



RHMUN 2025

Delegate Handbook

Welcome Letter

Dear Delegates, Staff Supervisors, and Guests,

On behalf of the Secretariat and Staff, we welcome you to Richmond Haig Model United Nations 2025, hosted at Richmond Hill High School in Richmond Hill, Ontario.

We are pleased to welcome delegates from across the Greater Toronto Area, from Barrie to Niagara, to participate in a day of diplomacy, public speaking, cooperation and, most importantly, fun. Whether you are standing ground in Parliament for the future of Canada, debating during McCarthyism, or fighting for freedoms in the Middle East, you will find a space to delve into the worlds of your interest, develop stronger skills, and build relationships that will never falter.

In this fourth annual Model UN conference hosted by Richmond Hill High School Model UN and Earl Haig Model UN, our staff has worked tirelessly to provide upcoming delegates with the best experience possible. Throughout our eight committees, we are excited to provide an immersive experience for all delegates in attendance to express themselves, further diplomacy, and seize the day.

We are no strangers to the excitement of Model UN. From worriedly walking into our debut conferences to learning how to truly stride toward change, we know that nothing beats the thrill of hours of diplomatic discussion on the most fascinating topics in the world. This conference is your platform, so leave your mark. Whether it be on a fellow delegate, staffer, or friend, make a memory worth holding onto.

The conference is built upon the works of many forebearers, and we want to thank them, and you, for your support. We look forward to welcoming everybody on April 26th!

Warmest Regards,

Shaurya Singh
Secretary General

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Secretary General

Thank You to all Schools Attending RHMUN 2025!

Agincourt Collegiate Institute
Bishop Allen Academy
Dr. J. M. Denison Secondary School
Gibraltar Leadership Academy
Lorne Park Secondary School
Louise Arbour Secondary School
Marshall McLuhan Catholic Secondary School
Richmond Green Secondary School
St. Augustine Catholic Secondary School
St. Mary Catholic Secondary School
St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic High School
Victoria Park Collegiate Institute
Westdale Secondary School

Schools Attending as Independent Delegations are marked by italics
Some Independent Delegations may not be included

Conference Itinerary

All times are in Eastern Daylight Time.

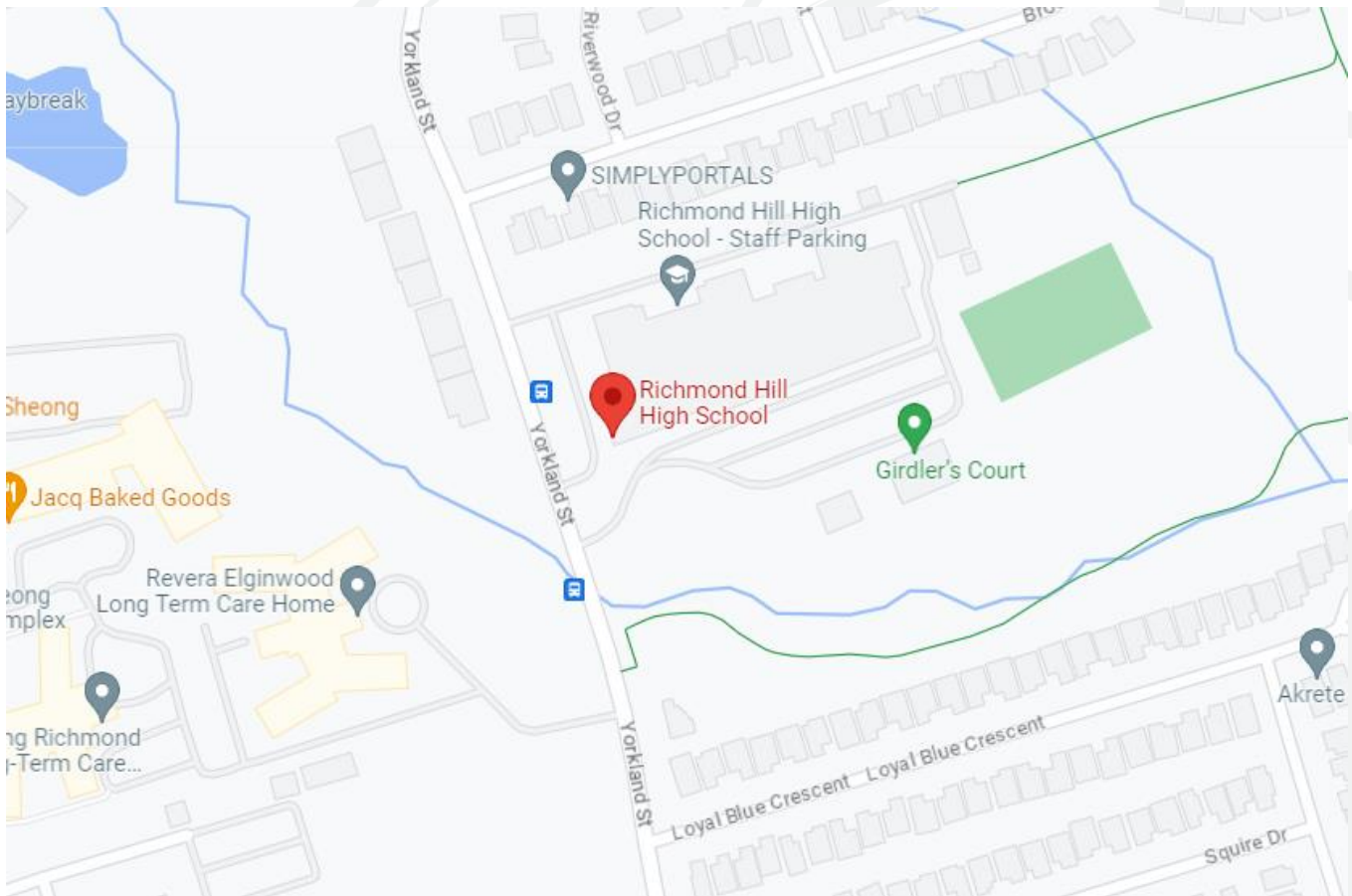
8:20 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration
9:05 AM - 9:35 AM	Opening Ceremonies
9:45 AM - 11:30 AM	Committee Session I
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM - 2:25 PM	Committee Session II
2:25 PM - 2:35 PM	Break
2:40 PM - 4:30 PM	Committee Session III
4:30 PM - 4:40 PM	Break
4:40 PM - 5:15 PM	Committee Session IV
5:30 PM - 6:15 PM	Closing Ceremonies

Please check this itinerary again before the conference begins to ensure that no times have been changed. We're attempting to ensure that all times are finalized, however extenuating circumstances may require us to make some modifications.

Room Allocations

1035 + 1036	Canadian Parliament
2006 + 2007	Economic and Financial Committee
1062 + 1063	World Health Organization
2009	Arcane: Progress Unbound
2008	The Red Scare
1034	Journey to the West
1061	Arab Spring: Egyptian Revolution
2037	Ad Hoc

Map of Area and School



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Equity Guidelines and Delegate Code of Conduct

Content Disclaimer

Throughout the conference, delegates will be faced with complex debates and engage in discussions covering a range of topics. At RHMUN, we believe in fostering a safe environment for learning and participating in Model United Nations conferences. We have created an ethics guide to uphold these beliefs and expect all delegates to abide by our policies. We believe that both delegates and staff supervisors are responsible for adhering to these guidelines to ensure we continue to foster this environment.

RHMUN Code of Conduct

To maintain a safe, professional, and educational environment at RHMUN 2025, delegates will abide by the following rules:

1. Wear Western Business Attire (i.e., no costumes, no casual wear).
2. Use diplomatic and respectful language and phrasing within all speeches, draft resolutions, notes, etc.
3. Only embody the position of their assigned country/character, not mannerisms (e.g. no impressions or accents).
4. Do not plagiarize other sources within position papers and resolutions.
5. Contribute to creating an inclusive, professional, and diplomatic space for debate, ensuring all discussions remain respectful and relevant to the topic at hand.

By choosing to participate in RHMUN, delegates are agreeing to the preceding rules and procedures. The contribution of delegates to RHMUN's culture of inclusivity and equity will be considered by the dais when determining committee awards. Delegates who fail to abide by these rules will be subject to review by the Secretariat. Depending on the severity of the violation, delegates may be removed from the conference and disqualified from receiving awards. Repeated violations or serious misconduct may result in a permanent ban from future RHMUN events.

Equity Concerns

RHMUN has zero tolerance for any form of racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, or other personal attacks on participating delegates and members of staff. Any aggressive or derogatory remarks targeting those identities will be met with removal from the conference. Aggressive or vulgar language towards fellow delegates within the conference shall not be condoned. Similarly, discussions should remain relevant to the committee's mandate and maintain a diplomatic approach to such topics. Delegates are expected to approach sensitive global issues in a professional manner to ensure the environment for debate remains appropriate for all participants. If you feel targeted by inappropriate comments by another delegate, member, or staff, or feel unsafe in any capacity during the committee, please notify the chairs, equity directors, or your teacher supervisors.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the nature of the topics you will be discussing during your committee, please do not hesitate to reach out to your dais or staff.rhmun@gmail.com.

Use of Electronics

Committees may include interactive electronic elements, including drafting resolutions. Certain committees may also draft public directives online, though this will be at the discretion of dais. RHMUN will be using paper notes for committees incorporating backroom elements, with stationery being provided. Notes can be taken on personal electronic devices and WiFi will be provided to delegates during the conference. Please follow the YRDSB's Online Code of Conduct when using WiFi services. We ask delegates to refrain from doing research during the conference and to use only material that has been prepared. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary actions and disqualification from awards.

RHMUN believes in academic integrity and the authenticity of debate. As a Model United Nations conference, we aim to provide delegates with an authentic simulation of the United Nations by promoting critical thinking, diplomacy, and negotiation. By using Artificial Intelligence tools, the integrity of the debate will be compromised. We strongly encourage delegates to conduct their own research and rely on original sources.

Hence, the use of Artificial Intelligence will result in disciplinary action and **disqualification** from awards. Our conference prohibits the use of Artificial Intelligence tools such as ChatGPT, Deepseek, Edge Copilot, and Google Bard. The same consequences apply to draft resolutions and position papers that are written with the aid of Artificial Intelligence tools. We thank you for your understanding.

Rules of Procedure

1. Roll Call

- a. In roll call, you raise your placard and say "present" or "present and voting" when your country/person is called. "Present" means that you may abstain instead of voting for or against. "Present and voting" means that you have to vote on resolutions, and you cannot choose to abstain. In hindsight, there is no significant difference.

2. Primary Speakers List

- a. A Primary Speaker's list is a procedure for you and other delegates to set the agenda. Setting the agenda determines what the committee is going to discuss. For instance, if you are in a committee about the Amazon rainforest, you can encourage delegates through the primary speaker's list speech to set the agenda to 'Deforestation' – meaning speeches made throughout the rest of the committee will have to be about deforestation.
- b. You will NOT have a primary speakers lists in crisis committees. Instead, crisis committees may have Round Robins. This involves delegates discussing their thoughts and ideas on a certain topic in a fixed order (clockwise or counter-clockwise).

3. Setting the agenda

- a. You can "motion to set the agenda to <Topic A>" - and the chair will call for a vote. If the vote passes, all moderated caucuses proposed later in the committee will have to pertain to this Topic.
- b. You will NOT have to set the agenda in crisis committees.

4. Secondary Speaker's List

- a. A Secondary Speakers list allows you to voice your opinion about the topic. It also acts as a chance for you to introduce your character and its goals to the committee.

5. Points and Motions

a. *Moderated Caucuses*

- i. After the Primary and Secondary Speakers lists, the chair will open the floor to all points and motions. You can propose a moderated caucus as you raise your placard and propose in the form "A (total speaking time) minute (individual speaking time) second moderated caucus about (caucus topic)". Delegates will then vote to decide whether the topic will be discussed. You can then decide if you want to speak first or last, and all speeches in the moderated caucus should pertain to the topic.

b. *Unmoderated Caucuses*

- i. A set period where delegates can debate and discuss, without chair oversight – meaning you can talk freely within the set time of the unmoderated caucus.
- ii. Intended for drafting resolutions, coordinating positions, and planning committee initiatives.
- iii. If you want to motion for an unmoderated caucus, you don't have to say the topic or individual speaking time – simply motion for a "<total time> unmoderated caucus"

6. Resolutions

- a. Note that in General Assemblies, **resolutions are the only way to get things done.**

Resolutions provide a detailed solution to the problem at hand.

b. Formatting

- i. The first and foremost element, that should sit at the top of your resolution, is the **title**. Depending on your committee, you can name it something funny or serious.
- ii. After that, there are the **sponsors and signatories**. Sponsors are the people working on the resolution, and who would like to see it passed. Signatories are the people who assisted the Sponsors or wish to see this resolution voted on or presented.
 1. The chair will specify the minimum number of sponsors and signatories required for a resolution.
- iii. Then comes your **preambulatory clauses**, aimed to briefly introduce what this resolution hopes to do. Always begin your preambulatory with italicized "-ing" verbs.
- iv. After your preambulatory clauses, come your operative clauses. These clauses are the actions you want to take in the committee, and how you are going to take these actions.
- v. You will have public directives in crisis committees, and you might have some resolutions in specialized committees.
- vi. Voting
- vii. After getting your resolution approved by the chair, you can motion to enter voting procedure.

Note that each individual committee may have a specialized procedure