

# DELEGATE CODE OF CONDUCT

While participating in NWMUN conferences, delegates have a responsibility to always maintain the highest level of professionalism and diplomacy. Conference staff, faculty, and fellow delegates should always be treated with the highest level of courtesy and respect. Professionalism in speech, actions, and appearance on behalf of delegates is a requirement of this conference and necessary to its educational mission. It is also expected that all delegates will respect the venue property.

Delegates are expected to treat one another in a manner suited for conduct between the representatives of Member States meeting to discuss serious global issues. Personal respect is expected even if delegate disagreement is intense; any personal disrespect, including but not limited to verbal harassment, insults, defamation, plagiarism, theft or vandalism of personal property, and/or sexual harassment, will not be tolerated.

Included in the expectation of delegate conduct is that delegate conduct towards the venue will be respectful both during and after conference hours. Our venues have been gracious towards NWMUN, and NWMUN expects that all participants will be as courteous towards the hotel and its other guests as they have been towards us.

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

## **Delegates are expected to:**

- Remain “in character” at all times 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 priorities.
- Collaborate with fellow delegates where possible.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous and professional manner at all times.
- Follow all applicable local, state, federal (and international) laws, including:
  - Refrain from use of all illegal drugs.
  - Refrain from excessive consumption of alcohol or drugs, even when legal. The legal age of consumption of alcohol and marijuana in both Seattle and Portland is 21.
- Respect the conference venues’ own rules and laws applicable to those locations, including:
  - Possession and use of marijuana is prohibited on hotel premises.

Delegates are encouraged to enjoy the variety of after-hours activities available in both Seattle and Portland while attending NWMUN conferences. Please bear in mind, however, that the purpose of your being here is to participate in the conference actively.

**Please note that while the delegate code of conduct may permit certain activities, delegates may have specific codes of conduct for their college or university, or their delegation, that they are also expected to adhere to. These expectations may be more restrictive than NWMUN’s; we encourage delegates to communicate with their team leadership to learn these expectations.**