

## MUN

### Objective:

To provide the students the opportunity to get in touch and identify themselves with the society, politics and culture of other countries in order to establish a position on a given global issue and defend their point of view in a debate.

It also allows them to demonstrate their English proficiency through the necessary persuasion to speak in public and to convince others. It develops the students' research ability and their tolerance for other ideas and ways of thinking.

### Specific Guidelines:

- Students from the Semper Altius School Network may participate. Delegations may be formed by students of the same or different grade levels from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grades.
- Delegations may be formed by students of the same gender, or mixed delegations.
- The maximum number of Delegations/countries per committee is 15 and the minimum will be 6. There will be up to 5 committees during this contest.
- Each school must conduct its own internal competition to prepare and select the Delegation(s) that will participate in the contest.
- The chosen committees, topics, and countries available in each committee will be announced on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- To support understanding the context of every topic, the Delegations may review a reference document called "Delegates' Appendix" that will also be sent on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Registration:
  - Each school will be allowed to register **up to three** delegations **of four** delegates each, and each delegation will represent a country. Each student can participate only in one Delegation.
  - Each Delegation must register **four** Delegates.
  - All four Delegates will prepare the Position Paper together and will also prepare for the debate. But only two Delegates will participate in the presential MUN as titular Delegates, and two will be substitute Delegates. The roles of the titular and the substitute Delegates are the following:
    - Titular Delegates: Will participate in the presential MUN.
    - Substitute Delegates: **In case one or two of the titular Delegates are not able to participate in the contest, they will take their place.** They can enter as substitutes before the doors close the latest, 30 min before the debate starts.
  - **This way, the four Delegates will be prepared, and** in case the Delegation wins the first place in the contest, the four registered Delegates will be awarded the prize.
  - **It is important to emphasize that only two titular Delegates will participate in the presential MUN.**
  - **In case one or the two substitute Delegates, attending the presential phase as public, interact with their Delegation at any moment during the debate, the Delegation will be penalized according to the rubric underneath.**
  - It is compulsory for the delegation to count with **two delegates** at the start of the phase to

participate in the debate. In the event that any Delegation must finish the Model without one student (due to illness by force majeure during the debate), the Delegation must finish the contest with the remaining student and without penalty. There can be no substitute Delegate once the doors are closed, 30 min before the debate starts.

- It shall be prohibited to register two or three Delegations of the same school in the same committee. Each delegation will participate exclusively **in only one** committee. As there is availability for a maximum of 75 Delegations (15 Delegations in 5 Committees), it is important to register your Delegations in a timely manner.
  - The registration of the Delegations will take place from January 20<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, through the official Premio Lidera's system. Detailed information on costs, dates, and payment methods will be sent later.
  - Each delegation will be able to choose their committee and their country when the registration takes place. These will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis.
  - If the minimum number of Delegations per committee is not achieved, the school will be notified in the first week of February 2025, so the Delegation may choose another committee.
- Once the Delegation is assigned their committee and their country, it must prepare a **Position Paper** which must be submitted for evaluation from February 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Only those Delegations that send their Position Paper on time will be able to confirm their participation in the event in the dates indicated in the General Requirements of this call.
  - To prepare their Position Paper, each Delegation must be aware of their represented nation's situation and context. Therefore, it is the Delegation's responsibility to portray accurately the position of the represented country. Private opinions should neither be a part nor play a role in the debate. To receive guidance regarding the main aspects of their topic, the Delegates must review the "Delegates' Appendix" that was sent to participant schools on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
  - All the guidelines to prepare the Position Paper are included in the MUN Manual ([Annex 7](#)). It is necessary to conduct solid research to be successful. Therefore, the Delegations must know not only their position but the procedures and dynamics of the MUN. The documents containing this information are attached to this call.
  - The Model United Nations will be held **in English**.
  - The Dress Code for both ladies and gentlemen will be **Gala uniform**.

### Dynamics of the contest

- It is important to emphasize that **only the two Titular Delegates** will participate in the presentational MUN.
- The procedure of this contest will be as follows:
  - The Chair at every Committee will be using the software MUN Manager and will project the image on a screen inside the venue for everyone to see. She/he will mark the assigned times for every segment and follow the clock very strictly. Hence, everyone must be aware of the time, so they can participate and to prevent missing all other Delegates' interventions.
  - Each Delegate will raise their placard to participate and will be granted the permission to speak.
  - Delegations that form alliances in the Committee may conference amongst themselves during

Simple (Unmoderated) Caucus sessions and during breaks.

- The debate will start according to the established schedule.
- At the opening of the debate, each Delegation will present their Position Paper to the committee, and they will greet the members of the Chair.
- Delegations should respect the ethics code and the protocol of the Model United Nations referred to in the MUN Manual.
- At the end of the debate, Delegations will present their conclusions and the final resolution collaboratively.
- Winners will be selected according to the evaluation criteria. The jury's decision is final. The assessment rubric is shown here, and it is also included in the MUN Manual.

#### Assessment:

The jury will be formed by experts with knowledge about the discussed topics and with experience in MUN debates. Their decision is final. The jury reserves the right to disqualify any Delegation which does not meet the established guidelines or if they detect any plagiarism, partial or total.

The jury will formulate an **assessment** based on the following criteria:

13 points		Points
Position Paper	<b>Writing</b>	
	• Appropriate capitalization and punctuation.	1
	• Apply conventional grammar and usage, to communicate clearly and effectively.	1
	• The structure of the Position Paper provides coherence and fluency of ideas.	1
	<b>Knowledge about the country and the topic</b>	
	• Know the country 's position accurately.	2
	• Identify the issues to be debated.	2
	<b>Content of the Position Paper</b>	
	• Understand, interpret, analyze, criticize, and produce a solid document regarding the country 's position and the issues to be debated.	3
	<b>Factual evidence</b>	
	• Use of factual evidence to support their position.	2
	• Adequate use of references using APA format, 7 <sup>th</sup> edition.	1

Delegates Presentation	15 points		Points
	<b>Comply with MUN regulations</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remain in character. Advocating the country's position in a manner consistent with economic, social, and geopolitical constraints, avoiding inappropriate stereotypes or character traits.<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>		1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in committee. Support committee action and address issues in accordance with relevant national or organizational policies.<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>		1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proper use of the rules of procedure.</li> </ul>		2
	<b>Oral Fluency and Expression</b>		
Working Papers and Resolutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accurate and well communicated position on each topic.</li> </ul>		2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Express their ideas according to the different purposes with an awareness of formal language using appropriate vocabulary with increasing fluency and accuracy throughout the debate.</li> </ul>		3
	<b>Debate and proposals</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project confidence through solid research while debating with delegates.</li> </ul>		3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deliver solid proposals based on prior knowledge and research.</li> </ul>		3
	<b>Adherence to Foreign Policy</b>		
Working Papers and Resolutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write clear ideas.</li> </ul>		2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adhere to accurate foreign policies.</li> </ul>		2
	<b>Persuasion and Leadership</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teamwork. While on Caucus, both delegates are involved in the discussion and try to take the lead.</li> </ul>		2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the case of an impasse during the debate, the delegation offers different positions trying to solve the problem.</li> </ul>		2
	<b>Quality of Proposals</b>		
Overall Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish the main idea and the supporting details.</li> </ul>		2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposals are precise about the flow of ideas, connecting paragraphs and stating a clear conclusion</li> </ul>		2
<b>Overall Results</b>			<b>40 points</b>

<sup>1</sup>Adapted from: National Model United Nations (2019). *Awards Criteria*. [online] Nmun.org. Available at: <https://www.nmun.org/awards-criteria.html> [Accessed 23 Aug. 2019].

#### Tie-breaker procedures

The Delegations are ranked according to the points they obtain. If tied on points in the top three, tiebreakers are applied in the following order:

1. Fewer (or no) Calls during the MUN.
2. Greater number of points earned for the Position Paper.
3. Greater number of points earned for the Delegates Presentation.
4. Greater number of points earned for the Working Papers and Resolutions.
5. The delegation's Resolution Paper is the selected by the Jury.
6. Greater number of participations during the Speaker's List.

#### Notes:

- No delegation will be eligible as a winner if they received a Warning.
- **Special case:** The only scenario for a Delegation with a Warning to be in the top three countries is when every Delegation in the committee has earned at least one Warning each.

### Penalties

1. In the order of participation.
  - If at least one of the two Delegates have not participated in the required minimum of rotations, according to the order of participation stated in the MUN Manual, the Delegation will receive a Warning. This does not apply in the case a Delegation has to finish the Debate with only one delegate, due to force majeure.
  - If one of the two Delegates leaves during the contest due to force majeure, and a new Delegate intends to enter as a substitute, the substitute will have to leave the debate and the Delegation will receive a Warning.
2. In the rules of procedure.
  - In the case that any of the rules of procedure stated in the MUN Manual is broken, any member of The Chair is obliged to point it out with a Call, unless the broken rule states otherwise.
  - A Call means that the Delegation will carry a penalty of three (3) points on the assessment rubric.
  - After three Calls, the Delegations will earn a Warning. A Warning means that the Delegation will not be able to win the contest unless the Special case applies from the previous section.
  - After two Warnings, the Delegation will be expelled from the session and will have to leave the room.
3. In the communications of the Delegates:
  - In case one of the substitute Delegates, attending the presential phase, interacts with their Delegation at any moment during the debate inside the room, the Delegation will receive a Warning.