



## **Winthrop University's Model United Nations Conference Policies**

### **Advisors**

#### **Noise/Disturbance Policy:**

Advisors are reminded that while committees or the General Assembly are in session, the main goal of the Winthrop Model United Nations is to create an environment in which delegates and Chairs may focus on the debate without disruption. Advisors who are disruptive to the body will be warned by the Chair about their behavior, and if they are consistently disruptive to the body, the Chair will contact a member of the Big 3 to provide a second warning. If disruptions continue, the Big 3 may ask the Advisor to leave the room immediately.

#### **Notes Policy:**

Advisors may pass notes to their delegates during the conference. Notes must be passed through the use of a Page or through their College Delegate, and these notes must pertain to the conference. Please note that, Pages are asked to read all notes during the conference and to report inappropriate notes to the Chairs of their committee.

Advisors are asked to act in a professional manner in their notes, and to pass them with discretion. Constantly passing notes to a delegate distracts them from the proceedings of debate and hinders performance. Absolutely no notes are to be passed during voting procedures.

#### **Talking Policy:**

Under no circumstances should advisors be communicating verbally with their delegate during a Committee or General Assembly session, except during unmoderated caucuses. Talking is disruptive to speakers, delegates, Chairs, and judges who are trying to listen to the proceedings, and greatly hinders the performance of all present. Advisors who need to communicate with their delegates are asked to do so via notes.



### **Advisor/Advisor Interaction:**

Complaints about the behavior of other advisors during the Winthrop Model United Nations Conference should always be directed to the Big 3 or our faculty advisor. It is not appropriate for advisors to confront other advisors, or to disrespect other advisors in any way, especially in front of delegates. Please direct such complaints to the Big 3 or our faculty advisor in a discreet and professional manner away from the body.

### **Advisor/College Student Interaction:**

College Delegates are instructed to help their delegation whenever possible and are graded in part on the quality and quantity of their contributions to their high school delegates on the second and third days of the conference. We understand that as Advisors, you have valuable instruction and guidance for your delegates, and ask that you work with your College Delegates to give your students the best possible conference experience. We ask that Advisors please respect their College Delegates and we ask that our College Delegates show the same respect to our advisors.

### **Harassment Policy:**

Under no circumstances are advisors allowed to harass delegates, other advisors or members of the Secretariat. It is the responsibility of the Secretariat to deal with issues of harassment, thus any issues of harassment during the conference must be reported as soon as possible to the Chairs or other member of the Secretariat.

**Whether or not an advisor's actions have violated this code of conduct is ultimately at the discretion of the Big 3 and our faculty advisor.**

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## **High School Delegates**

**It is the goal of the Winthrop University Model United Nations Program to create a safe and fun environment for delegates, advisors, and Chairs throughout the duration of the conference. As such, these Student Policies are meant to provide a diplomatic, safe, and fun atmosphere for all Advisors, Delegates, and Staff participating in our conference.**

### **Noise/Disturbance Policy:**

Delegates are reminded that while committees or the General Assembly are in session, the main goal of the Winthrop Model United Nations is to create an environment in which their fellow delegates and Chairs may focus on the debate without disruption. Delegates who are disruptive to the body will be warned by the Chair about their behavior and continuous disruption by a delegate will reflect on his or her ability to obtain individual awards.

### **Notes Policy:**

Delegates may pass notes to other delegates, the Chair, or their advisors during the conference. Notes must be passed through the use of a Page or through their College Delegate, and these notes must pertain to the conference. Please note that Pages are asked to read all notes during the conference and to report inappropriate notes to the Chairs of their committee. Delegates are asked to act in a professional manner in their notes, and to pass them with discretion. Absolutely no notes are to be passed during voting procedures.

### **Talking Policy:**

Under no circumstances should delegates be communicating verbally with anyone during a Committee or General Assembly session, except during unmoderated caucuses. Talking is disruptive to speakers, delegates, Chairs, and judges who are trying to listen to the proceedings, and greatly hinders the performance of all present. Delegates who need to communicate with their Chairs, Advisors, or other delegates are asked to do so via notes.



### **Advisor/ High School Delegate Interaction:**

Under no circumstances should an Advisor ever confront a delegate from another high school. If you feel confronted or harassed by an Advisor please let your Chairs know during an unmoderated caucus, or send them a note via the Page. It is the duty of the Secretariat to resolve issues of this nature, and they will determine the appropriate response to the situation. If the situation persists, please contact a member of the Big 3 or our faculty Advisor.

### **High School Student/College Student Interaction:**

College Delegates are instructed to help their delegation whenever possible and are graded on the quality and quantity of their contributions to their high school delegates on the second and third days of the conference. If your College Delegate becomes distracting during any point of the conference, please do not hesitate in asking them to provide you with less direction. If you continue to have a problem with a College Delegate, please inform your Chairs during an unmoderated caucus or via note.

### **Harassment Policy:**

Under no circumstances are delegates allowed to harass other delegates, advisors, or members of the Secretariat. It is the responsibility of the Secretariat to deal with issues of harassment, thus any issues of harassment during the conference must be reported as soon as possible to the Chairs or other member of the Secretariat.

**Whether or not a Delegate's actions have violated this Code of Conduct is ultimately at the discretion of the Big 3 and our faculty advisor. Delegates found in violation of this Code of Conduct may have such violations reflected in their eligibility for awards.**



## **College Delegates**

**It is the goal of the Winthrop University Model United Nations Program to create a safe and fun environment for delegates, advisors, and Chairs throughout the duration of the conference. As such, these College Delegate Policies are meant to provide a diplomatic, safe, and fun atmosphere for all Advisors, Delegates, and Staff participating in our conference.**

### **Noise/Disturbance Policy:**

Delegates are reminded that while committees or the General Assembly are in session, the main goal of the Winthrop Model United Nations is to create an environment in which their fellow delegates and Chairs may focus on the debate without disruption. Delegates who are disruptive to the body will be warned by the Chair about their behavior, and continuous disruption by a delegate will result in the Chair asking the delegate to leave the committee room.

### **Notes Policy:**

Delegates may pass notes to their high school delegate, the Chair, or their high school advisor during the conference. These notes must pertain to the conference. Please note that Chairs may request to read all notes during the conference, so please keep them appropriate and professional, and to pass them with discretion. Absolutely no notes are to be passed during voting procedures.

### **Talking Policy:**

Under no circumstances should delegates be communicating verbally with anyone during a Committee or General Assembly session, except during unmoderated caucuses. Talking is disruptive to speakers, delegates, Chairs, and judges who are trying to listen to the proceedings, and greatly hinders the performance of all present. Delegates who need to communicate with their Chairs, Advisors, or high school delegate are asked to do so via notes.



### **College Delegate/Advisor Interaction:**

Under no circumstances should a College Delegate ever act in a confrontational or threatening manner towards a high school advisor. Delegates who confront or harass an Advisor will be dealt with directly by a member of the Big 3, who will determine an appropriate response to the situation. College Delegates are reminded that they represent both Winthrop University and the Model United Nations program and are expected to maintain decorum and professionalism throughout the competition.

### **High School Student/College Student Interaction**

College delegates are instructed to help their delegation whenever possible and are graded on the quality and quantity of their contributions to their high school delegates on the second and third days of the conference.

College Delegates are reminded that, as representatives of Winthrop University and the Model United Nations program they should adhere to all South Carolina laws and the Winthrop Student Honor code. Delegates found in violation of any of these will be dealt with appropriately by the Big 3 and our faculty advisor.

### **Harassment Policy:**

Under no circumstances are delegates allowed to harass other delegates, advisors, or members of the Secretariat. It is the responsibility of the Secretariat to deal with issues of harassment, thus any issues of harassment during the conference must be reported as soon as possible to the Chairs or other member of the Secretariat.

**Whether or not a college delegate's actions have violated this Code of Conduct is ultimately at the discretion of the Big 3 and our faculty advisor. College delegates found in violation of this Code of Conduct may have such violations reflected in their eligibility for awards.**



## **Winthrop University's Model United Nations Conference Policies**

### **Hate Speech Policy for Advisors, High School Delegates, College Delegates, and All Members of the WUMUN Secretariat, Faculty, and Staff**

The Winthrop University Model United Nations Program will not tolerate hate speech in any form, written or verbal. Winthrop University is a safe space for all and we strive to maintain that space at all costs. Hate speech is defined as abusive or threatening speech or writing that expresses prejudice on the basis of race, gender, class, ethnicity, nationality, religion, culture, sexual orientation, or similar grounds. We urge all conference participants (advisors, judges, audience members, chairs, pages, college students and high school students) to report any instance of hate speech, verbal or written, to the Big Three or Model UN Director Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney. Anyone who participates in hate speech risks not being able to return to future Winthrop University Model United Nations Conferences. If a delegate participates in hate speech, the delegate will receive a warning, their high school advisor will be notified, and the delegate will be barred from overall and committee awards. If a delegate repeats this behavior again the delegate will not be allowed to participate in committee sessions for the rest of the conference. If you believe someone was wrongly penalized for hate speech you may contact Model UN Director Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney [disneyj@winthrop.edu](mailto:disneyj@winthrop.edu).

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