



RULES AND PROCEDURE



RULES

- 1) All Delegates must stay **inside the building at all times**, whether that be lunch or during committee sessions, unless explicit permission has been granted by their advisors

Due to the location of the school, we cannot accommodate many people leaving at the same time, so delegates are strongly advised to stay in the building of Belvedere College for the duration of the conference. Belvedere takes no responsibility for students who leave the building during the conference, even if permission has been granted by their advisors.

- 2) Delegates must **show respect to the school grounds** by avoiding littering or damaging any school property. Any instances of this occurring will be dealt with by their advisors.
- 3) Delegates must **show respect to other delegates** inside and outside of Committee Time. Any instances of this being broken will be dealt with by their advisors.
- 4) Delegates must **dress formally** for the conference. Delegates who don't dress formally will NOT be considered for awards.
- 5) Delegates should use **Parliamentary Language** in their Committee, and avoid speaking whilst other Delegates are making speeches.
- 6) Please avoid using **Bribes** in committee, and **avoid eating food in Committee Rooms**.

PROCEDURE

Delegates are expected to listen and respect the chairs decision. Whilst it is in order to raise a point of parliamentary procedure, whether or not to accept this is at the chairs discretion. Please respect this.

Amendments

Amendments that add quality to the resolution will be prioritised over other. Please submit amendments to the relevant email address in the following format. This is simply to avoid confusion.

Subject: (COUNTRY) amendment

Address: mun-(COMMITTEE)@belvederecollege.ie

Content: Add/ Change/ Remove Clause x, "(Amendment)"

Amendments to the second degree may only be submitted during debate on the original amendment. This also means that amendments cannot be further amended after they pass. If an amendment to the second degree passes, the whole amendment passes. If not, then debate resumes on the original amendment.

Debate

The chair has the power to enter into open or closed debate, depending on the period of debate that a resolution is in. There is NO motion in MUN that asks for a chair to reenter either of these, the chair's decision is final.

Chairs can also, in the interest of fairness, freeze delegates in order to allow other delegates to speak more often. The chair will mention this to the delegate before this occurs. This will not be taken into account for awards.

Delegates are encouraged to make brief speeches that tackle a specific point rather than long ones that don't add to the debate. The chair can ask the delegate to bring their speech to a close. "Closing Remarks Delegate." Quality will be prioritised over quantity for awards.

Chairs can also decide whether to allow yields, although this will be in order for the vast majority of committee time. Yields to the second degree, or to a delegate from the same school as the speaker won't be in order.

Points and Motions

Point of Personal Privilege: refers to something that is causing discomfort or difficulty to a delegate. They will only interrupt a speaker if it is referring to hearing the speaker.

Point of Parliamentary Procedure: This refers to an error that the delegate believes the chair has made in following the procedure laid out here. It cannot interrupt a speaker and the chair has discretion over whether to honour it or not.

Point of information to the chair: These are questions aimed at the chair, where the delegate wants to seek clarity over the content of debate or parliamentary procedure. These shouldn't interrupt a speaker. "Could the chair please ask the delegate to specify what the delegate is referring to when they mentioned the "UNDP"" etc.

Point of information to the floor: This is used to correct a factual error made by a speaker e.g. "The delegate mentioned in their speech that the DPRK is the largest country, however the largest country is Russia," etc.

Motion to move directly to voting procedure: This is used if a delegate wishes to stop debating an amendment or resolution and wishes to vote on it instead. Delegates can object or second this motion, and the chair may ask a delegate that objected to the motion why they did so. The chair has discretion over whether to accept or reject this motion.

Right to Reply: Delegates who are asking a POI may ask another question after the delegate has finished their response. The chair may accept or reject this motion.

Voting Procedure

Delegates may vote in favour, against or abstain when voting on a resolution. They cannot abstain from a vote on amendments. If a vote is tied, then the vote fails. Motion to split the house will not be accepted as an abstention is an acceptable vote to have. Every delegate must vote. If a delegate does not vote on a resolution, it will be presumed as an abstention, whereas if a delegate does not vote in an amendment, they will be asked to vote again, especially if they can change the result. Delegates who purposely avoid voting will not be considered for awards.

Funds

Funding is unlimited in MUN. Whilst the effectiveness of funding or even the necessity of funding can be discussed, a delegate cannot argue that the World Bank “cannot afford to fund a program.”

Note passing

Delegates are encouraged to pass notes rather than speaking during committee time and in General Assembly. Please ensure that notepaper has been printed and provided to the delegates. This should clearly have the name of the country as well as the delegates on the delegation written on it. An example has been provided. If possible, please ensure that notepaper is in A5. Please see the example attached with this document. If this is not done, please write clearly on your note which country it is being sent from as well as the country it is being sent to. Admin will check notes, and any rude notes will be reported to advisors. If a chair believes that the floor is being disrespectful to a speaker e.g. being loud whilst a delegate is speaking, then the chair has the power to suspend note passing until order is resumed. This is a last resort.

Thanks for Reading through this document. Please remember that Chairs still have discretion over this procedure if necessary.