

Cambridge Model

United Nations

Rules of Procedure 2019



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Welcome to Cambridge Model United Nations!

The Cambridge MUN 2019 team would like to welcome you to CamMUN2019. We are delighted to be able to invite you to Cambridge – a city known for its stimulating academic environment and rich architectural style. We are working very hard to make this experience as exciting and thought-provoking for you as possible. We hope you enjoy the event as much as we have enjoyed organising it.

We look forward to meeting you in Cambridge on March 8th 2019.

Kind regards,

The CamMUN 2019 Team

What is the Purpose of this Document?

This document serves to inform delegates and chairs of the rules and procedures of the conference. It is not intended to serve as a comprehensive guide to participating in Cambridge Model United Nations as a delegate or a chair but rather to inform of some necessary rules and disciplinary procedures for attendees. We ask that you read and review this document prior to attending, even if you have attended Model United Nations conferences before.

How does Cambridge MUN work?

Cambridge Model United Nations is a student-led simulation of a United Nations conference. There are multiple **committees**, eg UNEP, DISEC, WTO, UNICEF. These committees debate and vote on a range of economic, social and political issues.

How do such simulated UN debates work?

When a potential **delegate** signs up to an MUN they are assigned a country to represent. Together, delegates from the same country form a **delegation**. Each delegate from every delegation represents the country’s position in one committee.

Each committee is run by a Chair and a Deputy Chair. They control the debates.

There are debates on various topics and delegates vote for or against a **resolution**.

By the end of the debates each committee draws up a final resolution and presents it at the **General Assembly**. These resolutions, coming from all the different committees, are voted on by everyone.

How does it work in Cambridge?

Cambridge Model United Nations is made up of 6 committees each with 30 countries. Each country is represented by 7 delegates, who form the delegation. One delegate from a delegation is assigned to represent the country in the committee. The 6 committees included in our conference are:

- Political (Current Issues)
- Disarmament and International Security - DISEC
- Economic and Social - ECOSOC
- United Nations Human Rights Committee - UNHRC
- United Nations Environmental Programme - UNEP
- World Trade Organisation - WTO
- Historical

For more information on the conference and the agenda, see [our website](#).

Dress and Behaviour Code

MUN is a role-playing exercise and, therefore, students are expected to look and behave like diplomats. When a rule is in question, common sense must prevail.

Dress code

1. All delegates are required to wear business attire.
2. Denim and Corduroy is not permitted.
3. Delegates must not attempt to imitate national dress.
4. Delegates are required to wear either a jacket and tie or a formal skirt, trousers or dress with a jacket. Short skirts, low-cut tops and bare midriffs are not permitted. Open toed shoes or trainers are not permitted.
6. Jewellery and makeup should be unobtrusive.

Behaviour code

1. The decisions of the Head Chair must be respected at all times, both in the General Assembly and in committees.
2. At all times, decisions made by the Secretary-General or a member of the Secretariat are final.
3. All delegates must treat one another with respect. Insulting language is not permitted, nor other forms of negative behaviour such as staging walkouts or declaring war.
4. Harassment, intimidation, threats, bullying, and discrimination are never permitted.
5. During committees and General Assembly, delegates must be engaged in the proceedings of the conference. Mobile phones and other electronic devices which may cause a distraction are not permitted. Electronics are permitted for the purpose of creating and researching resolutions.
6. Mobile phones and laptops may not be brought to the podium.
7. Smoking is banned everywhere on and around school sites at all times, as well as during the social evening.
8. Alcohol or any illegal drug(s) must not be consumed during the conference, including the social evening, and must not be brought onto the premises.

Disciplinary Procedure

Serious Violations

Any delegate found in violation of Behaviour Code 7 or 8 will be subject to immediate expulsion without refund. The final decision rests with the Secretariat and Stephen Perse Foundation Administrators.

Other Violations

First, the offending delegate will be referred to their teacher or MUN advisor. If none is present, the delegate may be referred to a member of the Secretariat or a Stephen Perse Foundation Administrator. A verbal warning will be given. Should the offense continue, the delegate may be subject to a suspension of participation in the committees and will be disqualified from receiving any award. Finally, the offending delegate may be expelled without refund if the offense continues.

Diversity Policy

Discrimination is not permitted on the basis of national origin, gender, race, sexual orientation, familial status, religion, colour, sex, or handicap. We strive to provide an environment where every delegate can flourish. Discrimination of any form is detrimental to this goal. Any delegate found to be in breach of this policy and actively directing racist, sexist or other derogatory abuse to another Delegate or Chair will be immediately expelled from their Committee with return subject to a review involving both the secretariat and their faculty advisor.

Other Rules and Procedures

We’re very grateful to the Stephen Perse Foundation for their hosting of our conference. However, there are certain policies that the Stephen Perse Foundation requires that all attendees abide by. Please read and review the [Data Protection Policy](#), the [Event Disclaimer](#), the [Disability Policy](#), the [First Aid Policy](#), and the [Medicine Policy](#).

The Stephen Perse Foundation is strictly nut-free. Both tree nuts and ground nuts are prohibited as students may have severe allergies. Foods containing nuts will not be served and must not be brought to the site.

This document may be updated. The lower right corner clearly indicates when these policies were last revised. Should a policy be in question, the most recent revision of this document will be consulted.