

Official Rules

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UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN • NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

1. SCOPE OF RULES

The University of New Haven and Notre Dame High School Model United Nations Conference will be run in accordance with the Official Rules contained in this document. In all circumstances, the Rules of Procedure, along with the rulings of the Secretary-Generals, and the presiding Chairs and Officers of the committees shall be final. The Secretary-Generals and the Chair of a committee may alter and/or override any of the rules at any time as they deem fit.

2. POWERS OF THE SECRETARIAT

The Secretary-Generals shall ensure observance of these rules and interpret them how they deem fit. They have the right to speak in all sessions and committees. They, and the officers they have assigned, control all conference proceedings and shall maintain order at the conference. The Secretary-Generals, the Secretariat, and all other conference staff shall have final authority to decide on all issues.

3. DRESS

All delegates shall wear appropriate Western business attire. All clothing must portray modesty and professionalism; if your attire is deemed inappropriate by the ChargerMUN staff, you will be asked to change. It is not appropriate to display any national symbols or portray a character using traditional cultural attire.

4. SPEAKER'S LIST

The Chair of each committee will establish a Speaker's List for delegates wishing to speak

on the Topic. Any delegate who wishes to be added to the Speaker's List must indicate their intention to the Chair through timely verbal address or in a written note. No delegate may be on the Speaker's List more than once at any given time. If the Speaker's List is exhausted, debate is automatically closed and the committee moves into voting procedure.

5. SPEECHES

Speeches may only be delivered upon recognition by the Chair. Speeches should be appropriate to the topic under discussion and the setting of ChargerMUN; the Chair may call any delegate to order for an inappropriate speech. Time limits will be set at 90 seconds for the beginning of each session but can be modified by the chair or majority vote. Speakers recognized by the Chair during the Speaker's List must yield any remaining time to one of the following: another delegate of the committee, points of information, comments, or to the chair.

Yielding to Another Delegate: The other delegate will be allowed to speak for the yielding speaker's time.

Yielding to Points of Information (Questions): A speaker may accept as many points of information from the floor as their remaining time permits. The speaker's response to the question, not the questions themselves, count for the time limit. The speaker may at any time determine that they are no longer accepting points of information and thus conclude their speaking time.

Yielding to Comments: A speaker may choose to yield to comments, in which case a minimum of two 30 second speeches will be accepted from the floor by the chair. As many comments can be accepted to fulfill the speaker's time. Comments must directly address the speaker's speech and the topic in discussion.

Yielding to the Chair: A speaker has utilized their desired amount of the speaking time and does not wish to yield to another delegate or open the floor to questions or comments.

If the speaker leaves the microphone or designated speech area without yielding, any delegate may respectfully steal the remainder of the speaking time. Delegates must respectfully signal to the Chair and will be called upon by them to speak.

6. WORKING PAPERS

Any delegate may, at any point in the debate, submit a working paper to the Chair. The purpose of a working paper is to communicate in writing certain key ideas and points in a resolution-style format. A working paper must resemble a draft resolution in format and does not require additional sponsors or signatories. No delegate is allowed to bring any prepared or pre-written working papers, all working papers must be written during the conference. The Chair has full discretion over which working paper to distribute to the full committee. Working papers serve as the basis of the eventual draft resolutions.

7. RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions will have both sponsors and signatories. The number of sponsors and signatories required for a resolution to be accepted will be at discretion of the Chair based on the number of delegates in committee.

8. PAGES

Pages will serve to collect and distribute notes among the delegates or from a delegation to the Dais during formal session.

9. ELECTRONICS

Delegates should not be using electronics for any non-committee purposes during the conference. Laptops, tablets, and cellphones are permitted during unmoderated caucus for the purpose of research and writing working papers.

10. PLAGERISM

Any delegate caught claiming ownership of work or intellectual property that is not their own will be reported to their Secretariat and the school advisor present. The delegate will not be permitted to participate in any further conference sessions and will be ineligible for awards. Delegates with pre-written working papers will be subject to the same disciplinary actions.

11. AWARDS POLICY

Committee Chairs and the Secretariat will determine awards on the basis of adherence to all of Charter MUN rules and procedures, willingness to cooperate and act with diplomacy, ability to provide solutions, understanding of the topic area and their represented country's position, and skill in caucusing, resolution-writing, and debate.