th, 2016. Email: [presscorp\\_tjmun@itjqro.edu.mx](mailto:presscorp_tjmun@itjqro.edu.mx)

### Dynamics

This year, the delegate is committed to deliver 1 article and 2 medias for every session he attends. The delegate is free to choose what to write about in every session. *However, in the in the delegate's cocktail party, and closing ceremony the delegate is also committed to deliver 2 medias*. Sessions are 90 to 120 minutes long and the delegate is supposed to deliver the article and 2 medias *20 minutes* before the session ends. A media room with PCs, internet and working space will be provided. Of course, more media uploads throughout the day (such as coffee breaks, hallway scenarios, cocktail party, etc.) are accepted. The delegate will observe committees and debates all day long and base their articles on that. The articles will be published to the website of TJMUN 2016, and over 100 MUNlights (the official newsletter) with the best articles and medias will be printed every day.

### *What happens if the delegate does not understand what is going on in a committee?*

This year, the Press Corp delegate is allowed to interrupt another delegate in any committee by sending an appropriate note with a question. The delegate gives the note by him/herself. The other delegate will answer the question on the same note. The delegate will have to get the paper him/herself. If this action is not enough, the delegate is allowed to ask the chair from that committee, quietly and in an appropriate way, if he/she can interview a selected delegate for *1 minute* outside of the room. It is very important that this interview only lasts for 1 minute since the delegation can't miss information of what is going on inside his own committee. Therefore, the chair of press corp recommends to audio record that interview.

### *Assigned articles/ Press conferences*

The delegate can get assigned by the chair of press corp to write about a specific issue going on in a committee or hold a press conference. If the delegate gets assigned to write about a specific committee, the chair of press corp will inform that to the delegate at the beginning of the sessions throughout the day. The delegate is committed to observe the committee and write an article about it. A new and exciting activity in this year's press corp will be press conferences. A press conference is a meeting organized by the chairs within a committee. The delegate will receive questions from the chair prior to the press conference, with what he/she has to ask. The delegate must arrive at the committee *5 minutes* before the allocated time. The delegate walks in quietly and informs the chair of his/her presence. Eventually, the chair will pause the debate and introduce the Press Corp delegate to the committee. The delegate will ask his/her questions and the delegations will answer. The delegations to answer might be chosen by the chairs or by the delegate himself. This is something the delegate has to ask the chair before the press conference starts. Again, the chair of press corp recommends the delegate to record this process, and a video can even be taken to later upload to our media. Also, a picture must be taken. Furthermore, the press conference can't take any longer than *7 minutes* and the delegate is allowed to add any other important questions. The delegate can either write an article about this or upload a media.

### *Rules*

- All uploaded pictures must be taken by the delegate himself. If he uses a source from any other delegate, they must mention that.
- No blurry nor inappropriate images are allowed. They will get automatically deleted.
- Plagiarism is not accepted. The delegate isn't allowed to use any image from the online network nor information.
- No inappropriate language is allowed. The media will get automatically deleted.
- Make sure you avoid vocabulary, spelling and punctuation mistakes in your media uploads.
- Make sure to add your news agency's name to all your articles and uploaded medias so the chair knows who uploads what.
- Be as silent as possible and don't talk to other delegates in the committees.
- If a delegation sees a picture of him/her and is against it, delete it immediately.
- If the delegate leaks the social media login codes used for media uploads he/she will get a warning immediately.

- The delegate is allowed to wear semi-formal clothing.
- If the delegate has his/her own laptop and/or camera they are allowed to bring it. Pictures taken with a cellphone are also accepted. \*If you use a camera make sure to bring cables to import the photos to the media room computers.

### *Registration*

Every Press Corp delegate must go to the registration day before the opening ceremony. There will be a special training session for all the delegates on Friday's first session.

We are proud to warmly welcome you to the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of TJMUN's Press Corps. Our Press Corps Team will be happy to get your talent as we promise it to be an unforgettable experience. For any questions and concerns don't hesitate to email us: [presscorp\\_tjmun@itjqro.edu.mx](mailto:presscorp_tjmun@itjqro.edu.mx)

See you soon,

Team Press Corps