

GREENWOOD HIGH
JUNIOR MODEL UNITED NATIONS

BACKGROUND GUIDE



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Letter from the Executive Board

Greeting Delegates,

We are delighted to welcome you to the International Press Corps at GWHJMUN 2026! While the IPC may not resemble a conventional UN committee, we assure you it is just as engaging. You will question delegates and voice your perspectives on national and international affairs. Your words are your greatest weapon, so use them with purpose.

To begin with, we urge you to carefully read this background guide, especially the section on article formats. This guide explains procedures and writing styles but keep in mind that it is only a foundation. We highly encourage you to research the agendas of the committees you will be assigned to (which you'll receive at the conference!). During the conference, you will step into the role of real journalists. Things may get hectic, and you may constantly find yourself on edge, but that's all part of the excitement.

Lastly, although this is a competitive space, teamwork matters. You will rely on one another for feedback on articles, press conferences, last-minute submission stress, and even the occasional moral support or shared WiFi. Be respectful, collaborate, and make the most of this journey and perhaps even leave with a few new friendships. We will be available throughout, so do not hesitate to reach out to us via email if you have any questions or concerns.

Best of Luck!

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Rules of Procedure

Understanding the Rules of Procedure is essential for every delegate, and we strongly encourage all participants to familiarize themselves with them. The IPC will be operating under the UNA-USA procedure for its debate sessions pertaining to the agenda.

REMEMBER: These are not the rules of procedure followed by the IPC committee, they are just here for your reference and to know what is happening in your respective reporting committees.

1. Research: Each delegate must research the nation ' s profile, agenda background, previous international action, and the policy/agency bias, along with possible solutions that relate to the agenda. These five aspects serve as the cornerstones of the research made by the delegate.

2. Roll call:- A delegate can vote either 'present' or 'present and voting'. 'Present' grants the delegate to abstain from voting upon the draft resolution whereas 'Present and voting' does not grant the delegate the same power of abstaining.

3. The General Speakers List:- The GSL refers to a speech of merely 90 seconds that talks about the agenda or summarizes one ' s position paper. It is to be of relevance to one ' s nation and the agenda.

4. Time Yields:- If a delegate has an amount of time remaining in their speech, they may yield their time in the following ways.

Yield to the EB

Yield to the floor for questions

Yield to comments

Yield to another delegate

5. Moderated Caucus: A moderated caucus refers to speech made to cover a sub-topic of the agenda. It requires a majority of committee votes to pass. It requires specific verbatim to make it valid. For example:- "The delegate of XYZ would like to motion for a moderated caucus on the topic XYZ for a total period of X, providing X to each speaker.

6. Unmoderated Caucus:- During this caucus, delegates are free to lobby, discuss future moderated caucuses, make allies, work on papers, etc. It is often referred to as informal debate.

7. Points:- Four points are used in a conference. They are as follows:

Point of information - POIs are questions directed to a delegate ' s speech under the agenda.

Point of order - Under a point of order a delegate may raise either a 'logical fallacy ' or 'factual inaccuracy '

❖ **Logical fallacy** - When a delegate mentions something in their speech that is logically fallacious, we refer to it as a logical fallacy.

❖ **Factual inaccuracy** - When a delegate has mentioned a fact that is wrong or inaccurate in any way, we refer to it as a factual inaccuracy. Point of parliamentary inquiry - A POE may be raised to clarify any doubts and misunderstandings concerning the proceedings of the committee.

Point of personal privilege -A Point of Personal Privilege must refer to a matter of personal comfort, safety, and/or well-being of the members of the committee.

Types of Chits:

a) **Substantive chit:** If you have not been recognised for a speech, you may send the main contents of your speech in bullet points via a chit.

b) **Point of Information (POI) chit:** If you are unable to verbally ask a question on a delegate ' s speech but still wish to do so, you may do so via a POI chit.

c) **Chit to another delegate:** You just need to mention the To and From and the contents of the message.

RIGHT OF REPLY:

The Chair may recognize the Right of Reply only in instances of a grave insult towards a particular country ' s sovereignty or people like their head of state. Or in our (IPC) case, a grave insult to your agency or your agency ' s heads. Rights of Reply must be submitted in writing to the Chair, and may only be granted after a speech is completed. The Chair shall inform the Secretary-General of the circumstances surrounding the Right of Reply. If the RoR is understood to be for a valid reason and approved by the secretariat, both sides will be given a specific time period to justify themselves after which a ruling shall be made as to who wins it

Introduction to IPC

The International Press corps is a committee established to simulate the work of journalists. The members of the IPC will represent various media members, Prepare for news reports, articles, and conduct press conferences.

The primary objective of the IPC is to provide comprehensive coverage of the discussions, development, and proceedings of other committees throughout the conference. While carrying out their responsibilities. Reporters are expected to maintain diplomatic courtesy at all times while doing so towards everyone. Detailed research forms the base of good reporting. Journalists must be well researched and informed on the topic to be discussed by their allotted committee. Remember that factual accuracy is a crucial part of good reporting. Go over the background guides of your respective committees to understand the agenda and research about current affairs pertaining to the agenda and country's present at the conference.

Members are expected to have excellent attention to detail and sharp observational skills as journalists. While rigorously adhering to established journalistic ethics and standards, journalists must keep a close eye on committee procedures, spot noteworthy events, and craft well-structured stories that accurately capture the spirit of conversations.

General Guidelines

- Delegates will be allotted their reporting committee on the day of the MUN
- The report submissions will be spread over the course of the two days.
- They will be demarced for plagiarism and/or usage of AI
- Delegates of the IPC will be provided with internet access throughout the conference
- IPC delegates must abide by committee decorum and the rules set by the EB of their allotted committees and must not disrupt the proceedings of that committee.
- There will be no switching of allotted committees.
- For interviews, reporters may approach delegates when committee is not in formal session(unmoderated caucuses, breaks etc)
- You must add pictures to your reports
- You may record committee sessions, however, what is said during unmoderated caucuses or breaks cannot be used against the delegates. In case of an interview, you must receive permission from the delegate to put them on the record and these can be held against them in reports/ press conferences.

Formatting and Article Submission Guidelines:

Formatting guidelines are to be taken seriously and delegates will be marked according to their adherence to them.

Font: Times New Roman

Line spacing - 1.5

Size and Alignment:

- Title - 15 points, Bold, Centered
- By-line - 14 points, Italics, Left aligned
- Body - 12 points, Normal,
- Pictures must be centre aligned.

REMEMBER: a by-line is a one line gist of your article or what it is about.

Eg: Avika Malik from the BBC, reporting from the United Nations General Assembly(UNGA) on the form and structure of the P5

- You are given the freedom to design your articles however you like. However, if you do decide to design your article, download the designed piece as a PDF and send it to us. Again this is not compulsory but you may gain some brownie points if you do so!
- But remember to also provide us with a word document just with the text and pictures from your article for reference.
- Name your file as: Name of Agency_ Type of Submission _ Committee _ Day.
- Deadlines for each day will be announced at the beginning of the first session.
- Make sure that your articles align with the political biases of your given news agency.
- Avoid using personal pronouns. Refer to representatives by their country or portfolio (For example, "The delegate of Iran stated....").
- Use formal language (say "is not" instead of "isn't").
- Do not use MUN words like "Moderated Caucus, " "GSL, " or "Unmoderated Caucus" ; use "formal debate" or "informal debate" instead.
- Meeting the minimum word limit is mandatory.

Types of submissions

1.Op-Ed

An Opinionated Editorial, commonly known as an Op-Ed, is a piece that allows the writer to articulate their perspective on a given agenda. It acts as a platform where opinions are presented. Thorough research is essential, opinions must be supported by accurate and relevant facts. A strong Op-Ed maintains a careful balance between analysis and opinion, the more controversial the better! You are encouraged to write creatively while maintaining a formal tone. Ensure that the stance of the assigned news agency is reflected in your writing.

Word Limit: 700 - 900 words

2.Beat Based Article

A Beat-Based Article refers to a report in which a journalist provides detailed and focused coverage of a particular topic, situation, crisis, statement, right of reply, controversy, speech, or any notable event that takes place during committee proceedings. The “beat” represents the central theme around which the article is developed. This form of writing seeks to offer readers clear insight into specific aspects of committee discussions and the agenda being addressed within a particular council. Such articles rely on precise observations and well-substantiated facts.

It is crucial to stress that a Beat-Based Article needs to maintain complete objectivity. The reporter's or their linked media organization's personal opinions, interpretations, or institutional biases must not be reflected in the piece. Rather, it should serve only as an impartial account of actual events and developments.

This article should be approached as a means of providing readers with an in-depth understanding of a particular issue. Upon reading the article, readers should be equipped with sufficient factual information to form their own independent opinions based solely on the events and details presented.

Word limit: 350-500 words

3.Committee report

A committee report is an overview of the events and progress of a committee on a particular day. It should not be a minute-by-minute account, but instead focus on key events, the direction of discussions, major topics or simply statements that you find worthy made by delegates. A brief introduction to the committee and agenda, important developments or solutions proposed can be included

The report must clearly show the progress of discussions while remaining unbiased and most importantly accurate. MUN-specific terms must be avoided, as the report should read like a real-life account of an actual committee meeting, presenting it as a formal report.

Word Limit: 450 - 600 words

4.Features

This segment allows delegates to express their creativity in an engaging and imaginative manner. Features are creative pieces that may be written, edited, or presented in various formats, including diary entries, letters, short stories, character sketches, poems, songs, cartoons, posters, drawings, videos, edits, memes, and other original forms of expression.

Delegates are encouraged to explore innovative approaches while adhering to conference standards.

While features may incorporate humour elements, it is essential that all content maintains a fundamental level of courtesy, respect towards the delegates, EB and fellow IPC delegates

No specific word count

5.Crisis article

The IPC Executive Board will release a Crisis Update, which will be specific to the IPC and will not be based on any other committee. Delegates will be given time to comprehend the update and seek clarifications. After this, assume that 10–20 days have passed. Your task is to write a news piece detailing what happened during this period. Were there official statements, policy changes, conflicts, or resolutions. If so, what exactly took place? Creativity is key, but realism is important, along with a logical prediction of the aftermath. There is no fixed structure for this submission. You may choose to be creative by drafting speeches from world leaders, press releases, etc(these are just suggestions). But ensure it keeps a formal tone.

If this seems unclear at the moment, do not worry. It will be explained again during the orientation or within the committee itself.

No specific word count

6.Press Conference

One of the most exciting and anticipated parts of a MUN conference is the press conference, which is frequently a major factor in a delegate's decision to attend the International Press Corpse. During the press conference, reporters take the center of the stage within their assigned committee and are granted an opportunity to question delegates on their speeches, past actions, policy positions, and official stances. Information gathered during press conferences also serves as valuable material for the drafting of reports and articles.

Here are a few things to remember for a press conference

- Press conferences may be research based or on a statement that the delegate has previously said in committee.
- Making up false news or fabrication of statements will not be tolerated
- When referencing a committee statement, reporters must obtain the delegate or from the EB
- Press conferences may occur on any day, so be prepared from the get go
- IPC delegates must not say the timing or occurrence of a press conference to committee delegates.
- All questions and sources will be reviewed by the EB before hand, reporters must prepare backup questions in the case that one is deemed inappropriate
- Appropriate props are allowed

Press Conference timing: 5 minutes in total

