

Northwest Model United Nations Adviser Code of Conduct

NWMUN acknowledges and appreciates the hard work and mentorship that advisers (including faculty advisers) put into their teams. Their effort helps elevate the educational quality of the conference and ensure that their students get the most out of the experience.

During the conference, it is NWMUN's view that advisers are in attendance for guidance. Advisers are there to support their students, help ensure they maintain professional conduct, and on occasion, serve as an adviser on specific questions related to international policy. They are *not* there to participate in the active drafting or voting of resolutions or reports, or participate in classroom activities. We expect that advisers will maintain the professional standards of conduct we expect of their delegates as well. Advisers also have the right to observe their delegates during committee, but must do so from the back of the room without interfering in the conduct of the meeting in any way.

NWMUN reserves the right to restrict future registration for any participant or school if their delegates or advisers are not able to uphold their responsibility to the conference's code of conduct.

Advisers **are expected to:**

- Provide professional leadership and logistical support to their delegates, as well as emotional and confidence-building support when needed;
- Serve as *limited* information resources to delegates, including understanding that:
 - Advisers can provide advice (not directives) to their delegates regarding their actions in committee, but this cannot be delivered in the committee room, or the hallway adjacent while committee is in session;
 - Advisers are not their delegates' capital or home government, and **should not portray a role or "character,"** even internally to their delegation, in the "diplomatic corps" / "foreign service" / "government" / etc. of any state.
- Instill in their delegates the educational purpose of the conference, and in particular refrain from emphasizing awards;
- Ensure that delegates do not bring pre-written draft resolutions or complete clauses for draft resolutions;
- Participate in Adviser Meetings at conferences their delegation is attending;
- Ensure that their delegates adhere to *their* code of conduct;
- Respond to requests from conference leadership to contact or manage their delegation on issues related to delegate performance, conduct, logistics, and safety;
- Follow NWMUN's Delegate Assignment Policies in the assignment of individual delegates to country-committee spots previously assigned by NWMUN to their delegation;

Advisers should **not:**

- Utilize grades or grading systems in a way that undermines the diplomatic environment of NWMUN, or conference policies. This includes:
 - Not basing any part of a delegate's grade on the number of times a delegate raises his or her placard, gives a speech, or any other specific action;
 - Not basing any part of a delegate's grade on the number of motions a delegate makes, or times a delegate speaks for or against a motion;
 - Not basing any part of a delegate's grade on the *number* of working papers on which the delegate is a sponsor or signatory (we do encourage advisers to evaluate the *content* or *quality* of those working papers their delegates sponsor or sign);
 - Not including awards received (or not received) into any part of a grading system;
- Disrupt or distract delegates (whether their own or from another delegation) from the work of any committee while it is in session.