

2024 WASHINGTON MODEL ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

CODE OF CONDUCT

The WMOAS is based on and promotes the principles of consensus and cooperation. Aggressive behavior toward other participants and excessive self-promotion are not tolerated. Therefore, all participants in the 2024 WMOAS must pledge to:

- Respect the diplomatic protocols of the Model at all times, including the use of proper language and communication. This includes any communication on the Microsoft Teams Platform.
- Behave in a manner that is kind and respectful to all delegates, participants, elected officers, faculty advisors, and WMOAS officials and staff; that does not interfere with the smooth functioning of the Model; and that complies with the decisions of WMOAS authorities as final.
- Refrain from any form of discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation, race, country of origin, age, religion, physical limitation, or personal favoritism.

To ensure the appropriate formality and seriousness of the Model, along with its secure and orderly operation, participants must:

- Be punctual and attend the sessions according to the schedule posted at www.wmoas.org. Delegates are expected to attend both Plenary sessions and every meeting of their Committees. All sessions will take place in person at the Washington Hilton. Delegates who arrive late for sessions must be recognized by the committee chair to be afforded voice and vote in that session.
- Follow professional etiquette: While in committee, delegates are in a professional meeting environment; no eating or smoking is permitted. Water is the only permitted beverage. Delegates must refrain from using electronic devices that interfere with the debate, and must avoid side conversations and multitasking.
- Wear business attire: While in committee, delegates must wear acceptable dress. This means trousers (no jeans), business dresses/skirts, business shirts or blouses, and blazers/jackets for those who choose to wear business shirts and trousers. Attire should be clean, pressed and free of holes or stains. Faculty Advisors are responsible for enforcing the dress code.
- I acknowledge that the IDDA cannot guarantee that I will not become infected with the Coronavirus/Covid-19, and that there is a risk of becoming exposed to and/or infected by the Coronavirus/COVID 19. I hereby release and agree to hold the IDDA harmless from, and waive on behalf of myself, my heirs, and any personal representatives, any and all causes of action, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses and compensation for any illness (Covid-related or otherwise), bodily injury, property damage, medical treatment, or death. I understand that this release discharges the IDDA from any liability or claim that I, my heirs, or any personal representatives may have against the IDDA with respect to any of the above, or in connection with, participation in the Model. This liability waiver and release extends to the IDDA and all its officers and faculty.

To engage in professionally appropriate interactions with WMOAS officers and faculty, participants must:

- Address all WMOAS faculty, officers, and staff with the courtesy and respect expected for professionals. Use the appropriate title (Mr., Mrs., Ms., or Dr.) and last name.
- Conduct communications with WMOAS officers and faculty courteously and appropriately for a professional environment. The tone of chat messages, posts, emails, and conversations must be respectful.

- Avoid “slang” and informal language that is inappropriate in a diplomatic environment.
- Absolutely refrain from using obscene, profane, threatening, or disrespectful language or images in communications with any person associated with the WMOAS Model. Such use may lead to expulsion from the Model.

To engage in diplomatically appropriate interactions with Committee Members, participants must:

- Be courteous and respectful in communications with other delegates in any Teams channel, post, email, chat, etc.; also, communications should be related to the work of the WMOAS.
- Adhere to principles of academic honesty. The integrity and authenticity of student work is monitored using a variety of technologies. Copying the work of others, allowing others to knowingly copy a student’s work, and/or misusing content from the internet could result in removal from the Model.

All participants must be aware of the grounds for suspension and/or expulsion from the WMOAS, and must accept the following policies:

- If you see undiplomatic behavior in any format or think the welfare of others is being threatened by online activities, please notify the Coordinators of the WMOAS at wmoas@wmoas.org
- Continued failure to observe the Code of Conduct will result in suspension or expulsion from the WMOAS, including the removal of the delegate’s credentials to access the WMOAS online platform and the Washington Hilton.
- Any comments, statements, post, chat messages, or actions which are discriminatory based on gender, sexual orientation, race, country of origin, age, religion, physical limitation, or favoritism will result in expulsion from the WMOAS.
- Any interference with the smooth functioning of the Model will result in suspension, including the removal of the delegate’s credentials to access the WMOAS.
- Educational institutions and their representatives will facilitate the suspension or expulsion of any student under their supervision for not observing the Code of Conduct.

Media release (voluntary)

- Students and Faculty Advisors grant permission to the Institute for Diplomatic Dialogue of the Americas and the WMOAS organization to use photographs and/or video taken during the dates of the WMOAS at the WMOAS online platform in publications, news releases social media outlets, and other communications related to the WMOAS academic mission.

Signature of delegate

Date

Printed Name of delegate

University

Signature of faculty advisor

Date