



# HARVARD MODEL UNITED NATIONS AUSTRALIA 2024

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January 1, 2024

Dear Delegates and Faculty Advisors,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the first in-person Session of Harvard Model United Nations Australia. As you complete registration for the conference, we kindly ask you to review our conference policies and complete the following documents.

The first page outlines our security rules for the conference. The second page is our Liability Release Form that is required for participation in HMUN Australia and must be submitted by May 15, 2024.

The Liability Release Form is required for participation in the conference. Every delegate or faculty advisor must complete the individual's own Liability Release Form. Delegates' forms must be signed by a parent or guardian.

Forms should be uploaded to the corresponding delegate on Munbase. Please note you can only input delegate names and upload liability waivers after payment has been made and you have received country assignments. Delegations that do not submit liability waivers for each delegate and faculty advisor by May 15, 2024, may be assessed a late fee of AUD\$50.00.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact our Administration staff at [info@hmunaustralia.org](mailto:info@hmunaustralia.org). I look forward to welcoming you to HMUN Australia in June!

Sincerely,

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## SECURITY RULES

### *Valuables*

If Delegates must bring valuables, they are encouraged to always keep them with them. HMUN, Crimson Education, and the University are not responsible for belongings left in public areas or in meeting rooms.

### *Alcohol Policy*

Consumption and/or possession of alcohol at the conference will not be tolerated under any circumstances. If a Delegate is found to possess, consume and/or to have possessed or to have consumed alcohol at the conference, the participant's school will be immediately expelled from the conference.

### *Controlled Substances Policy*

Controlled substances are likewise illegal and intolerable. The school of any participant found to unlawfully possess or use, or to have unlawfully possessed or used any controlled substance will be immediately expelled from the conference.

### *Smoking Policy*

The use of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, vapes, or any form of smokeless tobacco is NOT permitted in the University or in any other conference venue.

### *Expulsion from the Conference*

The Secretariat and Crimson Education staff reserves the right to expel any delegate, delegation, school, or group thereof from the conference at any time for violating or failing to comply with conference regulations, or for any other reason. HMUN has a zero-tolerance policy concerning alcohol and controlled substances, and violations of the alcohol and/or controlled substance policies will always result in expulsion. Expulsions take effect immediately at the time they are issued. All conference registration materials (i.e. conference badges and placards) must be surrendered to conference staff upon expulsion.

### *Dress Code and Conference Badges*

The safety of conference participants is of paramount importance to HMUN. To maintain and enhance Delegate security, HMUN requires all conference participants to visibly wear conference badges at all times during the conference; all Delegates are required to adhere to the conference dress code as outlined in the Guide to Delegate Preparation and other conference publications. Participants who fail to adhere to these rules may be excluded from conference proceedings and events. HMUN staff reserves the right to check conference badges of any participant at any time, for any reason whatsoever.

### *Photography and Video*

Throughout the conference, HMUN staff, Crimson Education staff, and representatives of the conference may take photographs, videos, and interviews that show conference participants both during and in between committee sessions, and which may be used for promotional, educational, or other purposes by HMUN and Crimson Education. By attending the conference and signing the liability release form, participants consent to be photographed, videotaped and/or interviewed and authorize HMUN and Crimson Education to use those photographs, videos, and/or interviews in any manner of HMUN and Crimson Education's choosing.

### *Other Rules*

These rules are in addition to those established by national and city laws and ordinances, participating schools' policies, and common sense. Serious infractions will result in dismissal from the conference of those involved. The Secretary-General reserves the right to issue additional rules or to alter existing rules at any time at the discretion of the Secretary-General.

### *Interpretation of Rules*

All authoritative determinations of fact and interpretations of conference rules and policies are to be made by the Secretary-General.



Student/Parent/Faculty Advisor Liability Release Form

By signing this liability release form, each participant agrees to abide by the rules of HMUN Australia and the University of Technology Sydney. These rules are established for the participants' safety, as well as for that of the university and its other visitors. Rules will be strictly enforced by the security team, the HMUN team, and Crimson Education staff.

Every student and faculty advisor participating in HMUN Australia must sign and return a copy of this form to HMUN Australia before registering at the conference. Please return a signed form for each participant by May 15, 2024 to [australia@hmunaustralia.org](mailto:australia@hmunaustralia.org). Students must also obtain a signature from a parent or legal guardian. Students or faculty advisors without a completed release form on file prior to HMUN Australia will not be permitted to register at the conference, and will thus be unable to participate in any conference activities.

I, the undersigned participant from \_\_\_\_\_ (name of school or organization) hereby indemnify and hold harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by law, Harvard Model United Nations ("HMUN"), the Harvard International Relations Council, Inc. ("the IRC"), Crimson Education, their directors, officers, employees, staff, volunteers, and any agents from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, costs, or obligations including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees and expenses, which may arise out of my traveling to, participating in, or returning from HMUN Australia, but excluding liability for injury, death, or damage caused solely by gross negligence of HMUN Australia and Crimson Education.

I also declare that I have read, understood, and will adhere to the Security Rules of HMUN Australia, and will adhere to the applicable laws of Sydney, New South Wales, and Australia, and any other pertinent laws or regulations in force at the conference location. I declare that I will adhere to any additional rules promulgated by HMUN Australia before and during the conference, including but not limited to those published in the conference handbook, and those announced to faculty advisors. I give my consent to be photographed, videotaped, and/or interviewed by HMUN Australia and Crimson Education and for said photographs, videos, and interviews to be used by HMUN Australia and Crimson Education in any manner of their choosing. I understand that refunds or other consideration will not be granted for any reason except as provided for by HMUN Australia policy and procedure, and agree that I may be expelled from the conference at any time for violating this agreement with no expectation of refund. Refunds or other consideration will not be granted to those registered participants unable to attend the conference for any reason, including but not limited to inclement weather, travel delays, or illness.

I agree that this agreement is enforceable to the fullest extent of the law, and that any provisions herein found invalid as a matter of law will be deemed severable from the balance of the agreement.

Participant Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name if Participant is a Student (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_