

WHSMUN Delegate Code of Conduct

Dress Code

Delegates will be expected to dress in professional (Western) business attire for all WHSMUN meetings. This means jackets and ties for young men and dresses or suits for young women. No jeans, casual wear, or attire traditional to the country they are representing are permitted. Delegates presenting themselves in military attire will not be permitted to participate. If students are dressed inappropriately, the staff will discuss the situation with the student and faculty advisor. Students will be asked to change, or under serious circumstances, will not be permitted to participate.

Please also note that in accordance with official UN rules, overt national symbols are not permitted at WHSMUN. This means that delegates may not wear pins of their national flag, bring in flags, or decorate their placards with national symbols.

General Courtesy

Delegates are expected to conduct themselves in a manner reflective of international diplomats at all times. This means every courtesy, both in speech and in behavior, should be extended to all delegates, faculty members, and conference staff. The importance of both proper attire and behavior befitting of diplomats cannot be stressed enough. Delegates are expected to take their roles seriously.

Badges

All delegates must wear their names badges at all times. This allows other delegates and staff to quickly recognize who you are and which nation you represent. Name badges serve as your “credentials” as a UN delegate. Badges are color-coded. Certain areas of the conference are off limits to those not wearing a staff badge.

Blue: Staff Yellow: Faculty White: Delegate

Placards

In the General Assembly, a placard with the country name of each delegation will be placed at the delegation’s group of seats. These are the property of WHSMUN and must not be defaced or damaged. Please be good environmental stewards and leave the placards in reusable condition. Leave placards on their assigned tables throughout the course of the conference. Delegations caught using placards for nations of which they are not assigned will have that placard confiscated and will be dismissed from the conference. Schools will be billed for careless damage to placards.

General Assembly Page Service

Members of the staff will act as pages to circulate notes during the General Assembly session so as to ease communication between delegations. All correspondence must be through the pages. This privilege is not to be abused. Notes that are inappropriate or irrelevant to the agenda of the General Assembly will not be delivered, and disciplinary action may be taken. The Secretary-General reserves the right to discontinue use of the page service.

Prohibited Items

During ALL SESSIONS, no mobile phones, games, drawing, music players, newspapers, magazines, or other diversions (at the discretion of the Secretariat) will be tolerated. The staff will confiscate such items for the remainder of the conference, and the student’s faculty advisor will be informed. Delegates may be dismissed from any WHSMUN meeting if the rules of conduct are not observed.

Illegal Substances

The consumption, purchase, transport, and possession of illegal drugs or alcohol are strictly prohibited during the conference and conference events, including during evening activities and at the hotel. Delegates who appear to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol at any time during WHSMUN or any affiliated activity will be removed from the conference and their faculty advisors notified.

Hotel Behavior

Out of respect to fellow delegates and other hotel guests, noise in the halls and rooms of the hotels should be kept to a minimum. Conference staff will work in close contact with hotel security and faculty advisors to ensure the enforcement of quiet hours. At midnight delegates should be in their rooms with doors closed. Conversation and caucusing will be permitted as long as conversation is not audible outside of individual rooms. If the hotel security or conference staff feel the caucusing privilege is being abused in any way, delegates will be asked to return to their own rooms immediately.

Safety

To ensure your safety, please notify your faculty advisor if you leave the hotel premises during evening free time. Furthermore, if you decide to leave the hotel, be sure to travel in groups of no fewer than three people. The safety of the delegates is of the utmost importance to WHSMUN staff. Should you ever feel unsafe, please inform your faculty advisor or a staff member immediately.

Promptness

The conference runs on a very tight schedule. Please be considerate to other delegates and be on time to all meetings. Committees will start promptly according to schedule. The presence of each delegation is extremely important to debates and voting. Role call will be taken at the beginning of each session.

Respect

WHSMUN does not tolerate harassment or inappropriate behavior toward other delegates or staff members. Please remember that proper diplomatic decorum is appropriate both in person and digitally during the conference and common courtesy is expected during all free time activities. Delegates are asked to remember that they are a representative of WHSMUN, their schools, and themselves. Delegates should ensure that they are in compliance at all times with the rules and regulations of UWM, the hotel, and the WHSMUN conference.

Concerns/Suggestions

Please inform either a member of the Secretariat or your faculty advisor of any problems or suggestions that you have at any time during the conference.

Disciplinary Action

Please understand that should you violate any of the terms of the above code of conduct, you may be subject to disciplinary action including dismissal from WHSMUN and all conference activities without financial compensation and up to a year suspension for your school. Furthermore, in extreme cases, disciplinary or legal action may be taken against any delegate by the conference staff, the hotel, faculty advisors and the Milwaukee Police.

Universality

Please note that all conference participants are bound, through their agreement to partake as a delegation, to uphold in good faith the principles, rules, and regulations of the WHSMUN code of conduct.