

MMSMUN XIII
DELEGATE HANDBOOK

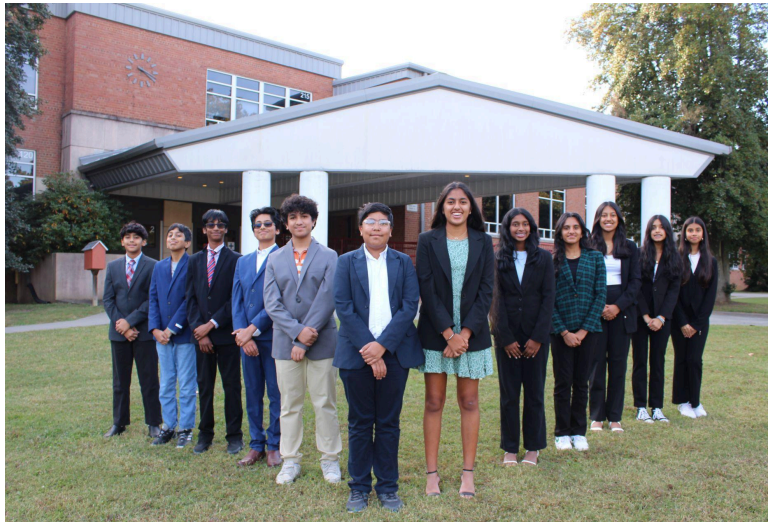


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Dear Delegates, Sponsors, and Guests of MMSMUN XIII,

My name is Aditya Singhal and it is my honor to welcome you to the 13th iteration of the Moody Middle School Model United Nations conference at Moody Middle School.

For the past thirteen years, MMSMUN has had the honor of hosting middle school students and fostering their journey through Model UN. We pride ourselves in being the only middle school conference in the county, along with being a conference that students attend to start their Model UN journey. It has become a platform for students to learn the art of diplomacy, effective communication, critical thinking, and teamwork. This year, we are excited to host 9 different committees, ranging from the Fall of Rome to the fictional world of Harry Potter. Additionally, we are proud to host a Joint Crisis Committee on World War II, where the war is split between two sides, and actions on one side affect the other.

Our committees aim to help represent our theme for this year - Create the Change. In the 21st century, it's always to remember that no matter how young we are, there is always an opportunity to create change in our community. By speaking up for what we believe in, we can make a difference. Creating the change isn't just about one person going out and pursuing an issue, but it's many people joining together to solve an issue they're passionate about. Our hope is that delegates walk out of our conference as effective leaders, collaborators, and communicators so that they are able to "create the change" in the future.

Hence, we are proud to have our charity this year as VACPS (Virginia Center for Public Safety), which is creating change across the country. VACPS's goal is to help decrease gun violence across our community by educating people, taking action, and creating a movement to reduce gun violence. VACPS is a fantastic organization which has grouped together thousands of people, all hoping to end gun violence. We are excited to aim to raise \$1,000 for VACPS but we need your support for that. Make sure you bring money to buy from the charity cart!

Model UN has transformed my life over the past 3 years and is something that I am truly passionate about. I am incredibly excited for this year's conference and cannot wait to meet everyone in March!

Sincerely,

Aditya Singhal

Secretary-General

MMSMUN XIII Secretariat

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Dedications

The Secretariat of the 2025 Moody Model United Nations would like to thank the following for their unlimited support:

Mrs. Laurie Morris, MMSMUN Sponsor, for her unwavering support of our conference and work towards our conference.

Ohm Patel, for his work towards the technological aspects of our conference and his work towards our website.

Principal Denise Doss, for allowing us to use the school and its resources for the purpose of this conference and providing continuous support throughout the whole process.

The whole faculty of Moody Middle School for loaning their rooms and supporting the successful execution of the conference.

All the wonderful volunteers and parents that helped before, during, and after the conference.

Emma Stein, for her expert camera and video editing skills and contributions to our conference.

Ms. Sarah Howard for her support, contributions, and help towards the success of our conference in and out.

Schedule, Committees, Chairs, and Room Assignments

Schedule:

Friday - March 7, 2025	Saturday - March 8, 2025
5:15 to 6:00 Registration – Main Commons 6:00 to 6:45 Opening Ceremonies - Auditorium 6:45 to 9:30 Committee Session I	9:00 to 12:00 Committee Session II 12:00 to 1:00 Lunch – Cafeteria 1:00 to 1:45 Charity Speaker – Auditorium 1:45 to 4:00 Committee Session III 4:00 to 4:30 Snack Break - Cafeteria 4:30 to 6:00 Committee Session IV [fun MUN] 6:00 to 7:00 Closing Ceremonies – Auditorium

General Assemblies:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairs</u>	<u>Room</u>
Harry Potter: Voldemort's Ministry of Magic	Vihaan Shirodkar and Vihaan Sai Kandula	113
United Nations Human Rights Council	Mithun Sethuraman and Yashwanth Bodduna	118
United Nations Environment Programme	Cindy Long and Eshaan Patel	117

Specialized Agencies:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairs</u>	<u>Room</u>
International Criminal Court	Sriansha Manchu and Aarna Vallapureddy	202
International Olympic Committee	Samara Habib and Saanvi Bejugam	206
The Walt Disney Company: The Board of Directors	Sahasra Polavarapu and Emma Stein	207

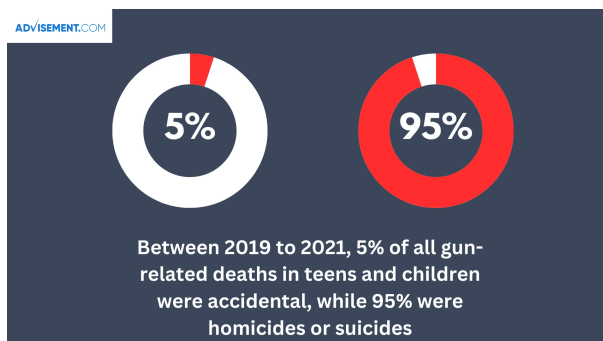
Crisis Simulations:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairs</u>	<u>Room</u>
Joint Crisis Committee: World War 2; The Allied Powers	Zayna Contractor and Tanmayee Sura	220
Joint Crisis Committee: World War 2; The Axis Powers	Ananya Singh and Ella Wang	221
The Fall of the Roman Empire	Kaeya Koparde and Neal Bose	222

MMSMUN XIII Charity



MMSMUN XII is proud to be fundraising for the Virginia Center for Public Safety this year! VACPS advocates for the reduction of gun violence by educating and spreading awareness of the ongoing issue. With highly increasing rates for gun violence targeted towards adolescents, trauma and loss has spread around various communities. Our Goal for this year is \$1000. Make sure to buy from the charity carts delegates!



HOW TO DONATE:

Throughout the conference, there will be a charity cart full of snacks and baked goods that delegates will be able to buy from. We will have a raffle and a number of fantastic goodies. Make sure you buy something to support VACPS!

School Map

Not Published In Online Copy. Will Be Provided In Printed Handbook

MMSMUN XIII Rules

Awards Guidelines

Any delegate who wishes to participate will gain invaluable experience from Model UN, which enables them to develop their public speaking abilities and engage in real-world issues.

MMSMUN XI takes pride in representing delegates and schools that have promoted the spirit of diplomacy and leadership, even though we stress that awards are not the only goal of Model United Nations. We have given out individual awards based on a number of strict standards, from parliamentary procedure to cooperation and diplomacy. The distinctions are as follows: Best Delegate, Outstanding Delegate, Honorable Delegate, and Verbal Commendation.

Technology Guidelines and Delegate Code of Conduct

All delegates taking part in MMSMUN XI are expected to adhere to the HCPS Code of Conduct and are accountable for any violations or other inappropriate behavior determined by the Secretariat. There shall be no discrimination against or harassment of any other delegates or staff members, including, but not limited to, on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, or any other pre-existing conditions. Except for any technology that has been previously approved by the Secretariat, no technology will be permitted in the rooms. In order to foster a climate of diplomacy and cooperation among all delegates, we hope that none of these rules will be broken.

Health And Safety Precautions

Masks are optional at MMSMUN XI. We'll have extra masks on hand in case any attendees or employees require them throughout the conference. We will also take precautions when handling food and have sanitizing wipes available upon request from delegates or staff. Please let us know about any health issues or allergies as such prior to the conference for the safest outcome.

Parliamentary Procedure Guidelines

Introductory Rules

1. Roll Call

- a. At the beginning of each committee session, roll call will be announced where chairs will read out the country positions
- b. You may respond with the following:
 - i. “Present” or “Present and Voting”
 - 1. By choosing to say “Present and Voting”, a delegation may not abstain in any subsequent votes and must vote only yes or no
- c. If you are late, please send a note to the dais so that your vote may be used in calculations for procedural matters

2. Setting the Agenda

- a. After roll call has been announced, the agenda must be set. To set the agenda, you can open the Speaker’s List. Opening the Speaker’s List entails:
 - i. A motion and a subsequent majority vote. ii. To motion to open for the Speaker’s List you can say: “Motion to open the Speaker’s List for the purpose of setting the agenda.”
- b. After the motion has been made to open the Speaker’s List, you must set the Speaking Time. i. The Speaker’s List time runs from 30 seconds to two minutes.
 - ii. A delegate must make a motion to set the speaking time. The delegate can say, “Motion to set the speaking time at 45 seconds.”
- c. Once the Speaker’s List is open, debate to set the agenda begins.
- d. After the Speaker’s List has been exhausted, a motion must be made to set the agenda. i. The delegate can say, “Motion to set the agenda to Topic One.”
 - ii. The motion requires a majority to pass.

3. Yields

- a. A yield is a way to handle remaining speaking time (If the speaking time is one minute, and the delegate only speaks for 30 seconds, then there is remaining time which can be yielded if the speaker mentioned it beforehand). Yields can only be made when delegates are called from the Speaker’s List, and must be specified before a delegate begins speaking. If the delegate fails to specify a yield, the yield is defaulted to the Chair. The options for yielding are:
 - i. “I yield my time to the Chair” 1. The remaining time gets unused and is absorbed by the Chair.
 - ii. “I yield my time to questions.”
 - 1. The remaining time can be used by the Chair calling on a delegate to ask the speaker a question.
 - iii. “I yield my time to [insert country/position here].”
 - 1. If a delegate yields the remainder of their time to another country, that country must accept the yield and respond to the speaker with the remaining time.

4. Points

- a. Points give delegates a voice about matters not related to the substance of the committee. Points include:
 - i. Point of Order
 - 1. A way to point out a discrepancy in parliamentary procedure or another delegate’s actions
 - 2. This point may interrupt the speaker

ii. Point of Personal Privilege

1. This point may not interrupt the speaker

iii. Point of Parliamentary Inquiry

1. A way to ask the Dais to clarify a motion made, a vote up for consideration, or any other step of parliamentary procedure.

2. This point may not interrupt the speaker

5. Caucusing

a. Moderated Caucus

- i. To move into a moderated caucus, a delegate must propose a motion and have the motion pass through the majority. The motion must include the duration of the moderated caucus, amount of speaking time, and topic of the moderated caucus.

1. The motion can be said as, "I motion for a 10-minute moderated caucus with a 30 second speaking time for the purpose of discussing [insert here]"

- ii. After the motion has been passed, to signal your desire to speak, raise your placard.

b. Unmoderated Caucus

- i. A motion for an unmoderated caucus, which requires majority to pass, allows suspension of the rules and of formal debate.

- ii. Delegates may leave their seats, discuss topics freely, and write working papers.

- iii. To move into an unmoderated caucus, a delegate must propose a motion

1. The motion can be stated as, "Motion for a 10-minute unmoderated caucus to draft working papers."

6. Resolutions and Amendments

a. The General Bodies and Specialized Agencies will run based on Resolutions.

- i. Each delegation can sponsor or sign as many resolutions as they wish.

- ii. Sponsors are countries who agree with the content of the resolution or draft, and intend to support it.

- iii. Signatories are countries who would like to see the draft debated but do not necessarily support all the elements of the resolution.

- iv. The resolution requires 20% + 1 delegate of the committee to sign on to a resolution either as a sponsor or as a signatory.

- v. Each resolution requires at least two sponsors.

- vi. Both resolutions and amendments require a super majority to pass.

b. Friendly Amendments can be made to the draft resolution

- i. Friendly amendments are approved by all sponsors of the resolution.

c. Unfriendly Amendments

- i. The unfriendly amendments can be debated upon by two speakers for and two speakers against. Then a majority vote needs to be taken before being added to the draft resolution.

d. Presenting a Resolution

- i. All the sponsors read the resolution to the committee, after which a question and answer session can be held. The question and answer session must be determined when making a motion to present resolutions

1. The motion can be phrased: “Motion to present all draft resolutions with a five-minute Q&A.”

e. Q&A

i. Non-substantive questions are used to question and correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, or to clarify (without changing) any part of a draft resolution. ii. Substantive questions wish to question the meaning and intentions of the draft resolution.

7. Voting

a. Moving into Voting Procedure

- i. A motion must be made to close debate so the committee can immediately move into voting procedure.
- ii. During the entirety of voting procedure, nobody may enter or leave the room.
- iii. Voting on unfriendly amendments occurs before voting on the resolution as a whole
- iv. Each resolution is passed by a simple majority.
- v. May vote yes, no, or abstain

Resolution and Directive Writing Guide

**Below is a list of important information that is pertinent to writing resolutions and directives that is adapted from NAIMUN's resources*

Resolutions are integral to Model United Nations as they comprise the list of ideas proposed by different delegates in committee. There are two parts to a resolution: operative clauses and preambulatory clauses. Operative clauses comprise the body of the resolution, which outlines the ideas that have been discussed in committee. Preambulatory clauses recount the issues and include important background information about what the committee has done to combat whatever issue that is being discussed. Preambulatory and operative clauses must start with one of the words listed below:

Preambulatory Clauses:

Affirming	Expecting	Keeping in mind
Alarmed by	Fulfilling	Nothing further
Aware of	Fully alarmed	Noting with regret
Bearing in mind	Fully aware	Observing
Cognizant of	Fully believing	Realizing
Confident	Further deploring	Reaffirming
Convinced	Further recalling	Recalling

Operative Clauses:

Accepts	Designates	Proclaims
Affirms	Emphasizes	Reaffirms

Approves	Encourages	Recommends
Authorizes	Endorses	Reminds
Calls for	Expresses its hope	Regrets
Calls upon	Further invites	Requests
Condemns	Further proclaims	Resolves
Congratulates	Further reminds	Solemnly affirms
Confirms	Further requests	Strongly condemns

*Below is a sample resolution written for a committee with indicators that will help you structure your own resolution.

Draft Resolution: **(Insert Name of Resolution)**

Sponsors: **(Insert List of Sponsors)**

Signatories: **(Insert List of Signatories)**

(Insert Preambulatory Clauses)

Deeply concerned by projections of the international community of the inability of the accomplishment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by the established deadline of 2015,

(Insert Operative Clauses)

1. Recommends the increase of infrastructure investment while maintaining a policy framework that includes:
 - a. Transparency of where all aid is going,
 - b. Anti-corruption initiatives that are specific to the nation's needs,
 - c. Updates on the use of aid,
 - d. Monitoring on the level of transparency;
2. Suggests the implementation of United Nations Monitors in conjunction with any sovereign nation struggling with accomplishing the eight Millennium Development Goals to supplement a government;
3. Suggests the establishment of a growth model for nations to follow given the direct

relation between economic growth and reaching the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by encouraging sovereign nations to implement their own region-based like programs;

Directives are for specialized agencies and crisis committee. They are usually brief and have no preambulatory clauses.

*Below is a sample directive taken from a JFK National Security Council committee which should guide you as to how to write a directive given new crisis updates:

Committee: **(Insert Committee Name)**

Directive: **(Insert Directive Name)**

- Seeing as we only have preliminary intelligence regarding these new Soviet military installations:
 - o The CIA will recruit 5 Cuban emigres in Miami, Florida, and prepare them to infiltrate Cuba
 - o The agents are to be trained in an expedited program
 - o Once prepared, send the agents to a country to be designated by the CIA that still has commercial-bound flights to Havana, Cuba.
- The agents are to rendezvous with Cuban dissidents to set up operations, and will covertly move to San Cristóbal to gather human intelligence and relay it back to us o Agents to be equipped with cyanide capsules to avoid interrogation if captured