

Model United Nations – February 26th-28th



LOUISIANA YOUTH & GOVERNMENT

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The Mission of the YMCA Louisiana Youth & Government program is two -fold:

- *to encourage and foster leadership through service, fellowship, responsibility, and respect for oneself and others among all participants*
- *to educate and engage students in the process of government from local to international so that they become more active participants in their communities*

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

State Board

Model United Nations is a student-led conference. If you have any questions, please remember that your state officers are always ready to serve you. Below is a listing of this year's officers, their school, and contact information.

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Program Staff and Senior Advisors

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CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to identify personal behavior, which is consistent with the purpose and objectives of the YMCA LA Youth & Government program. The items within the Code are based upon performance and are designed to protect the welfare of the program for future generations. Registration in any YMCA LA Youth & Government program indicates personal acceptance of the Code of Conduct. Any student sent home for violation of the Code of Conduct would be at the expense of parent or guardian.

All participants share the responsibility for their actions equally when violations of the Code are witnessed. Those who choose to be present when violation occurs shall, by their own choices, be considered participants in the violation. In relation to this Code, there are no “innocent bystanders.”

Violation	Penalty
1. No delegate shall leave a YMCA LA Youth & Government function unless with the approval of his/her advisor AND the director of the program is secured. The delegate must be picked up and returned by a parent or legal guardian.	Call to parents - send home
2. Each delegate is legally and financially liable for the removal, defacing, or willful damage to public or private property. This includes the property of fellow delegates and staff, schools, and the hotel. Any act of vandalism, destruction of property, or misuse of a facility may be a crime and will be treated as a potential criminal violation.	Call to parents - send home Call hotel/building security (Possible) Summon Police
3. Food is not permitted in the State Capitol or in any conference meeting rooms. Beverages are limited to water and coffee.	Discretion of Program Staff and school advisor
4. The use of incense, tobacco products, and use of/possession of alcoholic beverages or non-prescription drugs is forbidden at any YMCA LA Youth & Government function.	Call to parents - send home Expulsion from all future Y&G activities for individual and possibly club (Possible) Call hotel/building security (Possible) Summon police
5. Delegates shall not leave the conference perimeter except to travel to scheduled conference activities. This includes staying in designated areas at the hotel. The hotel pool is off limits for everyone, all the time.	Call to parents - send home
6. Male and female delegates may not visit each other’s hotel rooms.	Discretion of Program Staff and school advisor
7. All delegates shall be in and remain in their assigned hotel rooms by scheduled curfew and doors shall remain closed until scheduled end of curfew.	Call to parents - send home
8. Delegates shall not invite or receive visitors to the hotel unless approved by the director of the program.	Call to parents - send home
9. There shall be no room switching in the hotel without the approval of the delegation advisor and the director of the program.	Call to parents - send home
10. There shall be no noise in the halls or rooms of the hotel that would disturb other people after 10:00 p.m.	Discretion of Program Staff and school advisor
11. Official observers are registered as part of the YMCA LA Youth & Government conference and are governed by this Code. All other visitors to the program are restricted to the assigned areas unless approval is secured from the director of the program.	Discretion of Program Staff and school advisor

Each delegate shall attend all sessions of the YMCA LA Youth & Government program unless options are designated.	
12. BADGE SWITCHING OR SHARING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. Participants will wear their assigned badges at all times when they are not in their sleeping rooms. Badges are to be worn above the waist and must be visible. Badges are not to be defaced, decorated, or altered in any way. Only advisors may request replacement badges.	Discretion of Program Staff and school advisor
13. Unless there is a fire, pulling a fire alarm is a serious offense. Hotel alarms automatically summon the fire department and create a great inconvenience and fear for the hotel and other guests.	Call hotel/building security Call to parents - send home
14. Use of personal vehicles by students at YMCA LA Youth & Government conferences is strictly prohibited. Club and conference advisors and staff may use personal vehicles only.	Discretion of Program Staff and school advisor.
15. Student participation in all dimensions of the YMCA LA Youth & Government conference shall be maintained on the highest plane with utmost respect for fellow delegates, advisors and staff.	Discretion of Program Staff and school advisor.
16. Each delegate shall conduct himself/herself in an orderly and responsible manner before, during and after all functions of the YMCA LA Youth & Government conference programs. Personal behavior reflects upon the quality of the program, one's club, the state office, and one's self.	Discretion of Program Staff and school advisor (Possible) Expulsion from all future Y&G activities for individual and possibly club
17. Weapons of any kind and items that could cause injury or damage to participants and/or property are strictly forbidden.	Call to parents - send home Expulsion from all future Y&G activities for individual and possibly club Call hotel/building security Summon Police
18. Decorous and appropriate language must be used at all times when speaking, writing and engaging in social media discussions involving the YMCA LA Youth & Government conferences and other programs.	Discretion of Program Staff and school advisor
19. The Program Director has the authority to determine both the appropriateness of appearance and attire of participants during the YMCA LA Youth & Government conference. All participants are to maintain a professional and business-like appearance each day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Personal attire reflects personal attitude and reflects upon the quality, purpose and dignity of the entire conference. Dress codes will be enforced. <i>Specific clothing not allowed at YMCA LA Youth & Government conferences: miniskirts, extremely tight clothing, bare midriff, shorts, hats and caps. Jeans and athletic shoes are allowed during free time only (refer to schedule).</i>	Change clothes

Topic Presentation and Resolution Ranking

Topic Presentation

- I. **Roll Call** – Presiding Officer
 - II. **Topic Presentation** – Presiding Officer
 - III. **Questions on the Topic** [2 minutes] – Delegates
 - IV. **Position Statement Presentations** [1 minute per country] – Delegates
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Resolution Presentation and Ranking

- I. **Resolution presented by title only** – Presiding Officer
- II. **Resolution Presentation** [1 minute summary of resolution] – Author
- III. **Technical Questions on the Resolution** [1 minute] – Delegates
- IV. **Resolution Ranking** [1 minute] – Delegates rank resolutions via Google Form link

GENERAL DEBATE PROCEDURES

If the council the Resolution was referred to ranks it favorably, and is placed on the Docket, the Sponsor(s) shall present the Resolution to the appropriate council.

PROCEDURES FOR RESOLUTION CONSIDERATION ON THE FLOOR

RESOLUTION IS PRESENTED BY TITLE ONLY

RESOLUTION SPONSOR'S OPENING STATEMENT 3 MINUTES

- Sponsor may use all three (3) minutes.
- Sponsor may use part and yield rest to technical questions, closing statements, or the Chair.

TECHNICAL QUESTIONS 3 MINUTES

- The Presiding Officer will open the floor to Technical Questions (non-debateable, yes, no, or fact-based questions) from the floor. The Presiding Officer will recognize members of the body to question the Resolution Sponsor(s) on any matter relating to the content of the Resolution in question, until time expires.
- The Presiding Officer has the authority to deem questions germane (relevant to the Resolution) or not germane.

DEBATE 12 MINUTES

- The Presiding Officer will open the floor to General Debate on the Resolution in which members of the body may express their opinions on the Resolution.
- Each delegate may speak for a maximum of two (2) minutes.
- In the event a delegate does not use all two (2) minutes, they may yield to the Sponsor's closing statements if they are speaking in proposition.
- The Presiding Officer will alternate between speakers in opposition and speakers in proposition of the Resolution. The first speaker recognized should be in opposition to the Resolution, and then the Presiding Officer will call for a propositional speaker until 3 rounds of opp/prop debate (12 minutes) have expired.
- The speaker may ask the Resolution Sponsor(s) a question or a series of questions upon being recognized by saying "Will the Author(s) yield to a question/series of questions?" The speaker may engage in debate before and/or after the question(s).

RESOLUTION SPONSOR CLOSING STATEMENT 2 MINUTES

- Once debate has closed on the Resolution, the Presiding Officer will recognize the Resolution Sponsor(s) to deliver their Closing Statement, or present their arguments for final passage, for the last time.
- In the event the Sponsor(s) have unused, yielded time from their Opening Statement, or a delegate, the total time available to the Sponsor(s) will be two (2) minutes plus the yielded time.

FINAL READING OF RESOLUTION

- The Presiding Officer will convene a vote for final action on the Resolution

- The Resolution will be read by title only for the final time.

VOTE

- There will be a 1-minute country caucus to confer with countrymen to render a vote.
 - This time should be used to decide your vote and determine which representative to voice your vote.
- The Presiding Officer will ask countries to indicate an Aye, Nay, Abstain, or Pass towards the vote on the Resolution. Each country may only vote only once. Votes may not be changed once they are given. A simple majority (1/2) is required for passage.
 - If your country votes to Pass, they may only vote Aye or Nay when they are called on a second time, an Abstain vote is not allowed.
 - Note: For Security Council, the Russian Federation, China, U.S., U.K., and France may veto any Resolution they come across.

EXPLANATIONS OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Only the following motions and points are allowed during debate.

For all motions the following procedure will be used:

- A delegate may seek recognition from the Presiding Officer by raising his/her hand with the Zoom “Raise Hand” feature.
 - Delegates must have their name formatted like so: [Country] – [Last Name], [First Initial.] – [Delegation]
- If the Presiding Officer deems the motion appropriate, he/she will call for a second.
- If a second is given, the Presiding Officer will then ask for objections.
 - If there are no objections, the motion is immediately adopted.
 - If there is an objection or multiple objections, the presiding officer will convene a vote via the “Yes/No” feature.
 - The required majority varies for each motion.

1. Amendments to Resolutions

- Technical amendments will only be allowed on the first night of debate when resolutions are being presented for ranking.
- Technical amendments may only alter simple facts within the resolution or typos – they are not to be used to fundamentally change the content of the resolution.
- Motions to amend legislation are not allowed at any point during the Debate.

2. The Previous Question

- Motions for the previous question are allowed at any point during General Debate of Resolutions or Amendments. They may not interrupt speakers.
- Moving the previous question cuts off Debate and moves straight to the Closing Statement.
- In the event this motion comes during debate on an Amendment, the delegate must specify which question to move:
 - “I move the previous question on the Amendment.”
This motion cuts off debate on the Amendment and moves straight into the comments from the Resolution Sponsor(s).
 - “I move the previous question on the Resolution.”
This motion cuts off debate on both the Amendment and the Resolution and moves straight into the Resolution Sponsor’s Closing Statement on the Resolution.
- A two-thirds (2/3) majority is required for passage.

3. Table/Remove from the Table

- Motions to table legislation are allowed at any point during convened sessions of debate. They may not interrupt speakers.
- Moving to table legislation defers consideration of the instrument (i.e. Resolution).
- There are three (3) possible options with motions to table:
 - General Motion to Table: This motion simply lays the instrument on the table and may be removed from the table at any point.

- "I move to table [insert Resolution name]."
- An instrument laid on the table may be removed from the table with a corresponding motion.
 - "I move to remove [insert Resolution name] from the table."
- The instrument will be returned to its original place on the Docket. If the chamber has moved beyond that point on the Docket, a motion to suspend the rules and rearrange the Docket may be used.
- Motion to table for a specified amount of time: This motion defers consideration of legislation until a specified time.
 - "I move to table [insert Resolution name] for X minutes/hours."
- Motion to table indefinitely: This motion effectively kills the instrument.
 - "I move to table [insert Resolution name] indefinitely."
- A simple majority (1/2) vote is required for passage.

4. Suspension of Rules

- Motions to suspend the rules are allowed at any point during convened sessions of debate. They may not interrupt speakers.
- These motions have the effect of adjusting rules in this handbook to satisfy the needs of the floor to properly execute debate.
- The Presiding Officer is empowered to initially deem these motions appropriate and admissible, or inappropriate and inadmissible.
- The following are common motions to suspend the rules:
 - Extend time: Delegates may use this motion to extend time for questioning or debate.
 - The motion must include a specific amount of time for extension.
 - These motions may only extend the general time for questions or debate; they may not extend times for individual speakers' speeches or subsequent questioning.
 - "I move to suspend the rules and extend the time for questioning by two minutes."
 - "I move to suspend the rules and extend the time for debate by one round."
 - Rearrange the Docket: Delegates may use this motion to adjust the order of consideration of Resolutions on the Docket.
 - These motions may move a single Resolution, move multiple Resolutions, or force immediate consideration of a particular Resolution.
 - "I move to suspend the rules and rearrange the Docket so that [insert Resolution number(s)] appear(s) before [insert Resolution number]."
 - "I move to suspend the rules and immediately consider [insert Resolution number]."
- All motions to suspend the rules require a two-thirds (2/3) majority for passage.

5. Recess

- Motions to recess are allowed at any point during either committee hearings or convened sessions of the councils. They may not interrupt speakers.
- These motions dismiss the session of a council for a specific duration of time, including a lunch break.
- The Committee Chair or Presiding Officer is empowered to not recognize a motion to recess should he/she feel it unnecessary.
- A specific length of time is required in the motion.
- "I move to recess for X min/hours."
- A simple majority (1/2) is required for passage.

6. Adjournment

- Motions to adjourn are allowed at any point during sessions of the councils. They may not interrupt speakers.
- These motions end a session of the councils.
- The Presiding Officer is empowered to not recognize a motion to adjourn should he/she feel it unnecessary.
- In the event there will be future sessions, a motion to adjourn must include a time to reconvene.
- In the event there are no future sessions, the motion becomes a motion to adjourn sine die.
- A simple majority (1/2) is required for passage.

7. Point of Information

- Points of Information are NOT allowed at any point during convened sessions of the councils.

8. Point of Order

- Points of Order are NOT allowed at any point during convened sessions of the councils.

9. Point of Parliamentary Inquiry

- Points of Parliamentary Inquiry are allowed at any point during convened sessions of the councils. They may interrupt speakers.
- A Point of Parliamentary Inquiry is used to ask the Presiding Officer for clarification on any portion of parliamentary procedure that causes confusion.
- Any delegate may raise his/her hand to be recognized.
- After being recognized he/she shall say, "Point of Parliamentary Inquiry" and seek to clarify the point of confusion.
- Upon hearing the Point of Parliamentary Inquiry, the Presiding Officer will explain the point in question to the delegate.

10. Point of Personal Privilege

- Points of Personal Privilege are allowed at any point convened sessions of the councils.
- A Point of Personal Privilege is used make a personal request during debate, including permission to vacate the chamber for a brief time.

- Upon hearing the Point of Personal Privilege, the Presiding Officer will either grant or deny it.

MUN FLOOR DEBATE SAMPLE SCRIPT

PART A: TOPIC PRESENTATION

PRESIDING OFFICER: "The topic for Resolution is _____."
(Provide a brief summary of the topic)
"There will be 4 minutes for questions on this topic."

PRESIDING OFFICER: "We will now allow delegates to present their country's position on this topic. Each presentation will be a maximum of 1 minute. Are there any countries that wish to present their nation's position on this topic?"

DELEGATE: The delegate begins presentation by stating name, delegation, and country before proceeding to explain their country's position on the topic.

PART B: GENERAL DEBATE PART I

PRESIDING OFFICER: Reads the Resolution by title only.

PRESIDING OFFICER: "The Sponsor has 3 minutes to present the Resolution."

SPONSOR/CO-SPONSOR: Begins presentation of Resolution by stating name, delegation, and country
When the opening statement is finished, the Sponsor may say: "I yield the remainder of my time to
1) closing arguments, 2) the Chair."

PRESIDING OFFICER: "Technical questions are now in order. The Chair recognizes (country)."

DELEGATE: States name, delegation, and country from seat and immediately address technical question to the Sponsor.

After the Sponsor/Co-Sponsor's reply, the Chair continues to recognize delegates until time is called (3 minutes).

PRESIDING OFFICER: "We will now move into 12 minutes of opp/prop debate. Once recognized, speakers will have 2 minutes for their argument. Is there anyone who wishes to speak on this Resolution?"

(The Presiding Officer recognizes a delegate. The 2-minute rounds will alternate between speakers in opposition and proposition, **starting with opposition**).

DELEGATE: Move to the front of the Council and state name, delegation, and country.

PLEASE NOTE: The process continues until a total of 12 minutes have elapsed. Debate takes place on an alternating basis (opponent/ proponent/ opponent), with 2 minutes for each round. Debate will always start with an opposition speaker, and end with an opposition speaker, if possible.

PRESIDING OFFICER: "The Sponsor of the Resolution now has 2 minutes for their closing statements."

RESOLUTION SPONSOR: States name, delegation, and country and gives closing statements.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Reads the Resolution by title, noting any Amendments passed and added to Resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: "We will now move to a 1 minute country caucus."
(Following the caucus.)
"We will now move to a country roll call vote on this Resolution. Each country will have 1 representative to vote for their country. We will vote by country roll call. Please indicate your country's vote as Aye, Nay, Abstain, or Pass as your nation is called out. If you Abstain you will have no vote, and if you Pass we will return to you after all other country votes have been recorded."
(Calls out each country in council and marks their vote to be tallied for the final outcome.)

PRESIDING OFFICER: Raps gavel and announces outcome of vote. "By your vote, you have passed/failed Resolution."

Note: Celebration is allowed when a Resolution has passed, but not when it has failed. Division is not recognized since it is a roll call vote.

**YMCA MODEL UNITED NATIONS
DEBATE WORKSHEET**

RESOLUTION # _____

TOPIC: _____

ACTIVITY	TIME ALLOWED	TIME USED	TIME LEFT & WHERE APPLIED
Read Resolution			
Opening Statement	3 minutes		
Technical Questions	3 minutes		
DEBATE (ALTERNATE OPP/PROP UNTIL TIME ELAPSES)			
General Debate	12 minutes total		
Opposition	(2 minutes)		
Proposition	(2 minutes)		
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Opposition	(2 minutes)		
Author Closing	2 minutes		
Country Caucus	60 seconds		
Vote	Pass – Fail		