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1. Conference Conduct

1.1. The Rules of Procedure

- 1.1.1. The Rules of Procedure contained herein are the official Rules of Procedure for the FHSMUN conference. Delegates must abide by these Rules of Procedure for the entire duration of the conference.
- 1.1.2. Each of the rules contained therein may be referred to using the numbers found to its left.

1.2. Language

- 1.2.1. The official and working language of the conference is English.
- 1.2.2. The use of other languages is only permitted when:
 - 1.2.2.1. The Secretariat has been given prior notice, and
 - 1.2.2.2. An approved translation into English is made readily available.
- 1.2.3. Delegates shall refrain from using inappropriate language or profane language at all times.

1.3. Credentials

- 1.3.1. Upon arrival to a FHSMUN event, all delegates and advisors, including those for groups with Official Observer status, must get their credentials, identity and registration, verified so they may be authorized to enter committee sessions.
 - 1.3.1.1. Delegates must register for our in-person conferences with an Advisor who is a legal adult. The Advisor must be present for registration.
- 1.3.2. After Delegates' credentials are approved, they will then receive credence to speak for their country, their country name tag. This name tag must be worn at all times during committee sessions.
- 1.3.3. Credentials can only be approved by the Secretariat or their designate.
- 1.3.4. The Secretary-General, or their designate, has the right to revoke their approval of the credentials of any representative at any time during the conference, after which they will be required to leave.
- 1.3.5. Delegates from groups with Official Observer status are allowed access to all committees except the Security Council.

1.4. Diplomatic Courtesy

- 1.4.1. Any delegate or visitor who persists in an attempt to divert the conference from its educational purposes shall be subject to action from the Secretariat or FHSMUN Board of Directors and may be expelled from the conference.
- 1.4.2. Delegates must approach their committee topics with the utmost respect for the situations discussed, the real world persons and societies impacted, fellow delegates, and the FHSMUN staff facilitating debate.

- 1.4.3. Delegates must approach their fellow delegates with the utmost respect and approach conflicting country beliefs in a diplomatic way. Delegates shall refrain from verbal, physical, or sexual harassment, hazing, or name calling.
 - 1.4.4. FHSMUN has a zero-tolerance policy for any racist, anti-semitic, islamophobic, homophobic, or any other hateful or prejudicial speech against any group of people. Any violation of this policy will result in the delegate being removed from committee and the behavior addressed with said delegates' advisor.
- 1.5. Attire
- 1.5.1. Western business attire is the required dress code for all delegates and FHSMUN staff in attendance at any conference, including virtual conferences.
 - 1.5.1.1. Western business attire includes formal dress shirts, jackets/blazers, skirts, dress pants, dress shoes, and ties.
 - 1.5.1.2. Absolutely no t-shirts, shorts, jeans, flip-flops, sandals, or sneakers are allowed for committee sessions.
- 1.6. Venue Courtesy
- 1.6.1. Delegates shall respect the rules of whatever property a FHSMUN conference takes place.
 - 1.6.2. Delegates shall respect the privacy and rights of any hotel guests or other unaffiliated bystanders near FHSMUN events.
 - 1.6.3. Delegates shall not possess alcoholic beverages, narcotics, tobacco products, or weapons in any form.
- 1.7. Advisor and School Courtesy
- 1.7.1. Delegates shall keep their advisors informed of their activities and whereabouts at all times.
 - 1.7.2. Delegates shall adhere to your school's code of conduct at all times during FHSMUN events.
- 1.8. FHSMUN Staff Courtesy
- 1.8.1. Delegates shall respect the privacy and rights of all FHSMUN Staff.
 - 1.8.2. Delegates shall listen to and take direction from conference staff and follow the rules and procedures as conference staff explains it to them.
- 1.9. Technology Courtesy
- 1.9.1. Delegations are allowed to use a personal laptop, tablet, or phone during unmoderated caucus and Author's Panel only, unless otherwise allowed by the DAIS.
 - 1.9.2. Delegations are to restrict internet use and browser searches to topic-related research during unmoderated caucuses only.
 - 1.9.2.1. The use of social media is prohibited during the conference.

2. Rules for Plagiarism and Cheating

2.1. Definitions

- 2.1.1. FHSMUN adopts the Oxford Languages definition of **plagiarism**, “the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own”
- 2.1.2. FHSMUN defines **artificial intelligence** as “the simulation of human intelligence processes by machines, especially computer systems,” including machine learning algorithms such as large language models (LLMs) and artificial neural networks (ANNs).
- 2.1.3. FHSMUN defines **cheating** as copying and pasting materials into your resolution made prior to the first committee session and passing them off as conference work. We encourage preparation, planning, and memorization of that preparation, but firmly prohibit copying and pasting pre-made work into the resolutions.

2.2. Prohibition

- 2.2.1. Plagiarism, in all forms, is *strictly prohibited* at all stages.
 - 2.2.1.1. As AI uses others' work and ideas without credit to formulate its responses, all uses of AI are considered Plagiarism.
- 2.2.2. Cheating in resolution writing is *strictly prohibited* at all stages.
- 2.2.3. If a member of the FHSMUN staff becomes suspicious of a document, Home Government has the power to investigate said document for plagiarism, cheating, and use of AI.
- 2.2.4. This includes, but is not limited to, in draft resolutions, speeches, and position papers, and the use of artificial intelligence for those purposes.

2.3. Sanction

- 2.3.1. The Secretary-General, or their designate, may at any time seek to investigate plagiarism or cheating and implement appropriate discipline.
- 2.3.2. Delegations found to have utilized plagiarism or cheating may be barred from consideration for awards, or any other sanction deemed appropriate by the Secretariat. Punishments can range from warnings to suspension from participation.

3. Pre-Committee

3.1. Position Papers

3.1.1. All delegates must submit a position paper one day prior to the start of the conference via Google Form.

3.1.1.1. Said paper must demonstrate the research, analysis, and overall level of preparation for a particular delegate¹;

3.1.1.2. Position papers are to be considered when deciding committee awards.

3.1.2. All position papers must adhere to the following format:

3.1.2.1. The position paper must be typed, using 12 point standard font, single-spaced with standard one-inch margins.

3.1.2.2. In the upper right corner, delegates must include **only** the country represented and the committee.

3.1.2.2.1. Delegates are not to include the name of their school on the position paper.

3.1.2.3. If a committee has two (2) topics, there must be one position paper for each topic not exceeding one (1) page in length.

3.1.2.4. If a committee has one (1) topic, there must be one position paper not exceeding two (2) pages in length

3.1.2.5. The topic must be stated on the left, below the country and committee and above the body of the position paper in the format “Re: [topic]”

3.1.2.6. Position papers must have citations for any information used from outside sources.

3.1.2.6.1. Citations are to be in Chicago format and styled as footnotes

3.1.2.6.2. Papers without appropriate citations are not to be considered when deciding committee awards

3.2. The Committee Director

3.2.1. All committees are to be led by a Committee Director who, in addition to exercising the powers conferred elsewhere in these Rules, shall:

3.2.1.1. Declare sessions opened and closed.

3.2.1.2. Direct all discussions in the body.

3.2.1.3. Ensure observance of the Rules of Procedure and provide interpretations of the Rules.

3.2.1.4. Pose questions and announce decisions to the committee.

¹ Further information about position papers may be found at www.fhsmun.org/research.

- 3.2.1.5. Rule on Points of Order and have control over all proceedings to ensure the smooth functioning of the body unless specified in the Rules.
- 3.2.1.6. Limit the number of speakers and the time allotted to each speaker.
- 3.2.1.7. Limit the number of times each representative may speak on a question.
- 3.2.1.8. Declare necessary recesses.
- 3.2.2. The Committee Director may, but is not required to, delegate the above responsibilities to an Assistant Director or other designee as necessary.
- 3.3. Substantive and Procedural Matters
 - 3.3.1. **Substantive matters** are those that concern the substance of debate, rather than how the subject is debated.
 - 3.3.1.1. Substantive matters include the topic which is currently being debated.
 - 3.3.1.2. Substantive votes, allows for abstentions during voting
 - 3.3.2. **Procedural matters** are those that affect how the debate is conducted and when it is conducted.
 - 3.3.2.1. Procedural matters include questions of personal, temporal, or conference procedure unrelated to what is being debated.
 - 3.3.2.2. Procedural votes allow for no abstentions during voting

4. At-Committee Procedures

4.1. Note Passing

- 4.1.1. Note passing is allowed, but must follow the first rule stated and be relevant to the conference. The DIAS may request to read any notes at any time. If note material violating our first rule is discovered, the author of the note will be disqualified. Note taking is a privilege that also may be taken away at the DIAS discretion if it is detrimental to the flow of debate.

4.2. Attendance and Quorum

- 4.2.1. At the start of every meeting, the Committee Director is to conduct a roll call of all member states before declaring the quorum, $\frac{1}{2}$ majority, and $\frac{2}{3}$ majority.
- 4.2.2. Upon the call of a member state, the delegation of that member state must declare themselves either **present** or **present and voting**.
- 4.2.2.1. A delegation that calls "present and voting" cannot abstain from voting on substantive matters, but declares their serious intent on the topic.
- 4.2.2.2. A delegation that calls "present" may abstain from voting on substantive matters.
- 4.2.2.3. A delegation must declare their attendance before being recognized by the Committee Director during debate.
- 4.2.2.4. A delegation that is tardy to the committee meeting may declare their attendance via a note to the Committee Director, who will then announce any changes to quorum and required vote counts at the next available opportunity.
- 4.2.3. A majority of voting members answering to the roll at each day's first meeting shall constitute a quorum for that day.

4.3. Motions

- 4.3.1. A motion is a proposal of an action the committee should take such as entering a different form of debate.
- 4.3.2. In order to propose a motion, delegates must raise their placard into the air such that it is visible above the heads of delegates sitting in front of them. It may be held vertically or horizontally.
- 4.3.3. The Committee Director may request that delegations submitting similar motions merge in an attempt to achieve a common motion.
- 4.3.4. Following the Roll Call, the director will announce Quorum and then request a "Motion to open debate. "
- 4.3.4.1. This motion requires a second, the Director will ask if anyone seconds and at least one delegate must raise their placard for it to be seconded.
- 4.3.4.2. The motion then passes by a simple majority of present delegates.

- 4.3.5. Following the Motion to open debate the Director will request a “Motion to set the Agenda”
- 4.4. Setting the Agenda
 - 4.4.1. The Agenda is the order in which topics are debated.
 - 4.4.2. When there is only one topic for the committee, a Delegate will “Motion to set the agenda to COMMITTEE TOPIC”
 - 4.4.2.1. Delegates can propose only topics put forward by the Secretariat, i.e. the topics which background guides were created and posted for, prior to the conference.
 - 4.4.2.2. The motion passes by a simple majority of present delegates.
 - 4.4.2.3. Procedure cannot continue until an agenda is set. Even if there is only one topic.
 - 4.4.3. When there are multiple topics for the committee, a Delegate may motion to set the agenda to either committee topic.
 - 4.4.3.1. Since the starting topic will majorly influence the course of the committee, this will require a 2 for 2 against vote.
- 4.5. Speakers List
 - 4.5.1. The Speakers list is the default format of committee, where delegates speak for a specified amount of time to the committee.
 - 4.5.2. The Committee Director will keep a Speakers List for each topic – not each resolution or amendment.
 - 4.5.3. The Speakers List is to be established by a motion from a Delegate. Said motion must propose a speaking time.
 - 4.5.3.1. Speaking time should be between 1-5 minutes, but has no minimum or maximum length
 - 4.5.3.2. Motion for Speakers List passes with a simple majority.
 - 4.5.4. When a Speakers List has been established, delegations may ask to be included only by raising their placard when the Director solicits such inclusions.
 - 4.5.4.1. If a delegation is not present when called upon to speak, that delegation forfeits its place on the Speakers List.
 - 4.5.4.2. A delegation may only be present on the List once, but may re-enter the List after having spoken.
 - 4.5.5. A Delegate may motion to change the speaking time.
 - 4.5.6. Motions to initiate a caucus temporarily suspend the Speakers List.
 - 4.5.7. If all motions to initiate caucus are rejected, and there are no other motions on the floor, the body will revert to the Speakers List.

4.6. Caucuses and Disruptions in Debate

- 4.6.1. The chair decides when to open the floor to motions. At this time, delegates may raise their placards to move for a caucus, to extend the previous caucus, to adjourn debate, or to suspend debate.
- 4.6.1.1. The motions are voted upon in the order in which they are most disruptive to the flow of debate.
- 4.6.1.2. Herein follows a list of motions, from most to least disruptive:
1. Entering Voting Procedure
 2. Extension of the previous caucus.
 3. Unmoderated Caucuses
 - a. Caucuses with more time are more disruptive, and unmoderated caucuses are more disruptive than moderated caucuses.
 4. Moderated Caucuses
 - a. Between caucuses with the same total time, the one which allows more speakers is more disruptive.
 5. Adjournment of debate.
 6. Suspension of debate.
- 4.6.1.3. The chair may rule any motion dilatory at their discretion.
- 4.6.2. **Moderated Caucus** is a form of debate that features a number of individual speakers who deliver speeches for a set amount of time.
- 4.6.2.1. A motion for moderated caucus requires a simple majority to pass.
- 4.6.2.2. Only one delegate is permitted to talk at a time.
- 4.6.2.3. When motioning for a moderated caucus, delegates must delineate a total time of debate, a speaking time, and a topic for debate
- 4.6.2.3.1. The topic for debate must be of substantive matters.
 - 4.6.2.3.2. The total time of debate must be divisible by the speaking time, so there is no time left at the conclusion of the last speaker.
- 4.6.2.4. Directors choose speakers for moderated caucuses based on those who raise their placard, but also have the discretion to choose any delegate to speak.
- 4.6.2.5. A delegate motioning for a moderated caucus may elect, instead of giving a total time, to move for a **Round Robin**, wherein each delegate will speak in a predetermined order for a set time.
- 4.6.2.5.1. During a Round Robin, the debate moves around the table/rows until every single delegate has had the opportunity to speak.

- 4.6.2.5.2. If a delegate has nothing to add they may simply say “I yield my time to the chair”
- 4.6.2.5.3. Round Robins must have a topic.
- 4.6.2.5.4. Like a Moderated Caucus, the delegate who motioned for it may elect to speak first or last.
- 4.6.2.5.5. Example:
Country: “Thank you honorable chair, Country moves for a round robin with a 30 second speaking time on the topic of weapons of mass destruction.”

4.6.3. **Unmoderated Caucus** is a less formal mode of debate that allows delegates the freedom to move about the committee room, use technology, and talk at will with other delegates.

- 4.6.3.1. A motion for unmoderated caucus requires a simple majority to pass.
- 4.6.3.2. When motioning for an unmoderated caucus, delegates must only delineate a total time of debate.
- 4.6.3.3. A delegate motioning for an unmoderated caucus may elect to move for a **Roundtable Unmoderated Caucus** (Roundtables), where all Delegates remain at their seats for the duration of the Unmod and address the entire delegation when speaking.
 - 4.6.3.3.1. Roundtables prevent secret conversations from happening verbally and slow down the conversation, allowing for clarifications to be made more easily.
 - 4.6.3.3.2. All Delegates are expected to participate in Roundtables. If a small fraction of the Delegation are doing the majority of the speaking, the DAIS may end it early.
 - 4.6.3.3.3. Delegates are expected to self moderate during a Roundtable and be respectful of other Delegates trying to speak.
 - 4.6.3.3.4. Roundtables are ONLY allowed for Delegations smaller than 25 Delegates.
 - 4.6.3.3.5. Roundtables are only allowed at the discretion of the DAIS.

4.7. Yielding

- 4.7.1. In the Speakers List, a delegation that completes a speech within the pre-designated time limit may yield the remaining time to the Director, or to another delegation to temporarily speak with their remaining time.
- 4.7.2. In a moderated caucus, a delegation that completes a speech within the pre-designated time limit may yield the remaining time to the Director or to another delegation to temporarily speak with their remaining time.

- 4.7.3. Yielding is only allowed on substantive matters, which is to be decided by the discretion of the chair.
- 4.7.4. Remaining time may only be yielded once.
 - 4.7.4.1. Director will pause the time after it is yielded and say "Thank you country A, Country B you have this much time remaining when you start"

4.8. Points

- 4.8.1. A delegate may raise a Point by raising their Placard and saying the name of the point.
- 4.8.2. A delegation may raise a **Point of Order** at any time, and may interrupt the current speaker, only for the following purposes:
 - 4.8.2.1. To question errors in voting, tabulation, or procedure.
 - 4.8.2.2. To question incorrect placement on the Speaker's List.
 - 4.8.2.3. To question a quorum.
- 4.8.3. A delegation may raise a **Point of Information** only when there is no discussion on the floor, for the purpose of asking a substantive question:
 - 4.8.3.1. A Point of Information may be directed to either the Committee Director, a guest speaker, or to another delegation, but must first be stated directly to the Committee Director in all instances.
 - 4.8.3.2. A Point of Information directed to another delegation may only be asked immediately following a contribution from that delegation on a substantive matter.
 - 4.8.3.3. Rhetorical questions are not valid Points of Information.
 - 4.8.3.4. Points of Information during a Guest Speaker or Authors Panel must adhere to the below form:
 - 4.8.3.4.1. Points of Information - (After the Speaker has concluded a contribution on a substantive matter, but before the recognition of another delegation.)
 - 4.8.3.4.2. Delegate A: Raises placard to be recognized
 - 4.8.3.4.3. Committee Director: "To what point do you rise?"
 - 4.8.3.4.4. Delegate A: "Point of Information directed towards the speaker"
 - 4.8.3.4.5. Committee Director: "State that Point"
 - 4.8.3.4.6. Delegate A: "Does the speaker yield to a question?"
 - 4.8.3.4.7. Speaker: Yes/No
 - 4.8.3.4.8. Delegate A: If YES Asks a non-rhetorical question.
 - 4.8.3.4.9. Speaker: If YES, briefly responds (30 secs-1 min)
- 4.8.4. A delegation may raise a **Point of Personal Privilege** at any time, for the purposes of informing the DAIS of a personal matter.

- 4.8.4.1. Examples include asking to use the restroom, getting water during moderated debate, or asking about a lost article.
- 4.8.5. A delegation may raise a **Point of Inquiry** at any time, but may not interrupt a speaker, for the purposes of asking a Procedural question
 - 4.8.5.1. Such as clarification on the Rules of Procedure.
 - 4.8.5.2. Points of Inquiry are to be used sparingly. The Committee Director may take appropriate actions when necessary to curtail excessive use.

4.9. Right of Reply

- 4.9.1. At the Committee Director's discretion, any member state or observer may be granted a Right of Reply to answer serious insults directed at the dignity of a country represented.
- 4.9.2. The Director has the absolute authority to accept or reject Rights of Reply, and the decision is not subject to appeal.
- 4.9.3. The motion can be made immediately following the Director stopping another delegate due to a violation of decorum, by raising their placard.
- 4.9.4. Delegations that feel they should have been granted a right of reply may send a note to the DIAS or ask during an unmoderated caucus. Delegations that feel they are being treated unfairly may take said complaint to any member of the Secretariat.
- 4.9.5. If an insult is directed to a delegate and not their represented member state, the matter is to be referred to the Secretary General or a member of the Board immediately.

4.10. Resolutions

- 4.10.1. The body aims to pass at least one (1) resolution for each topic that comprehensively addresses the topic.
- 4.10.2. Each resolution must be in the approved format.²
- 4.10.3. Each resolution must be co-sponsored by one-sixth of the quorum or a minimum of five member states, whichever is greater.
- 4.10.4. There must be at least three signatories on a resolution.
- 4.10.5. There are four stages to resolution-writing
 - 4.10.5.1. The first drafts of potential resolutions are termed *working ideas*.
 - 4.10.5.1.1. Working ideas must be handwritten and presented to the director for feedback before revisions may be typed.
 - 4.10.5.2. Working ideas that are accepted by the director and are then typed are termed *working papers*.
 - 4.10.5.3. The Director is to assign classification numbers to working papers to facilitate discussion, such as 1.1, 1.2, etc. based on the order in which the director received them.

² An example of the sample resolution can be found at appendix A

- 4.10.6. The Committee Director may elevate a working paper into a *draft resolution* at their discretion and with approval from the sponsors.
 - 4.10.6.1. A draft resolution may only be changed by amendment
 - 4.10.6.1.1. All amendments must be submitted in writing to the Director, who will assign it a classification number.
 - 4.10.6.1.2. Amendments themselves are not able to be amended.
 - 4.10.6.2. A **friendly amendment** enjoys the support of *all* sponsors to the draft resolution. Such changes are immediately incorporated into the document without a vote.
 - 4.10.6.3. An **unfriendly amendment** does not enjoy the support of all sponsors to the draft resolution.
 - 4.10.6.3.1. A sponsor of the original draft resolution may support an unfriendly amendment.
 - 4.10.6.3.2. Unfriendly amendments can be passed by a 2/3 majority during voting procedures.
- 4.10.7. A **motion for an Authors Panel** may be raised by any delegation at any time following the introduction of a draft resolution to the floor.
 - 4.10.7.1. Said motion must propose a total time limit which will include questions Inclusive.
 - 4.10.7.2. Upon passage of a motion for an Author's Panel, those sponsors of the draft resolution are to read the text of the draft resolution before the full committee before yielding to questions.
- 4.11. Suspension of Debate
 - 4.11.1. A **motion to suspend debate**, if successful, allows the Committee to recess with the intent of returning to debate at a later time.
 - 4.11.2. This motion passes with a simple majority.
 - 4.11.3. The Director may also declare necessary recesses when applicable; such decisions are not subject to appeal.
- 4.12. Closure of Debate
 - 4.12.1. A **motion to close debate to enter voting procedure** and calls whichever topic being discussed to a vote.
 - 4.12.2. At least three (3) delegations must have spoken on the Speakers List for a particular topic before debate can be closed on that topic.
 - 4.12.3. Said motion must be debated by at least two (2) speakers for and two (2) speakers against before moving to vote.
 - 4.12.4. This motion requires a 2/3 majority to pass.
 - 4.12.5. Debate is automatically closed – without vote – when the Speakers List is exhausted.

4.13. Voting Procedures

- 4.13.1. After the Director announces the entrance into Voting Procedures, there will be no use of electronics, verbal and/or non-verbal communication, or leaving the committee room until the vote is over and results have been announced by the Director.
 - 4.13.1.1. Directors must ensure that they ask before entering voting procedures if anyone needs to use the restroom or leave their seat to get water.
 - 4.13.1.2. The only exception is on a Point of Order in connection with the actual conduct of the vote.
 - 4.13.1.3. Repeated violations of this rule constitutes grounds for expulsion.
- 4.13.2. Upon the closure of debate, any delegation may make a **motion to enter voting** for a specific amendment or draft resolution.
 - 4.13.2.1. Amendments must be voted on first.
- 4.13.3. Upon the passage of a motion to enter voting procedure on a specified draft resolution – or set thereof – any delegation may make a motion for a specific method of voting.
 - 4.13.3.1. Where no delegation makes such a motion, or there are time constraints, the default method is a **placard vote**
 - 4.13.3.1.1. A placard vote consists of the director announcing what is being voted on, then asking for those in favor to raise their placards, then those opposed, then those abstaining.
 - 4.13.3.2. A delegation may move for a **vote by roll call**, which is immediately acted upon by the Director.
 - 4.13.3.2.1. A vote by roll call consists of the director announcing what is being voted on, then asking how each delegation votes one by one, in alphabetical order.
 - 4.13.3.2.2. A delegation, at the discretion of the Director, may explain its vote after a roll call vote has been taken.
 - 4.13.3.2.2.1. This must be requested at the time the delegation announces its vote by voting "with rights" during a roll call vote.
 - 4.13.3.2.2.2. The length of time allowed for an explanation is to be set by the Director and is not subject to appeal.
 - 4.13.3.3. A delegation may move for a **vote by acclamation**, which is immediately acted upon by the Director
 - 4.13.3.3.1. A vote by acclamation consists of the director announcing what is being voted on, then asking all those in favor to say ‘aye,’ then those in favor to say ‘nay,’ then those abstaining to say ‘abstain.’

- 4.13.3.3.2. If it is not abundantly clear which was louder, then the committee will revote using the placard voting method.
- 4.13.4. Resolutions, unfriendly amendments to resolutions, and procedural motions require either a simple or two-thirds majority vote to pass.
- 4.13.4.1. A simple majority vote requires the concurrence of 50% + 1 of all member states voting yes and no.³
- 4.13.4.1.1. Includes procedural votes
- 4.13.4.1.2. Includes Resolutions
- 4.13.4.2. A two-thirds majority requires the concurrence of 67% or more of those members voting yes and no.
- 4.13.4.2.1. Includes unfriendly amendments
- 4.13.4.3. Abstentions are not to be included in the calculation of the vote.
- 4.13.4.4. In the Security Council, procedural motions are to require at least nine member states voting in favor.
- 4.13.4.5. In the Security Council, resolutions are to require at least nine votes in favor to pass with no permanent member of the Security Council voting against the resolution.
- 4.13.4.6. The permanent members of the Security Council (China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States) retain the right to veto a draft resolution by voting no.
- 4.13.5. If a delegate has any Religious obligation that requires them to miss voting procedures, they are permitted to give the Director instructions on how they are to vote, to which the Director will announce when they call their delegation in a roll call vote, or announce it after the placard vote when they announce the final count.
- 4.13.6. At any time following the conclusion of voting on a resolution, a delegation that had previously voted with the prevailing side may submit a **motion for reconsideration** in writing to the Director.
- 4.13.6.1. After making such an indication, the delegation may verbally make the motion from the floor.
- 4.13.6.2. A motion for reconsideration requires a second.
- 4.13.6.3. Said motion must be debated by at least two (2) speakers for and two (2) speakers against before moving to vote.
- 4.13.6.4. Said motion requires a two-thirds majority to pass.
- 4.13.6.5. Upon the passage of a motion for reconsideration, the Director may accept a motion to enter voting procedure on the relevant substantive resolution.

³ Example: There are 57 Member States represented in committee. A simple majority vote would require 30 votes in the affirmative (50% of 57 is 28.5 + 1 = 29.5, rounded up to 30) if no other Member State abstains. If there is 1 abstention, then the required votes in the affirmative would be 29 (50% of 56 is 28 + 1 = 29); 3 abstentions would require 28 votes in the affirmative.

- 4.13.6.6. Amendments to the relevant resolution may be moved immediately after the passage of a motion for reconsideration.

4.14. Adjournment of Debate

- 4.14.1. A **motion to adjourn debate**, if successful, allows the Committee to end debate on one topic without having to vote on the associated draft resolutions for that topic.
- 4.14.2. Said motion is only in order after there have been at least eight (8) speakers on a substantive motion and is subject to vote.
- 4.14.3. Following the passage of an adjournment motion, the Committee may elect to open debate on any of the topics on the Order of Consideration – or seek to amend the Order.
- 4.14.4. A motion to adjourn debate is also used once all topics on the Order of Consideration have been exhausted by the committee – thus termed a **motion to adjourn debate and report to the Secretariat**.

5. Aside-Committee

5.1. Conference Services

5.1.1.

5.2. Home Government

5.2.1. The role of Home Government is to ensure that relevant and substantive debate is occurring in each committee.

5.2.2. Guest Speakers

5.2.2.1. A guest speaker is a member of Home Government, or a pre-scheduled Live Guest Speaker, who enters into a committee acting, or representing a prominent and relevant figure in the context of the committee topic and delivers a speech concerning current talking points.

5.2.2.2. Delegates may request guest speakers by writing to the Director, giving the name and title of the speaker and their reasoning for choosing that person.

5.2.2.2.1. The guest speaker must be alive and an appropriate choice.

5.2.2.2.2. The Director and Home Government both retain the right to reject any guest speaker suggestions.

5.2.2.3. When the guest speaker arrives, any caucus in motion immediately stops for the guest speaker to deliver their speech to the committee.

5.2.2.4. After the speaker has finished delivering their speech, the Director will open the floor to questions.

5.2.2.4.1. At that point, a delegate may raise a point of information directed at the speaker to ask a question, to which the guest speaker may accept or decline to answer.

5.2.2.4.2. Questions may not be redundant.

5.2.2.4.3. It is to the discretion of the guest speaker how many questions they field.

5.2.2.5. Delegates must treat guest speakers with the highest level of decorum.

5.2.2.5.1. Electronic usage, note passing, and talking are not permitted when the guest speaker is with the committee.

5.2.3. Home Government Requests

5.2.3.1. A delegation may at any time make a **Home Government request** by submitting such request in writing to the Committee Director.

5.2.3.1.1. Home Government Requests may be used to ask specific research questions or seek clarification on a matter of importance.

- 5.2.3.1.2. Delegations may not request information that should have been included in their preliminary research or can be easily researched on their own.
- 5.2.3.2. Upon receipt of the request, Home Government will seek to provide a brief answer to the questions posed and may include additional citations for further research.
- 5.2.4. Resolution Writing Support
 - 5.2.4.1. A Committee Director may, at any time, request for members of Home Government to enter the Committee to assist with the drafting of resolutions.
 - 5.2.4.2. Such assistance may take the form of editing help, advising delegations, etc. and may only occur in maximum 30 minute intervals.
 - 5.2.4.3. At least one member of Home Government must not be working on resolution writing support for attending to other matters.
 - 5.2.4.4. A member of Home Government may be recalled from a committee by other members of HG, the Secretariat, or the Board of Directors if other needs arise.
- 5.3. Crises
 - 5.3.1. Crisis
 - 5.3.1.1. Crisis is an extra-committee event designated for either one or two committees which are informed of their participation before the beginning of conference sessions.
 - 5.3.1.2. Crisis takes place outside of normal committee sessions, and features debate on a topic that delegates will not see until two hours before the beginning of the Crisis session.
 - 5.3.1.2.1. At that point, delegates will receive the Crisis Background Guide, featuring contextual information about the Crisis, but not containing either guiding questions for debate, nor a description of the current situation.
 - 5.3.1.2.1.1. The Background Guide will be given to the delegates at the end of the last committee session before the Crisis.
 - 5.3.1.2.2. When the Crisis session begins, a UN official guest speaker, who will brief the joint-committee of the current situation in the crisis, a written version of which will be given to each delegate.
 - 5.3.1.3. Delegates are not permitted to prepare any working ideas, or potential clauses, before the session begins. Delegates who do this risk expulsion from the Crisis.

- 5.3.1.4. It is to the discretion of the Chair whether the committee may continue the Crisis into the next normal session.
- 5.3.2. Joint Crisis
 - 5.3.2.1. All rules of procedure for Crisis apply to Joint Crisis, unless otherwise supplanted.
 - 5.3.2.2. Changes to committee sessions
 - 5.3.2.2.1. For both committees, the last normal committee session of the day will end 30 minutes earlier than scheduled to allow more time for research before the Joint Crisis.
 - 5.3.2.2.2. The Crisis Session will not include a reading/research time period in the beginning. There will be a 15-minute break in the middle of the Crisis, the exact timing of which will be at the Directors' discretion.
 - 5.3.2.2.3. The next normal committee session will see the two committees return to separate rooms, though each will dedicate at least one and a half hours to conclude the crisis.
 - 5.3.2.2.4. Refer to the conference itinerary for specific timing of the Crisis/Committee Sessions.
 - 5.3.2.3. Background Guide and Committee Brief
 - 5.3.2.3.1. The Joint Crisis Background Guide is different from other Background Guides. The Guide will feature contextual information about the Crisis, though it will not contain either guiding questions for debate, nor a description of the current situation. The Background Guide will be given to the delegates at the end of Committee Session 4 to give more time before Crisis to do adequate background research.
 - 5.3.2.3.2. The specifics of the current situation will be given to the delegates at the beginning of the Crisis. The Crisis will begin with a UN official guest speaker, who will brief the joint-committee of the current situation in the crisis, a reduced version of which will be given in writing to each delegate.
 - 5.3.2.4. Speakers List
 - 5.3.2.4.1. The Speakers List will operate as it does in normal committee sessions with one exception. The list must alternate between members of the two committees.
 - 5.3.2.4.2. If either committee reverts to the Speaker's List during Committee Session 5, the Director will skip the delegates of the other committee and must send an abbreviated

version of each speech to the other committee to be read aloud. The delegate is responsible for this speech and must deliver it to the Director before the committee moves off of the Speaker's List.

5.3.2.5. Joint-Committee Directors

5.3.2.5.1. The joint-committee will have two Directors, namely the Directors of the two committees. They have all of the powers expressed in the general Rules of Procedure.

5.3.2.6. Authors Panel

5.3.2.6.1. Beginning Authors' Panels will be the first course of action after opening debate in Committee Session 5. Due to the necessity of coordinating the Authors Panel with two separate committees, delegates will not have the ability to choose the order of the Authors Panels; the order will be chronological to the assigned number of the working paper. Transcripts of the proceedings from one committee, written by the Assistant Director, will be read aloud to the other and vice versa before further action can be taken by the committees.

5.3.2.6.2. Home Government will be responsible for running the transcripts between the two committees.

5.3.2.7. Amendments

5.3.2.7.1. Friendly and unfriendly amendments must be submitted, debated, and voted upon before the end of the Crisis Session. They are not permitted to be passed at Committee Session 5 before Authors Panel.

5.3.2.7.2. The following amendments are for after Authors' Panel once the draft resolutions are accepted as draft resolutions:

5.3.2.7.2.1. Sponsored amendments: must be approved by all sponsors of one committee, approved by the Director, then sent to the other committee for approval by the sponsors from that committee and their Director. Pending the approval of the other committee's sponsors and Director, the amendment will be passed, as a vote in sponsored amendments is not necessary.

5.3.2.7.2.2. Un-sponsored Amendments: Can only be made to the operative clauses and must be sponsored by 5 member states of one committee. Once proposed, the two-for-two-against speakers and the vote must

be transcribed to the other committee, who will also do two-for-two-against and vote. A total-majority vote, not committee-based, will decide the vote.

5.3.2.8. Voting Procedures

5.3.2.8.1. The non-Security Council committee must close out of voting procedures and a courier must deliver the results to the Security Council before the Security Council can enter voting procedures. If the first committee votes against a draft resolution, it can still become a resolution if it passes the Security Council.

5.3.2.8.2.

5.3.2.9. Guest Speakers

5.3.2.9.1. Besides the live briefer at the beginning of the Crisis session, guest speakers will follow the same as the general Rules of Procedures. The live briefer will not take any questions.

5.3.2.10. Overlapping Delegations

5.3.2.10.1. An overlapping delegation occurs when there is a delegation from the same nation in both committees. If this occurs, the two delegates will remain their respective delegations, though will follow their nation's policy in accordance with how it applies to their specific committee.

5.3.2.11. Signatories and Sponsors

5.3.2.11.1. There must be at least one sponsor from each committee on each draft resolution.

5.3.2.12. Operative Clauses

5.3.2.12.1. Since all resolutions will have at least one member of the Security Council as a sponsor, there are no restrictions in regards to using "Condemns" or "Calls Upon."

5.4. Historical Committees

5.4.1. Historical committees, unlike regular committees, are not set in the present day and do not directly concern present-day issues. They concern one specific moment in international history since the inception of the United Nations.

5.4.1.1. Historical committees must not take place before the United Nations Charter was made effective on October 24, 1945.

5.4.2. Background guides must contain a 'cutoff date,' which denotes the date that the committee is meeting.

- 5.4.2.1. Any historical events that occurred after the cutoff date, for the purposes of the committee, will be treated as they have not occurred.
- 5.4.3. These Rules of Procedure – especially §1.4.2 to §1.4.3 – apply to historical committees in their entirety.

6. Virtual Conferences

6.1. Credentials

- 6.1.1. The Secretary-General, or their designate, may at any time request a participant to show either a valid form of identification (e.g. government-issued or student ID) or show a signed registration form.
- 6.1.2. Delegations, upon entering committee, should have their given name visible on the approved video conferencing platform.
- 6.1.3. If a guest cannot be verified, the Committee Director may send the guest to Conference Services.

6.2. Visitors and Guest Speakers

- 6.2.1. Advisors, members of the Board of Directors, the Secretary, and FHSMUN staff who visit must remain muted during the duration of their time in committee.

6.3. Electronics

- 6.3.1. Delegations are allowed to use a personal laptop, tablet, or phone in order to connect to the approved video conferencing platform.
- 6.3.2. Delegations are to restrict internet use and browser searches to topic-related research during unmoderated caucuses only.
- 6.3.3. The use of social media is prohibited during the conference.
- 6.3.4. Taking pictures and making audio and/or visual recordings of the virtual conference and/or of its participants, including sharing recordings and/or photos of the conference or of other participants, is strictly prohibited.
- 6.3.5. Google Docs and Google Sheets are the only word processing platforms approved for use during the conference by all participants. Delegates are to ensure that they are able to access these free platforms.
- 6.3.6. All participants are required to have the Zoom app installed before the start of the conference.
- 6.3.7. All delegates are required to send their email to the committee dais at the start of the committee session.
- 6.3.8. The committee dais will create blank documents (at least two) and share them with all delegates in the committee; these documents will become the committee's draft resolutions.

6.4. Position Papers

- 6.4.1. All position papers must be electronically submitted to the committee director prior to the start of the committee.

6.5. Attire

- 6.5.1. Rules of Procedure §1.5 applies to virtual conferences in its entirety.

- 6.6. Name
 - 6.6.1. All delegations are required to have their country name, instead of their given name, visible at all times on the videoconference.
- 6.7. Late Attendance
 - 6.7.1. Delegations that arrive after the start of the committee session are to send a note via the video conference chat to the Committee Director indicating whether they are present or present and voting
- 6.8. Speakers List
 - 6.8.1. Delegations may re-enter the Speakers List after they have spoken by sending a note to the Committee Director through the videoconference chat
 - 6.8.2. The Committee Director will manage a document of the Speakers List, which will be made available to all delegations.
- 6.9. Audio/Visual Presence
 - 6.9.1. All delegations are required to have their video enabled for the duration of the conference.
 - 6.9.2. All delegations will be muted by default during the duration of the conference; the Committee Director will unmute each delegate as necessary.
 - 6.9.3. The Committee Director may maintain necessary order by muting or disabling the video of any participant at any time.
 - 6.9.4. Delegates are to be in a stationary setting throughout the conference and may use an appropriate virtual background, if necessary.
 - 6.9.4.1. Appropriate virtual backgrounds include the flag of the delegation country, the United Nations Flag, a photo of a United Nations committee room, or a neutral color or pattern.
 - 6.9.4.2. Virtual backgrounds containing inappropriate material, including obscene or scandalous material, logos, or political messages are strictly prohibited.
- 6.10. Motions
 - 6.10.1. In order to propose a motion, delegations may use the “Raise Hand” or similar feature after the Committee Director asks for such motions.
- 6.11. Voting
 - 6.11.1. For procedural votes, delegations are to vote using the “Yes” and “No” voting features in the videoconferencing application.
 - 6.11.2. For substantive matters, the Committee Director solicit votes using the “Poll” feature in the videoconferencing application.
 - 6.11.3. Rules of Procedure §3.15 (Voting) applies to virtual conferences in its entirety

6.12. Caucuses

- 6.12.1. Rules of Procedure §3.5 (Caucuses and Disruptions in Debate) applies to virtual conferences in its entirety.
- 6.12.2. Moderated caucuses are to take place in the main video conferencing room. Delegates wishing to speak may use the “Raise Hand” feature (or similar) to indicate such.
- 6.12.3. Unmoderated caucuses are to take place in breakout rooms within the video conference.
 - 6.12.3.1. The Committee Director will move delegates between different breakout rooms.
 - 6.12.3.2. Each breakout room must have at least one member of FHSMUN staff acting as supervision.

6.13. Resolutions

- 6.13.1. All resolutions must be written in Google Docs and shared with the Committee Director via Google Docs

6.14. Virtual Conduct

- 6.14.1. The Delegate Code of Conduct and the Virtual Code of Conduct is to be provided to each delegate before the conference date.
- 6.14.2. The Delegate Code of Conduct and the Virtual Code of Conduct apply to virtual conferences in their entirety.
- 6.14.3. The Board of Directors, or their designate, may take appropriate disciplinary action for violations of the Codes of Conduct



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DELEGATE CODE OF CONDUCT

Florida High School Model United Nations, Inc. (FHSMUN) requires each delegate at the FHSMUN Family of Conferences to read and complete the Delegate Code of Conduct before the start of the first committee session.

As a delegate at a FHSMUN event, I agree to abide by the FHSMUN Rules and Procedures and following Code of Conduct for the entire duration of FHSMUN events:

- Delegates shall refrain from using inappropriate language or profane language at all times.
- Delegates shall refrain from verbal, physical, or sexual harassment, hazing, or name calling.
- Delegates shall respect the rules of whatever property a FHSMUN conference takes place.
- Delegates shall respect the privacy and rights of all FHSMUN Staff.
- Delegates shall respect the privacy and rights of any hotel guests or other unaffiliated bystanders near FHSMUN events.
- Delegates shall not possess alcoholic beverages, narcotics, tobacco products, or weapons in any form.
- Delegates shall adhere to the dress code, at all times during conference sessions.
- Delegates shall respect the Electronic Policies of FHSMUN
- Delegates shall keep their advisors informed of their activities and whereabouts at all times.
- Delegates shall listen to and take direction from conference staff and follow the rules and procedures during all committee sessions.
- Delegates shall adhere to your school's code of conduct at all times during FHSMUN events.

I, _____ (Student Name Printed), have read and understand the Delegate Code of Conduct above and agree to abide by the standards of conduct set forth above.

Student Signature

Date

Name of High School