



JHSSMUN

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Introduction:

Model United Nations (MUN) is a simulation of the United Nations where students play the role of delegates from different countries to debate and negotiate on various international issues. To ensure a productive and successful conference, it is important to have a clear set of rules and procedures. This guide will provide a comprehensive overview of the rules of procedure for a MUN committee conference, including the definition of key terms.

Speaking:

- Delegates may speak only for the allocated time provided
- All delegates must speak through their assigned country or organization and may not speak on behalf of any other country or organization

Points in Debate:

- Points of order may be raised to challenge a violation of the rules or to request clarification from the chair
- Points of personal privilege may be raised to request to address a personal matter
- Delegates may request clarification from a speaker by raising a point of information, the speaker may therefore choose to accept or decline the request

Motion:

- Delegate may only request to speak by raising their placard when the chair suggests the motion at hand
- Motions, such as a motion to adjourn or a motion to move to unmoderated caucus, may be made by a delegate and seconded by another delegate. The chair will then put the motion to a vote

Amendments:

- Delegates may propose amendments to motions
- The amendment must be seconded by another delegate in order to be put to a vote
- The chair will put the amendment to a vote if it is seconded

Voting:

- Voting will be conducted by a show of hands or by secret ballot if requested by a delegate, a simple majority vote is required for a motion or amendment to pass

Decorum:

- Delegates must observe appropriate decorum and respect the opinions of others
- Personal attacks or disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated
- Delegates must use formal language and address the chair formally

Use of Technology:

- As we are a intermediate conference, we will allow delegates to read of there digital devices but we encourage delegates to have a conceptual understanding for there position rather then strictly reading off notes, therefore speaking without notes or limiting the aid of notes is encouraged by the chair and will be taken into award considerations

Dress Code:

- Delegates are encouraged to wear formal attire but since we are a intermediate conference- formal attire is not mandatory, well-keeping practices are advised

Key Terms:

- Moderated Caucus: A moderated caucus is a structured discussion period during which delegates may speak in turn and the chair regulates the flow of the discussion
- Unmoderated Caucus: An unmoderated caucus is a period during which delegates may informally discuss and negotiate among themselves without the presence of the chair

This guide serves as a comprehensive reference for the rules of procedure for a MUN committee conference. Delegates are expected to familiarize themselves with these rules and procedures and to abide by them during the conference. The chair and the secretariat will enforce these rules to ensure a productive and successful conference.