



**The Doon School
Model United Nations 2026**

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**Conventional Committees
Rules and Procedure**

*'Between Endings and Beginnings,
We Stand'*

1. INTRODUCTION

The DSMUN 2026 Rules of Procedure (RoP) for Conventional Committees provide a structured and formalized approach to Model United Nations debate. These procedures are designed to simulate real-world diplomatic practices, ensuring that debate is focused, respectful, and solution-oriented.

Each conventional committee at DSMUN 2026 will focus exclusively on one agenda topic. Delegates are expected to research their country's policies, form alliances, engage in lobbying, and work collaboratively to propose and amend resolutions aimed at resolving the issue under discussion.

Note: The DSMUN Conference essentially follows the UNA-USA format with a slightly different version of their own.

2. ROLL CALL

At the beginning of each session, the chair will conduct a roll call to confirm the attendance of delegates.

Delegates must respond with one of the following:

- “Present”—The delegate is in attendance and may vote for, against, or abstain.
- “Present and voting”—The delegate is in attendance and may vote only For or Against

Delegates arriving late must send a note to the chair to be marked present. Delegates who do not respond will be marked absent and may not participate until recognized by the Chair.

3. LOBBYING

The initial phase of committee work is designated for lobbying, a crucial informal session that begins after an unmoderated caucus has been raised. that allows delegates to:

Discuss and align positions with other delegates. Form blocs with like-minded delegates and draft comprehensive and coherent resolutions.

During lobbying, delegates must:

- Collect sufficient support in the form of Sponsors
- Start working on their draft resolutions and working papers

Requirements for Resolution Submission:

- All the sponsors (the number will be specified by the chair) who will present the draft resolutions
- Minimum 20% of the committee as signatories

All draft resolutions must be reviewed and approved by the dais before being introduced for formal debate.

4. DRAFTING AND SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS

A resolution is a formal proposal that outlines actions to be taken on the committee's topic. Delegates must be familiar with the resolution format and ensure it reflects both diplomatic language and practical solutions.

Structure of a Resolution:

Heading—Committee name, agenda topic, names of the main submitter and co-sponsors. **Preambulatory Clauses**—Describe the context, background, and previous international efforts. **Operative Clauses**—Present actionable recommendations and measures.

Key Guidelines:

- Preambulatory clauses begin with participles such as “Recognising,” “reaffirming,” or “concerned.”
- Operative clauses begin with verbs such as “Encourages,” “Requests,” or “Decides.”
- Each operative clause is numbered and ends with a semicolon, except the last one, which ends with a period.

Once submitted and accepted, the main submitter presents the resolution and opens it to debate.

5. FLOW OF DEBATE

Formal debate begins once a resolution is introduced and accepted. The committee follows a speaker’s list structure with the following steps:

a. Opening the Floor:

The chair opens the floor for speakers or motions. Delegates raise placards to be recognized.

b. Delivering a Speech:

Recognized delegates speak for a set time (usually 1–2 minutes). Speeches may support, oppose, or suggest improvements to the resolution.

c. Yielding the Floor:

After POIs, the delegate may:

- **Yield to another delegate**—Allows another delegate to speak (only once).
- **Yield to the Chair**—Returns control to the Chair to continue debate.
- **Yield to POI**—The delegate may yield to points of Information from other delegates

d. Points of Information (POIs):

After the speech, the chair asks if the speaker is open to POIs. only if time permits Delegates may then ask questions through the chair, and follow-ups may be allowed at the chair’s discretion.

Note: In special cases, at the chair’s discretion, 3v3, 2v2, etc., debates can also take place in the house, where, under a specific time limit, blocs can come forward and debate.

It is also important to note for all the delegates that their General Speaker’s List speech should be similar to their position paper. This is essential for the Executive Board to ensure that no artificial intelligence was used in the position paper.

6. AMENDMENTS

Amendments allow delegates to make changes to a resolution during debate.

Types of Amendments:

- **First-Degree Amendment**—Directly modifies the resolution. Strike, add, or modify a clause.
- **Second-Degree Amendment**—Modifies a first-degree amendment.

Procedure for Submitting Amendments:

Submit in writing to the dais. The dais will then determine if the amendment is in order, and once accepted, the amendment is introduced during debate.

Friendly Amendments:

Friendly amendments are minor, non-controversial amendments that are approved by all the sponsors, and in these debates no voting or debate is required.

Unfriendly Amendments:

The Chair will set debate time. After the debate, a separate vote will be held. If passed, the amendment is incorporated into the resolution.

7. POINTS

Delegates may raise the following types of points:

1. **Point of Information to the speaker**—ask questions after a speech.
2. **Point of Information to the Chair**—Clarify procedural or factual issues.
3. **Point of Order**—Address procedural errors made by the Chair or committee
4. **Point of Parliamentary Inquiry**—Request clarification on Rules of Procedure.
5. **Point of Personal Privilege**—Raise concerns about comfort or audibility.

Note: Only points of personal privilege related to audibility may interrupt a speaker.

8. MOTIONS

Motions allow delegates to propose changes in the direction or structure of the debate.

Standard Motions:

- Open/Close Debate
- Extend Debate Time (state duration)
- Call for Unmoderated Caucus (state time and purpose)
- Call for a moderated caucus (state time and purpose)
- Motion to close debate and move to voting Procedures
- Motion to Open/Close General Speakers' List (GSL)
- Motion to Introduce a Working Paper or Draft Resolution

Procedure for Motions:

1. Raised when the floor is open.
2. Requires a second.
3. The chair may call for objections
4. The chair may rule the motion dilatory or proceed to a vote if objections are raised.

9. VOTING PROCEDURE

When the committee moves into voting procedure:

During voting, the room is completely sealed, and usually no movement is allowed. It is strict and very formal, and delegates can only vote through their placards.

Voting Options:

- **For**—Support the resolution or amendment
- **Against**—Oppose it.
- **Abstain**—only if the delegate is marked “Present.”

Result Announcement:

- The chair counts votes and announces results.
- If abstentions exceed other votes, delegates may motion to divide the house.

10. FUNDING ASSUMPTIONS

All resolutions at DSMUN 2026 are debated under the assumption of unlimited funding for the purpose of discussion.

Delegates may:

Propose general sources of funding (e.g., international bodies, NGOs). Not including specific financial amounts or detailed budget breakdowns.

11. CONCLUSION

The DSMUN 2026 Rules of Procedure are designed to ensure a smooth, inclusive, and effective simulation of international diplomacy. Delegates are urged to engage with mutual respect, intellectual honesty, and a genuine desire to resolve global issues through multilateral cooperation. The quality of debate and collaboration will ultimately determine the success of the committee.



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