

Official BRAMUN Code of Conduct Students and Legal Guardians

What is Model United Nations?

Model United Nations, or MUN for short, is a student-led simulation of the United Nations. Students represent various countries and debate current and pressing issues. Before the conference, students are responsible for conducting research on their topics and investigating their country's positions. During the conference, they assume their roles as diplomats and represent their delegation's contemporary views and policies. Delegates write, debate, and try to pass resolutions that support their positions.

Model United Nations is a great opportunity for students to be more aware of what is happening globally and become better critical thinkers. It is imperative that students embody their country's positions in order to answer tough questions and defend their positions well. Participants learn to negotiate and make compromises in order to reach a consensus.

It is a challenging experience, but students always leave with more confidence in their abilities and their potential to change global thinking.

BRAMUN is the epitome of English-speaking Model United Nations in South America, and provides all the opportunities necessary for new and experienced delegates to be successful and have a great time.

Brazil Model United Nations (BRAMUN) is open to all schools willing to adhere to the specified conditions. Currently, around five hundred students from twenty-one schools participate in this MUN simulation. Everyone attending has the right to participate in the conference, socialize, and have fun in a secure and protected environment. To this end, the BRAMUN director team has created a list of expectations for which all participants must adhere; this includes all delegates, parents, directors, and chaperones. Each school is responsible for ensuring everyone representing their school is aware of the BRAMUN Code of Conduct and expectations prior to signing up for the conference. To ensure that everyone enjoys his/her experience, we take this matter very seriously, and any breaches will be dealt with accordingly.

The BRAMUN director team wishes to make as clear as possible what the role is of students participating in the event for this reason. Here are listed the expectations for students during the conference, as well as consequences for not adhering to those expectations. A student will only be accepted to participate if his/her legal guardians and he/she agree to the terms and conditions stated by this document.

Student expectations

a) Prior to Conference

1. Knowledge of rules of parliamentary procedure, committee conduct, formatting/content of Policy Statements (Position Papers) and resolutions, requirements, and dress codes.
2. Respect deadlines for the submission of the Policy Statements (Position Papers) to committee chairs.
3. Has read the BRAMUN code of conduct, signed a copy with a parent/guardian, and has handed it in to his/her MUN director on time.

b) During the Conference (held through Zoom)

The conduct of all students involved in BRAMUN will be of the highest caliber before, during, and after committee sessions, breaks, and free time. Students who do not represent their schools in an appropriate manner, as exhibited by this conduct, shall be subject to disciplinary measures. Responsible behavior will be demonstrated at all times and students will:

General Expectations

- ❖ Participate in committees;
- ❖ Debate appropriately and with respect (i.e. no booing, quiet and respectful when another delegate is speaking, no violent instigations, etc);
- ❖ Exercise self-control at all times (i.e. not using intimidating actions or insults, threatening gestures towards another person, etc);
- ❖ Respect the decisions of officials, including advisors, directors, and LT team;
- ❖ Abide by any and all additional established rules of their school;

Zoom Expectations

- ❖ Please do not share the Zoom Link, Meeting ID, and Password with anyone else outside of your committee.
- ❖ Make sure your Zoom username is written to fit the following format before you join each committee session: [Delegation_Committee_School (NAME)]
 - **For example:** Sudan_UNSC_PASB (Michelle Gusmão)
- ❖ *When entering a Zoom room make sure you:*
 - Do not use any Virtual Backgrounds;
 - Always have your camera ON, but your microphone (audio) OFF;
 - Have your Zoom username written in the correct format, as outlined above;
 - Do not record the screen nor take pictures during the committee sessions.
- ❖ *Accurately follow the conference schedule by being on time for each committee session and being ready before Chairs begin "Role Call." Before session starts, it's advisable to:*
 - Check your microphone, camera, and internet;
 - Make sure your device's battery is fully charged and that you have access to a charger in case you need it;
 - Make sure your device is working properly in order to avoid any disruptions.
 - Please frame your device's camera correctly, making sure that the environment which you are in is appropriate. Be aware of what others are seeing - no sitting on bed!
 - Please find a place where you won't find distractions or be disrupted by anyone.
- ❖ *During committee sessions:*
 - Please always keep your microphone OFF (muted) when you are not speaking, as this will ensure both chairs and delegates can be heard during sessions. You must ONLY turn your microphone ON when given permission by the chairs to speak;
 - When you wish to speak, please use the "raise hand" option and wait for your chairs to give permission. To access this option, click in the "REACTIONS" icon at the bottom of your Zoom screen and you will find the option that says "RAISE HAND"
 - If you need to share your screen, please beware of the tabs you have open on your device. Any inappropriate acts will be reported to advisors and might result in expulsion from the conference;
 - You must wear formal business attire during all times;
 - Only use the chat option in Zoom for debate related purposes. Chat will be constantly supervised by the Chairs and any inadequate messages/comments will be reported to the advisors.

Notes:

I. All students are expected to abide by the behavioral expectations of their home school. BRAMUN

expects that the home school will take such disciplinary action as they deem appropriate under their own requirements in addition to the actions outlined below.

II. Event organizers are empowered to take such disciplinary actions as are needed to maintain the integrity of the event and the safety and well-being of the participants, using the BRAMUN code of conduct as a guide. Such actions will be taken through the disciplinary committee, defined below.

Consequences

Students who do not represent their school in an appropriate manner, that is in line with the BRAMUN Code of Conduct and their respective school rules, shall be subject to disciplinary measures. This could result in suspension or dismissal from the event, as determined by the Disciplinary Committee.

Any major violation of the BRAMUN Code of Conduct will be reported to BRAMUN's director. Minor violations are at the student's director's discretion.

Minor Violations

Minor violations are any inappropriate behaviors, which include but are not limited to:

I. Profanity: The use of profanity (in any language) will not be tolerated.

II. Dress code: Students are expected to wear formal attire for the opening and closing ceremony, as well as when committees are in session. For the boys, a suit, and for the girls, business attire.

III. Technology: Students are expected to use technology appropriately. Sharing Zoom invitations/links with other students, recording the sessions without permission to do so, and using the Chat option to send aggressive/intolerant messages are strictly prohibited.

Minor violations will result in a minimum penalty of the student, at his/her director's discretion. The student's MUN director may, depending on the severity of the violation, assign a more severe consequence if needed, with the help of the discipline committee.

Major Violations

Major violations are anything that jeopardizes the health, safety, and security of BRAMUN participants, which include but are not necessarily limited to: actions involving alcohol, tobacco, drugs, vandalism, hate speech during Zoom sessions.

Process:

I. BRAMUN's director will convene a disciplinary committee formed by the lead interviewers and the director.

II. The committee will hear all the facts regarding the major violation of BRAMUN Code of Conduct. The student(s) will appear before the committee to allow him/her to give his/her side of the story.

III. After all of the facts have been presented, the committee will render a decision. Each member will have one vote. The BRAMUN director's vote will break a tie, if that is the case.

IV. Directors and chaperones abide by the committee decision.

V. Commitment of Major Violations will result in immediate suspension from the event. On the first incidence of such behavior, the student can also be suspended from the next BRAMUN or MUN event (local or national) for a minimum of one full semester, beginning with the conclusion of the current event. This penalty will also include suspension from the same event for the following year, regardless of when it is held.

SIGNATURES

A student may not participate in BRAMUN until this form has been signed by both the student and parent/legal guardian. A signed version of it must be with the student's MUN director.

The undersigned has received, read, and understands the BRAMUN Code of Conduct.

Student's Name (please print) Year of Graduation

I understand and agree to abide by all the provisions of the BRAMUN Code of Conduct as well as my own school's established policies.

Student's Signature Date

I understand and agree to abide by all the provisions of the BRAMUN Code of Conduct as well as my child's school's established policies.

Parent / Guardian's Signature Date

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