

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

RULES OF PROCEDURE



GENERAL RULES

Rule 1: Scope & Application

The following rules of procedure apply in full to all sessions, ordinary and extraordinary, of the Constitutional Convention at PACMUN 2019. No other rules of procedure are applicable.

Rule 2: Delegate Conduct

As officials from their respective regions, delegates are expected to remain courteous and respectful to all staff members and other delegates; appropriate diplomatic language, abstention from profanity and/or any other inappropriate behavior, and a willingness to fulfill the duties of individual roles is required.

English will be the official and working language of the committee, and affected accents are not permitted. Western business attire is mandatory during all committee sessions, and the Chair will immediately call to order delegates who do not abide by this rule.

Delegates are expected to be present at the beginning of every committee session. Roll call will be taken before debate is opened, and delegates arriving late must submit a note to the Dais indicating whether they are present or present and voting. Delegates who will not be present for part or all of a committee session must inform the Dais beforehand by note or by email.

Rule 3: Creating the Constitution and Use of Electronic Aids

Delegates will not be provided with WiFi. The creation of the constitution will be further explained at the committee, but delegates should prepare to write sections manually or bring USBs. Delegates are not allowed to use cell phones or other electronic devices to communicate with other delegates while the committee is in session.

Rule 4: General Powers of the Secretariat

The Secretary-General and other members of the Secretariat reserves the right to modify or suspend these rules at any time and may serve as a member of the Dais.

COMMITTEE RULES AND FORMAT

Rule 5: General Powers of the Committee Staff

For the purposes of the Constitutional Convention, the dais will act as moderators and facilitators of debate in committee. The dais will be comprised of a Director, Chair, and Assistant Director.

The Director will be responsible for holding authority over debate and rules of procedure. The Director may also advise the committee on further actions and how to proceed in debate.

The Chair will be responsible for the running debate, the application of the following rules of procedure, and the opening and closing of committee sessions.

The Assistant Director will be responsible for assisting in facilitating debate and enforcing the rules of procedure in committee.

Rule 6: Role of Delegates

For the purposes of the Constitutional Convention, delegates will act as representatives for regions of the United States. Certain delegates have positions based on fictional people as this committee is set in the future (2050). Delegates must keep in mind that some events on the background guide will take precedence over real-life events.

Rule 7: Flow of Debate

POINTS

The Constitutional Convention Committee will entertain all points outlined in the regular longform Rules of Procedure (ROP) of PACMUN 2019.

MOTIONS

There are a variety of motion that may be proposed by delegates throughout committee. Certain motions will be determined appropriate or inappropriate at times based on dais discretion, but they may be motioned for at any point when the dais prompts the committee for points or motions.

Motion to Open Debate

When prompted for points or motions, delegates may begin debate by proposing a motion to open debate. Once opened, the committee will automatically move into a **perpetual moderated caucus**.

Motion to Enter Perpetual Moderated Caucus

The default for debate in the Constitutional Convention will be a perpetual moderated caucus. It will have a set one-minute speaking time for the duration of the conference. Delegates will be prompted by the dais to raise their placard if they wish to speak and will be called on one at a time to speak. Delegates may return to a perpetual moderated caucus by proposing this motion when prompted by the dais.

Motion to Propose a Clause

The final document of this committee will be a constitution, and the method in which it will be written is by clause. Delegates may propose a clause to add to the constitution when prompted by the dais. If the motion passes, the delegates will present the clause they wish to add to the treaty to the committee.

Motion to Debate a Clause

Following the presentation of a clause, delegates may motion to debate on the specifics of the proposed clause. This debate will take form as a moderated caucus with speaking time and length set by the delegate who proposed it. During the caucus, delegates may debate anything surrounding the topics within the clause and may edit the wording or content of the clause based on debate.

Motion to Vote on a Clause

Once the moderated caucus for debating the clause expires, the delegates must vote on the proposed clause. This vote must be a simple majority in favor of the clause for the clause to pass. If the clause passes, it will be added to the overall treaty. If it does not pass, it will be discarded. After the vote on the clause, committee will automatically return to the perpetual moderated caucus.

Motion to Remove a Clause

During debate, if delegates determine that they wish to remove a clause from the document because they no longer wish to follow its principles, they may motion to remove it from the document. Once this motion has been proposed and approved by the dais, the committee must vote on whether they wish to remove the clause. The motion will only pass if a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the committee votes to remove the clause.

Motion for an Unmoderated Caucus

When prompted by the dais, delegates may motion for an unmoderated caucus. The caucus may not exceed the length of 15 minutes unless the dais determines that a longer time will be productive for committee. Unmoderated caucuses may be extended by $\frac{1}{2}$ the original time.

Rule 8: The Constitution

The final document that will be produced by the debate of the Constitutional Convention will be a Constitution. The Constitution will outline the format of the Federal Government as well as powers awarded to various government entities. The Constitution may also include individual liberties.

The Constitution will be produced through a series of clauses that will be voted on throughout committee. The Dais will keep the complete document and will share it with the committee, so all members have access. As clauses are passed throughout debate, the Dais will add them to the Constitution.

Motion to Present the Constitution

Debate will end, and the Constitution will be finalized when a delegate proposes a motion to present the Constitution, and the committee passes the motion. If the motion passes, the Dais will print out the finalized Constitution. The four or five primary advocates of the Constitution will then present the Constitution to the committee, reading through each clause until the end.

Motion to Ratify the Constitution

Following the presenting of the Constitution, the dais will prompt the committee for points or motions. The motion to ratify the Constitution will be the only accepted motion at that time. Once the motion passes, each delegate will state their reasons why states should or should not ratify the Constitution. Each delegate will have one minute to speak. It will be up to dais discretion based on the strength of the speeches which states will ratify the Constitution.

Motion to Close Debate

Once the Constitution has been ratified, delegates may motion to close debate. Once this motion is passed and voted upon, no other motions may be proposed or passed. The motion will end all debate for the conference.