

MUNA 2021

Participant Manual for Delegates

Location:

Epping Boys High School – Assembly Hall

213 Vimiera Road

Marsfield NSW 2122

Dates & Times:

Saturday 22 May 2021 8:30am to 5:30pm

Sunday 23 May 2021: 9:00am to 2:30pm

Introduction

MUNA 2021 is fast approaching and we hope you and your colleagues are well advanced in researching the country you will be representing at the Model United Nations Assembly.

You should read this document thoroughly and study the MUNA 2021 website (www.muna.com.au) so you can prepare well for your MUNA experience.

To actively participate, your Delegation needs to research your allocated country, and adopt a position on each Resolution/Amendment that is consistent with the known views and behaviours of your country, as might be reflected at the actual United Nations. Your Delegation will be judged on a variety of aspects, including your demonstrated awareness of such positions.

Please ensure that your delegation indicates their speaking preferences at <http://www.muna.com.au/pre-work>, however, you must also note that your Delegation must be prepared to debate **any and all** of the Resolutions because you may be called on to do so by the Secretary General.

As detailed on the MUNA 2021 website, your country is part of a voting bloc (Eastern European, Asian, etc). You should get to know your fellow bloc members before or in the early stages of the MUNA weekend, as together you can advance a collective point of view, and work out debating and voting tactics.

You are encouraged to attend MUNA exhibiting the national dress or icons of your country. On Sunday morning, there is a Parade of Nations. Your Delegation's presentation here will be part of the official judging process and an Award will be made. You may use one or two props in the Assembly to enhance your representation of your country as long as they are respectful and do not detract from the MUNA experience.

The MUNA committee can accept only those participants who can attend the whole MUNA weekend. Substitutes are not allowed, unless exceptional circumstances apply. Each Delegation must also ensure that each team member participates and speaks proportionately during the Assembly. It is also important that each member speak clearly and introduce themselves by name on each occasion they address the Assembly (see Guidelines, page 7). These aspects will be monitored over the weekend judged accordingly. NOTE: Any team withdrawing within two weeks of MUNA will need to have their school refund the application fee to the sponsoring club or forfeit the fee if it has been paid by the school.

Voting on Resolutions, and amendments to Resolutions, will be by show of hands, with observers making the counts. During counts, all non-delegates are requested to be quite clear of the area occupied by Delegations.

The spirit of MUNA is that Delegations and members participate on merit as reflected in their research and preparation, and in the contest of their ideas, argument and counter argument before their peers.

Delegations and members are asked to participate on an honest and independent basis. In the interests of these objectives and of fairness, delegations are to use devices only to recover notes and do research. Delegations are not to accept coaching or external help during sessions. Teachers and support personnel are requested to stay clear of the area occupied by Delegations during sessions.

It is important that you read the full contents of this document, know and observe the attendance times, and that you attend all sessions in their entirety in order to participate and enjoy the challenges of the MUNA Assembly. This will help you ensure that you have the best possible opportunity to display your debating, presentation, research skills, and have a fun time at MUNA.

You are advised to be in attendance well before the starting times, particularly for set-up on the Saturday morning.

Covid-19 Rules and Policies of the NSW Government and NSW Education Department are to be followed including Log in and temperature measurements will be undertaken on entry and any person showing signs of cold or flu are recommended to stay and home , isolate and get tested and will not be permitted to enter and participate in MUNA 2021.

We look forward to greeting you at MUNA 2021.

Greg Keighran

The Rotary Club of Beecroft

on Behalf of Rotary International District 9685

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Rules

1. The Secretary General is the ultimate authority and his/her rulings are not subject to debate. Speakers may not speak until recognised and invited to by the Secretary General.
2. Resolutions: Each Resolution will have a mover and a seconder (from different countries)
3. The mover will speak first, and the seconder will follow, both speaking 'to/for' the Resolution.
4. The next speaker will speak AGAINST the Resolution.
5. The speakers who follow will alternate between speakers *to/for* and speakers *against* the resolution.
6. Speakers to Resolutions will be limited to 3 minutes for each speaking turn unless otherwise specified. A warning bell will sound at 2.45 minutes and after a final warning at 3.00 minutes the Delegate will be asked to resume their seat.
7. Except for the mover (which has a right of reply limited to 1 minute), countries may speak only once to each Resolution and each Amendment.
8. Motions for a second speech: If a country wishes to speak a second time, it may request (via a Diplomatic Messenger) another country to move a Motion that this be allowed. A seconder (ie. a second country) is required to support this Motion before it is put to the whole assembly for a vote. The Motion is put to a vote without discussion. A simple majority (51%) is required to pass it.
9. **Points of Order** will be allowed by the Secretary General only when it is felt that the rules have been broken. Points of Order are to be made by interrupting a Delegate speaking. The Secretary General rules absolutely on the validity of these points.
10. **Points of Clarifications/Personal Explanations** will be allowed by the Secretary General only on matters when a Delegate claims to have been misquoted or misrepresented. Clarifications etc. can be made by interrupting a Delegate speaking. The Secretary General rules absolutely on the validity of these matters.
11. Amendments: Before and during the general debate, it is possible to move an Amendment to change the proposed Resolution. An Amendment must have the support of three countries in addition to the mover and must be submitted prior to commencement of debate of Amendments to that resolution. A maximum of four speakers, including the mover, may speak to the Amendment, proceeding alternately for and against. A two-minute limit applies to each speaker, but this contribution will not count as part of the contributions a delegation may make to the general debate.

The mover, seconder and first and second speakers against the original Resolution are not permitted to propose or speak to any Amendment at this stage. If passed, the Amendment becomes the new matter for debate, and general rules of debate apply, except that restrictions on the speakers' participation are lifted and they are permitted to make one further three-minute contribution, in addition to the summation by the proposer.

In summary, the order of operations for each resolution will be:

1. Debating the Resolution (Max. 3 minutes per speaker)

- a. The mover will speak 'to/for' the Resolution
- b. The seconder will speak 'to/for' the Resolution
- c. The next speaker speaks 'against' the Resolution
- d. The next speaker speaks 'to/for' the Resolution
- e. The next speaker speaks 'against' the Resolution
- f. The next speaker speaks 'to/for' the Resolution
- g. The next speaker speaks 'against' the Resolution
- h. The next speaker speaks 'to/for' the Resolution
- i. The original mover has the right of reply if they want it (1 minute)
- j. A vote is taken on the Resolution

2. Debating Amendments to the Resolution (Max. 2 minutes per speaker)

Up to 6-8 Amendments may typically be debated for each Resolution (time permitting).

- a. The mover of the amendment will speak 'to/for' the Amendment.
- b. The next speaker will speak 'against' the Amendment.
- c. The next speaker (seconder) will speak 'to/for' the Amendment.
- d. The next speaker will speak 'against' the Amendment.
- e. A vote is taken on the Amendment.

PLEASE NOTE

Over the weekend, each member of a Delegation is expected to participate proportionately in the Assembly debates. This is viewed as being important assessment criteria for the MUNA Judges.

Guidelines

1. Bloc Meetings (Groups of Countries with shared interests) will be held prior to debate over each Resolution to establish voting strategies. Bloc meetings may also be instigated by the Secretary General to allow discussion of mutual standpoints on issues. Smaller Groups may decide to meet to discuss certain positions and motions. Delegates are encouraged to use this process - it is one that the MUNA judges see as important.
2. Future Bloc Meetings may be called during debate of a Resolution. These are called by way of a motion via a Diplomatic Note to the Secretary General, with proper procedures applying. A motion calling a Bloc Meeting must be passed by two thirds of the Assembly, or at the instigation of the Secretary General.
 - a. Bloc meetings are less formally structured than the General Assembly, but Bloc members are expected to allow the fair expression of views by any delegation wishing to do so, as part of ensuring that a Bloc position represents a genuine consensus.
3. Any Delegate speaking to the Assembly must clearly start his/her remarks with "Mr (or Madam) Secretary General, my name is and I speak on behalf of the Delegation".
4. All 6 Resolutions will be debated. Delegations must be *prepared* to speak on all Resolutions.
5. During on-line registration, Delegations will be asked to indicate their preferences to speak *to/for* or *against* each Resolution (your research should help you form your country's position on each Resolution). Based on these preferences, the Secretary General will allocate speaking slots in order to ensure every Delegation has an opportunity to speak several times during the weekend.
6. Once the allocated Delegations have spoken, debate is open to other Delegates wishing to participate.
7. Delegates must represent the known views of their nominated Nation, as might be reflected at the actual United Nations. They should not put forward their personal views and risk a penalty if they do.
8. Diplomatic Notes are an important part of MUNA but will only be allowed by the Secretary General on the following basis-
 - a. That all messages are in the spirit of MUNA.
 - b. That messages are not frivolous or offensive.
 - c. That all messages must be delivered by MUNA Diplomatic Messengers and will be vetted.

9. Delegations that do not have all members consistently present at all sessions may be penalised. Substitutes/alternatives are not allowed, unless exceptional circumstances apply. All members of a Delegation are expected to speak and participate proportionately in the debates and this will be considered as part of the MUNA judging.

Judging Criteria

The intent of MUNA is to increase the knowledge, debating/presentation skill levels and interpersonal skills of all participants. MUNA Judging will be undertaken by evaluating individual and Delegation performance against the Rules and Guidelines above, together with the criteria listed below.

Knowledge of the country you represent:

Delegations will be evaluated by their demonstration of knowledge of the character (eg. history, politics, policies, culture, demographics) and position of the country they represent and by acting in accordance with that position, as appropriate to the debate.

Knowledge of the Issues:

Delegations will be evaluated on their knowledge of the issues that are being debated. This could include statistics, previous decisions, or other important context that surrounds the issue that is being debated.

Presentation Skills:

Delegates will be judged on how well they present to the Assembly (eye contact, posture, body language, enthusiasm, use of humour, emotive language, etc.)

Debating Skills:

Delegates will be judged on how well they debate motions, amendments and points of order. This includes how well they:

- Structure their arguments
- Create and present a compelling case
- Respond to opposing arguments.

Delegations will be evaluated by their ability to demonstrate correct, appropriate and professional use of parliamentary procedure to facilitate debate and discussion and by the proportionate contribution of each member of the team.

Note: Application of Parliamentary procedure may include procedures that are obstructionist in nature - if being obstructionist is totally within a country's national interest. Delegations who exhibit greater understanding of parliamentary procedure and use it with relevance to the proposed amendments will receive a more favourable evaluation. However, the Secretary General will not countenance a motion "that the motion be put" or that "the speaker no longer be heard" where they

are not in the spirit of open debate. Amendments can be used to point the debate in a particular direction, but those without rationale, those doomed to failure, or those that do not assist a country's interests will be judged accordingly.

Attitude:

This will be judged by considering the behaviour of the delegation, their recognition of rules and interpersonal skills. Delegations will be assessed on how well they demonstrate correct and appropriate behaviour befitting the nature and purpose of the (Model) UN Assembly. This includes proper decorum, attitude, ability to listen and compromise, tact, courtesy, general spirit and ability to work cooperatively with all participants in the process: e.g. other delegations, their own delegation members and organisers.

Deductions:

As detailed earlier, failure of teams to obey attendance rules may attract a penalty. Unruly or inappropriate behaviour and discourtesy may also be costly.

National Dress:

Delegations are encouraged to adopt their country's national dress on both days to enhance to their presentations. There will be a Parade of Nations on Sunday morning, subject to a specific award for the Delegation with the most appropriate/ interesting national dress.

Resolutions for 2021

RESOLUTION 1: HUMAN RIGHTS AND NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY

This General Assembly believes that concern for human rights should transcend national borders and the assertion of national sovereignty. This Assembly believes that nations that draw attention to human right abuses in another nation should not be regarded as interfering in the other nations' internal affairs but rather seeking adherence to international-agreed values.

RESOLUTION 2: THE FUTURE OF THE HUMAN RACE

This General Assembly notes the prediction by the late Professor Stephen Hawking that our planet will be uninhabitable in less than a thousand years. We therefore urge the establishment under UN auspices of a series of deep-space missions whose purpose is find another planet suitable for human settlement and so to provide a future for the human race.

RESOLUTION 3: REFORM OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

This General Assembly believes that the United Nations Security Council is in urgent need of reform. In particular, we wish to see the removal of the power of veto held by the permanent members. We further recommend an expansion of the number of permanent members, in order that the Security Council might better represent the interests of the global community.

RESOLUTION 4: EXPLOITATION OF ANTARCTIC RESOURCES

This General Assembly notes the existence of the Antarctic Treaty, and in particular its Madrid Protocol which forbids mining, drilling or any other activity to exploit the natural resources of Antarctica. We believe this prohibition should continue in perpetuity and Antarctica declared a World Park under the auspices of the United Nations.

RESOLUTION 5: RECOGNITION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

This General Assembly acknowledges the contribution made by Rotary International to world peace and to social and economic development, especially in developing countries. We believe that Rotary International should be given a seat in this General Assembly, where its views can be sought on important international matters.

RESOLUTION 6: ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The General Assembly accepts that rising atmospheric levels of carbon dioxide and other gases resulting from human activity are the main driver of global warming and the resulting climate change that poses an existential threat to humankind. This Assembly acknowledges the right of nations which have taken substantial steps to curb such emissions within their borders to impose tariffs and other sanctions against nations which have not taken such action.

Country Allocations 2021

To be advised