



## **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

By registering for Harvard Model United Nations India 2024 (hereafter referred to as “HMUN India”) you are deemed to have read and agreed to the following terms and conditions:

Henceforth, Delegates, Faculty Advisors, Assistant Directors, and Liaison Officers will be collectively referred to as participants or in the first person (You/Yours) and HMUN India/HMUN India Staff will be a collective term used for the organizing partners and staff/authorized representatives of the conference, namely the Harvard International Relations Council and Worldview Education. Harvard MUN India 2024 is a conference co-produced by the Harvard International Relations Council & Worldview Education and is managed by representatives of the two organizations collectively referred to as the HMUN India/Conference Staff/Team, led by the Secretary-General and Project Lead. Any use of the above terminology or other words in the singular, plural, capitalisation and/or he/she or they, are taken as interchangeable and therefore as referring to the same.

*This is a six-page document*

## **ELIGIBILITY**

1. All delegates of HMUN India must be currently enrolled in a high school during the period of August 15, 2024, to August 26, 2024
  - a. The staff of HMUN India reserve the right to investigate the eligibility of any delegate and expel without refund any individual determined to be ineligible for participation as a delegate. Any individual who does not meet the above criteria, who registers in affiliation with a high school that s/he does not attend, or who is otherwise found to be in violation of the HMUN terms and conditions will be considered ineligible for participation
  - b. Delegations attempting to falsify the eligibility of delegates or otherwise found to be in violation of the HMUN terms and conditions will be considered ineligible for participation at HMUN in the year following the infraction(s), pending consultation with the Conference Staff

2. Teachers, university students, parents, administrators, and other adults 21 years of age or older are eligible to serve as Faculty Advisors. Any individual who is eligible to participate at HMUN India as a delegate is ineligible to serve as a Faculty Advisor
3. HMUN India 2024 will not be allowing any individual delegates unless the individual is accompanied by a Faculty Advisor or a legal guardian
  - a. Additionally, every individual delegate must provide an official Endorsement Letter from the Principal or Head of the Institution of their High School, which will be verified by the HMUN India team
4. A School Delegation must consist of a minimum of 5 delegates accompanied by a Faculty Advisor. Exceptions to this minimum will be evaluated on a case by case basis by the HMUN India team
5. Individuals, though from different schools, may register as a delegation. This delegation should be accompanied by a Faculty Advisor from one of the participating schools or a legal guardian of one of the individual delegates. All rules that apply to every other delegation attending the conference shall apply to this delegation as well
  - a. Individuals in a private delegation/club will be identified first by their school names as reflected on their IDs at the conference. The club or private MUN team they are a part of will also be represented on their IDs, secondarily
  - b. Each individual in the MUN club/private delegation will need to produce a copy of their school ID to the conference team before they attend the conference
6. While the participants will be eligible for individual awards and recognition, the MUN club or private delegation as a whole will not be eligible to receive a delegation award, since the participants will be from various schools and the delegation awards are given to recognize the efforts put in by the schools to grow the Model UN concept within their ecosystem

## **CONDUCT**

1. All delegates must dress in Western Business Attire (WBA) while at HMUN India. As a general rule, WBA requires that delegates dress in a suit jacket, slacks (or skirts for women), dress shirt (with a tie for men) and dress shoes. National Attire is also permitted.
2. All delegates are expected to remain "in character" while at HMUN India by consistently advocating the interests and representing the policies of the country assigned. To act "in character" also entails displaying respect for the opinions and ideas of fellow delegates, even if these opinions and ideas conflict with a given delegate's own country's priorities. Delegates are expected to prepare adequately for active participation in committee sessions; delegates in committees with two topic areas are expected to prepare for both, with the understanding that the committee will discuss one or both topic areas during HMUN.

- a. Delegates found to be in violation of HMUN India's Security/Conduct Policies may be barred from further participation at HMUN India and/or expelled without refund at the discretion of the Secretary-General & the Project Lead.
  - b. Delegates who disrupt committee sessions or other conference events may be barred from further participation at HMUN India and/or expelled without refund at the discretion of the Secretary-General & the Project Lead.
  - c. Delegates who antagonize hotel guests or otherwise "disturb the peace" may be barred from further participation at HMUN India and/or expelled without refund at the discretion of the Secretary-General & the Project Lead.
  - d. Delegates are not allowed to possess or consume any narcotic/alcoholic substance. This includes but is not limited to drugs, cigarettes, alcohol, any substance remotely used in the preparation or consumption of these substances, electronic cigarettes/vape, lighters, etc. Faculty Advisors are also not allowed to carry/use any substance banned by local laws. Any violations of this will result in delegates/schools being barred from further participation at HMUN India and/or expelled without refund at the discretion of the Secretary-General & the Project Lead.
3. All Faculty Advisors are responsible for the safety, wellbeing, and conduct of their delegates.
  - a. The educational quality of HMUN India is primarily dependent on all delegates' active and professional participation. Faculty Advisors can ensure this by monitoring their students' attendance at committee sessions and helping them understand the skills of diplomacy as practised at HMUN.
  - b. During the conference, Faculty Advisors are encouraged to attend Faculty Advisor meetings and feedback sessions, observe their students from the back of committee rooms and even advise students on substantive issues. However, participation in the committee process must be left to the delegates and the HMUN India staff. Faculty Advisors may not participate in the writing of resolutions or in caucusing activities or otherwise engage in the committee process.
  - c. Faculty Advisors are also required to assist the HMUN India staff in enforcing Security Policies, Dress Code, and the HMUN India terms and conditions with regard to their school's delegates.
4. HMUN India will not tolerate any instances of harassment or discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, or disability. Further, HMUN India will not tolerate any instances of inappropriate behaviour or unwelcome advances of a sexual/threatening nature. If any delegate, staff or advisor believes they have encountered harassment or discrimination, which results in a hostile working environment or disparate treatment, they must bring it to the attention of the Secretary-General, Project Lead or any other member of the Conference Staff. The Secretary-General & Project Lead will then investigate the merits of the allegations and interview all parties involved. Based on the findings of the investigation, HMUN may:

- a. Take no action
- b. Issue a verbal reprimand
- c. Expel the offending individual from HMUN without refund
- d. Bar the delegation of the offending individual from future participation at HMUN, and/or take other actions as deemed necessary and appropriate

## **COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

1. Detailed regulations and policies for COVID-19 can be found [here](#)
2. HMUN India will ensure all safety precautions as outlined by national and local laws are abided by and the same will be communicated to the participants
3. No participant of HMUN India is allowed to participate in the conference without filling out a Health Declaration Form along with the liability waiver.
4. HMUN India, Worldview Education, and Harvard International Relations Council are not responsible for any illness contracted by anyone at the conference and no claim shall be entertained that objects to the same
5. Regulations will be updated from time to time and the responsibility to check and adhere to the rules lies on the participants

## **FEES, PAYMENT & DEADLINES**

### **1. Priority Registrations:**

#### i Domestic Delegations:

1. Delegation Registration Fee (inclusive of 1 FA): INR 26000
2. Delegate Fee (Double Occupancy): INR 35000
3. Delegate Fee (Triple Occupancy): INR 32000
4. Additional FA Fee: INR 26000

#### ii International Delegations:

1. Delegation Registration Fee (inclusive of 1 FA): USD 300
2. Delegate Fee (Double Occupancy): USD 600
3. Additional FA Fee: USD 300

### **2. Regular Registrations:**

#### i Domestic Delegations:

1. Delegation Registration Fee (inclusive of 1 FA): INR 30000
2. Delegate Fee (Double Occupancy): INR 40000
3. Delegate Fee (Triple Occupancy): INR 37000
4. Additional FA Fee: INR 30000

#### ii International Delegations:

1. Delegation Registration Fee (inclusive of 1 FA): USD 350
2. Delegate Fee (Double Occupancy): USD 650
3. Additional FA Fee: USD 350

3. Schools that have not paid their school fee will not be guaranteed an allocation. Country assignments are subject to change until all fees have been paid
4. The School registration fee is inclusive of the conference fee for one faculty advisor
5. The fee shall include the following:
  - a. Training Webinars: Access to online training webinars, run by the Secretariat and the Directors, which will equip delegates with information and material to excel at the conference
  - b. Preparation Guide & Background Guides: Access to the general preparation guide and committee specific background guides, authored by the committee Directors and the Secretariat, which will help all delegates prepare better for the conference
  - c. Social & Conference Events: Entry to all conference events, including leadership forums, social events, skill tracks and workshops
  - d. Impact Initiative: Opportunity to participate in HMUN India's Social Impact Initiative. Detailed guidelines can be found on the website.
  - e. Faculty Agenda: Engaging Faculty Advisor agenda comprising workshops, social and networking events, and historic and cultural explorations.
  - f. Meals & Snacks: 9 Meals at the conference - Dinner on Day 1 to Lunch on Day 4. Coffee, Tea, and Snacks are served on all days of the conference. Lunch on the Day 1 is not included but is available for an additional cost which shall be informed to the participants closer to the conference.
  - g. Accommodation (Double Occupancy):
    1. HMUN India-Bangalore:  
The conference venue and accommodation is the Hilton Bengaluru Embassy Manyata Business Park. Delegates are responsible for ensuring prompt arrival at mandatory conference events (HMUN India nor the aforementioned hotels accept responsibility for delegate tardiness)
    2. HMUN India-Delhi:  
The conference venue and accommodation is the Hyatt Regency, Gurugram. Delegates are responsible for ensuring prompt arrival at mandatory conference events (HMUN India nor the aforementioned hotels accept responsibility for delegate tardiness)
6. The method of payment will be communicated separately by members of the HMUN India staff
7. The school, delegate, and advisor fees are non-refundable, non-exchangeable, and non-reversible in any circumstances

8. Financial Aid is available to delegates only and the detailed regulations can be found on the website.

## **TRANSPORTATION & TRANSFERS**

1. HMUN India provides transportation to all registered delegates and Faculty Advisors residing in HMUN India's partner hotel at an additional cost. This includes transportation from and to the venue and Airport/Station pick-up and drop
2. HMUN India is not liable for any delays, missed flights or mishaps happening during the transportation or airport drops.

## **EXCEPTIONS & VIOLATIONS**

1. The Secretary-General and Project Lead are the only staff members who are allowed to grant exceptions or extensions to conference policies and deadlines
2. Neither HMUN India, Worldview Education nor the Harvard International Relations Council is liable for erroneous statements made by other members of HMUN India staff regarding conference policies listed—and not listed—herein
3. Violation of the policies listed in these terms and conditions may result in the revocation of assigned seats with no refund. Serious violation of these policies or those listed in the conference handbook regarding conduct may result in expulsion from the conference with no refund and potential prevention of registration for all future HMUN conferences
4. The Terms & Conditions will be updated from time to time with or without notice and it is the responsibility of the participants to check and adhere to the updated norms

## **FORCE MAJEURE**

1. HMUN India shall not be deemed in default of this Agreement, nor shall it hold the other Party responsible for, any cessation, interruption or delay in the performance of its obligations (excluding payment obligations) due to earthquake, flood, fire, storm, natural disaster, an act of God, war, terrorism, pandemic, lockdown, government regulations, health restrictions, armed conflict, labour strike, lockout, boycott, or other similar events beyond the reasonable control of the Party, provided that the Party relying upon this provision:
  - a. Gives prompt written notice thereof, and
  - b. Takes all steps reasonably necessary to mitigate the effects of the force majeure event
2. In the case of this being enforced, the conference team will communicate the same to the participants. In the case of a postponement/change in format, the paid fee will be adjusted into the fee for the renewed conference in the following manner:

- a. Virtual Conference: A delegate fee of approximately Rs 10500 will be charged and the remaining amount will be refunded
  - b. Postponement of In-Person Conference: No refund will be given
3. If the conference is postponed due to any external circumstances, then the team shall inform the participants of the new dates at least 45 days prior to the start
4. HMUN India's team is not responsible for any hotel/transportation refunds and the respective vendor's regulations shall be adhered to. This applies to flights/train bookings, Accommodation Partners, etc

## **ACCEPTANCE**

1. If a minor is registering for Harvard Model United Nations India 2024 and using this website your parents/guardians are deemed to have agreed to and accepted all the terms on behalf of you.
2. By becoming a registered user of hmunindia.org and our affiliate sites, you agree to be contacted by the HMUN India Team and our affiliates via communication modes including but not limited to email, SMS, MMS, and telephonic calls.

## **GOVERNING LAW & JURISDICTION**

1. These terms and conditions are governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of India and any dispute shall exclusively be subject to the jurisdiction of the appropriate Courts situated at Hyderabad, Telangana, India.