

STANDARDS OF
CONDUCT AND
COMMITTEE
REGULATIONS
HANDBOOK



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1. Foreword

1.1 Letter from Head of Academy

Dear Delegates and Participants,

Welcome to the Standards of Conduct and Committee Regulations Handbook of Leaders Model United Nations.

This handbook has been prepared to guide you through the behavioral, academic, and procedural framework of the conference. Within these pages, you will find the Rules of Procedure, conduct expectations, disciplinary regulations, and essential information regarding the standards that will shape the course of all committee sessions.

Unlike traditional classroom environments, Model United Nations demands a higher level of professionalism, diplomacy, and responsibility. Throughout the conference, delegates are expected to represent their assigned roles with integrity, engage in constructive debate, and contribute actively to the academic environment of their respective committees.

Success in this conference is not only measured by procedural knowledge, but also by the ability to communicate effectively, respect differing perspectives, and maintain composure under pressure. Every participant plays a crucial role in ensuring that the conference remains productive, respectful, and academically valuable.

The regulations outlined in this handbook are designed to preserve fairness, consistency, and order across all committees while allowing for a dynamic and engaging simulation experience. We strongly encourage all delegates to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the contents of this document prior to the conference.

On behalf of the Secretariat of Leaders Model United Nations, I wish you a productive preparation period, engaging committee sessions, and a memorable and meaningful conference experience.

Sincerely,

Miraç Çağlayan Ekici
Head of Academy

2. Conference Conduct and Expectations

2.1 Scope

These Standards of Conduct and Committee Regulations Handbook shall, in their entirety, apply to all sessions of the Young Leaders Model United Nations 2026 (hereinafter referred as LeadersMUN'26 or, the Conference) for all committees unless otherwise stated by the Secretariat.

2.2 Professional Conduct

All participants are expected to uphold the highest standards of professionalism throughout the conference. Delegates shall conduct themselves in a respectful, diplomatic, and responsible manner during committee sessions and all conference related activities.

Participants must treat fellow delegates, members of the Chairboard, Secretariat members, and conference staff with courtesy and respect at all times. Any form of disruptive behavior, intimidation, harassment, discrimination, or inappropriate language is strictly prohibited.

Delegates are expected to engage in debate in good faith, respecting differing opinions and contributing constructively to committee discussions. Personal attacks, offensive remarks, or actions that undermine the academic environment of the conference will not be tolerated.

The Chairboard and Secretariat reserve the right to take appropriate disciplinary action against any participant whose conduct is deemed inconsistent with the values and standards of the conference.

2.3 Respect and Courtesy Principle

LeadersMUN is committed to fostering an environment based on mutual respect, inclusivity, and constructive dialogue. All participants are expected to interact with one another in a courteous and respectful manner, regardless of differences in opinion, background, experience, or position within the conference.

Delegates are encouraged to challenge ideas rather than individuals. Disagreements are a natural part of diplomatic debate; however, they must always be expressed in a professional and respectful manner. Personal attacks, insults, discriminatory remarks, and any form of disrespectful conduct are strictly prohibited.

Participants shall show equal respect to fellow delegates, members of the Chairboard, Secretariat members, administrative staff, and guests. Maintaining a respectful atmosphere is a shared responsibility and essential to preserving the academic integrity and collaborative spirit of the conference.

Failure to adhere to this principle may result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the Chairboard or Secretariat.

2.4 Appropriate Language and Behavior

All participants are expected to use appropriate and professional language throughout the conference. Communication within committee sessions and during conference-related activities should reflect the principles of diplomacy, respect, and constructive engagement.

The use of offensive, abusive, discriminatory, or inflammatory language is strictly prohibited. Participants must refrain from engaging in behavior that may intimidate, harass, humiliate, or otherwise negatively affect other attendees.

Actions that disrupt committee proceedings, create an uncomfortable environment, or undermine the academic purpose of the conference are considered inappropriate and may result in disciplinary measures. Participants are expected to maintain a level of conduct that contributes positively to the conference experience for all attendees.

The Chairboard and Secretariat reserve the right to determine whether specific language or behavior is inconsistent with the standards of the conference and to take appropriate action when necessary.

2.5 Electronic Device Policy

The use of electronic devices, including laptops, tablets, and mobile phones, is permitted solely for purposes directly related to committee work and conference activities. Delegates are expected to use such devices responsibly and in a manner that does not disrupt committee proceedings.

Activities unrelated to the conference, including excessive use of social media, gaming, streaming, or other forms of entertainment during committee sessions, are strongly discouraged and may be restricted at the discretion of the Chairboard.

All electronic devices must be kept on silent mode throughout committee sessions. Participants shall not use electronic devices in a way that distracts other delegates or interferes with the productive conduct of debate.

The Chairboard reserves the right to limit or temporarily prohibit the use of electronic devices if their use is deemed disruptive to the committee's effectiveness. Failure to comply with this policy may result in warnings or other disciplinary measures.

2.6 Attendance and Punctuality

All participants are expected to attend every committee session and conference activity for which their presence is required. Regular attendance and active participation are essential to maintaining the continuity, productivity, and academic quality of committee proceedings.

Delegates are expected to arrive punctually at the beginning of each session and return promptly following breaks. Late arrivals, unexcused absences, or repeated departures from committee sessions may disrupt the flow of debate and negatively impact both the delegate's performance and the committee as a whole.

Any anticipated absence, delay, or need to leave a session early must be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. Participants may leave committee sessions only with the permission of the Chairboard.

Failure to attend a total of three committee sessions will result in certificate cancellation, and this rule applies to all participants.

Failure to comply with attendance and punctuality expectations may result in warnings or other disciplinary measures at the discretion of the Chairboard or Secretariat.

2.7 Communication with Other Delegates

Constructive communication and collaboration among delegates are fundamental aspects of Model United Nations conferences. Participants are encouraged to engage with one another in a respectful, diplomatic, and professional manner throughout committee sessions and conference activities.

All communication between delegates should contribute to the academic objectives of the conference and remain consistent with the principles of mutual respect and professionalism. Delegates shall refrain from using communication to harass, intimidate, exclude, or otherwise negatively impact other participants.

During formal debate, delegates must communicate in accordance with the Rules of Procedure and follow the instructions of the Chairboard. Communication that disrupts committee proceedings or interferes with another delegate's ability to participate effectively may result in disciplinary action.

The Chairboard reserves the right to regulate delegate communication when necessary to ensure the orderly and productive conduct of committee proceedings.

2.8 Compliance with Chairboard Instructions

The Chairboard is responsible for maintaining order, ensuring procedural accuracy, and facilitating productive debate within the committee. All participants are expected to follow the instructions, rulings, and decisions of the Chairboard throughout the conference.

Delegates shall comply promptly with procedural directions, speaking regulations, voting procedures, and any additional instructions issued to ensure the effective functioning of the committee. Failure to follow such instructions may disrupt committee proceedings and undermine the academic environment of the conference.

While delegates may raise appropriate points and motions in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, they are expected to do so respectfully and through the proper procedural channels. Direct challenges to the authority of the Chairboard, disruptive behavior, or repeated non-compliance with instructions will not be tolerated.

The Executive Board reserves the right to take appropriate disciplinary measures, including the issuance of warnings, against any participant who fails to comply with its instructions or decisions.

2.9 Compliance with Secretariat Instructions

The Secretariat is responsible for the administration, coordination, and successful execution of the conference. All participants are expected to comply with instructions, policies, and decisions communicated by members of the Secretariat throughout the duration of the conference.

Participants shall cooperate with Secretariat members regarding conference logistics, scheduling, registration procedures, venue regulations, and other administrative matters. Failure to follow such instructions may disrupt conference operations and negatively impact the conference experience for all participants.

Delegates are expected to treat Secretariat members with the same level of respect and professionalism afforded to all conference officials. Any concerns regarding Secretariat decisions should be communicated through appropriate and respectful channels.

The Secretariat reserves the right to enforce conference policies and issue disciplinary measures when necessary. Decisions made by the Secretariat remain subject to the authority of the Executive Board, which serves as the highest governing body of the conference.

2.10 Compliance with Executive Board Instructions

The Executive Board serves as the highest governing and decision making authority of the conference and consists of the Head of Academy, Head of Organization Team, Secretary General, and Director General. The Executive Board is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the conference and ensuring that its academic, administrative, and organizational standards are upheld.

All participants, including delegates, members of the Secretariat, Chairboard members, and administrative staff, are required to comply with the instructions, decisions, and directives issued by the Executive Board.

The Executive Board reserves the right to interpret conference policies, oversee the implementation of conference regulations, and take any action deemed necessary to preserve the academic integrity, safety, professionalism, and orderly functioning of the conference.

Furthermore, the Executive Board possesses the authority to investigate misconduct and impose disciplinary measures on any participant when deemed appropriate. Such measures may include, but are not limited to, warnings, suspension of conference privileges, removal from a committee, removal from a staff position, or expulsion from the conference.

Participants may submit appeals regarding disciplinary measures imposed by a Chairboard or other conference officials. The Executive Board reserves the right to review such appeals and render a final decision after considering all relevant circumstances. Decisions made by the Executive Board are final, binding, and not subject to further appeal.

Failure to comply with the instructions or decisions of the Executive Board may result in immediate disciplinary action.

3. Disciplinary Measures

3.1 Verbal Warning

A Verbal Warning is the lowest level of disciplinary action and is intended to address minor violations of conference rules or inappropriate conduct. It serves as an official reminder from the Chairboard, Secretariat, or Executive Board that a participant's behavior is inconsistent with the standards and expectations of the conference.

Examples of conduct that may result in a Verbal Warning include, but are not limited to, excessive interruptions during debate, minor procedural violations, inappropriate use of electronic devices, disruptive behavior, or failure to follow instructions issued by conference officials.

A Verbal Warning is generally intended to correct behavior without further consequences. However, repeated misconduct or failure to comply after receiving a Verbal Warning may result in more severe disciplinary measures.

3.2 Official Warning

An Official Warning is a formal disciplinary measure issued for repeated or significant violations of conference rules following a Verbal Warning, or for any misconduct deemed serious enough to require formal documentation.

The first Official Warning may be issued either by the Chairboard or by the Executive Board. Delegates have the right to appeal a first Official Warning. All appeals regarding Official Warnings are reviewed exclusively by the Executive Board, whose decision regarding the appeal is final.

Official Warnings issued by the Executive Board may also be directed not only to delegates, but, when deemed necessary, to Chairboard members or other staff members of the conference in cases of serious misconduct or failure to comply with conference standards.

A Final Warning may only be issued by the Executive Board. A Final Warning constitutes the highest level of disciplinary action prior to removal and is applied when a delegate continues misconduct after an Official Warning or commits a severe breach of conference regulations.

A Final Warning carries immediate and direct consequences and may result in removal from the committee without the need for further warnings. Decisions regarding Final Warnings are non-appealable and are considered binding.

This warning system is designed to ensure fairness, accountability, and the maintenance of academic integrity throughout the conference.

3.3 Suspension of Committee Privileges

Suspension of Committee Privileges is a disciplinary measure imposed by the Executive Board in response to severe or repeated violations of conference rules, or failure to comply with prior disciplinary warnings, including an Official Warning or Final Warning.

This measure temporarily or permanently restricts a delegate's ability to participate fully in committee proceedings. Such restrictions may include, but are not limited to, loss of speaking rights, inability to submit directives or motions, exclusion from voting procedures, or complete removal from active participation in debate.

Suspension may be applied when a delegate's behavior significantly disrupts the academic environment, undermines the authority of conference officials, or compromises the integrity of the committee.

The duration and scope of the suspension are determined solely by the Executive Board and are considered binding and not subject to appeal. Suspension of Committee Privileges may also serve as a final step prior to removal from the committee or the conference entirely.

The Executive Board reserves the right to impose this penalty without even a verbal warning if it deems it necessary.

3.4 Removal from Committee

Removal from Committee is the most severe disciplinary action that may be taken within the conference and is reserved for serious or repeated violations of conference rules, failure to comply with previous warnings, or conduct that significantly undermines the integrity, safety, or functioning of the committee.

This measure results in the immediate exclusion of a delegate from all committee activities for the remainder of the session or conference, depending on the decision of the Executive Board. A removed delegate loses all speaking, voting, and participation rights within the committee.

Removal from Committee may be decided only by the Executive Board and is typically implemented when prior disciplinary measures, including Verbal Warning, Official Warning, Final Warning, or Suspension of Committee Privileges, have failed to correct the delegate's behavior. However, in cases of extremely severe misconduct, the Executive Board reserves the right to apply this measure directly.

Decisions regarding removal are final, binding, and not subject to appeal.

The LeadersMUN Secretariat reserves the right to amend or reinterpret any rules outlined in this handbook during the course of the conference. For any matters not explicitly defined herein, the relevant United Nations chapters and procedures shall apply. This handbook has been prepared and issued under the guidance of the Head of Academy, Miraç Çağlayan Ekici, to provide delegates with a comprehensive framework for their participation.