



## 2019 Participant Waiver

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### INTRODUCTION

This waiver is in three parts. Part I outlines JHUMUNC policies that are enforced at the conference. Part II is the JHUMUNC Liability Release Form that must be completed by both student delegates and advisors and signed by a parent or guardian of every student delegate, irrespective of their age. Part III is the JHUMUNC Media Release Form, which must be signed by all individuals in attendance, or the parent/guardian of any student delegate under 18 years of age.

Student delegates without a complete Participant Waiver will not be permitted to participate in conference proceedings until the waiver is completed. Advisors with an incomplete Participant Waiver will not be able to collect their school's conference materials at time of check-in.

### PART I: JHUMUNC POLICIES

#### *Committee Attendance*

Students are expected to attend every session, arrive on time, and not leave early. If a student should need to be absent during any part of a committee session, their absence should be communicated through their advisor to the JHUMUNC registration team. Students are not permitted to visit their friends serving on other committees or leave the hotel premises during committee session for food or beverages, including during unmoderated caucuses. Repetitive unexcused absences will be reported to the advisor of the student in question. Students are permitted to briefly step out of the room.

#### *Dress Code*

Students are expected to dress in Western Business Attire during all committee sessions. This includes business jacket, slacks/skirt, dress shirt (with tie for participants choosing to wear traditional menswear). All students should wear formal closed-toed shoes. Students who come to committee session dressed in attire that a Chair deems unacceptable for productive debate will be asked to return to their hotel rooms to change. Outside committee, students are more than welcome to wear casual and comfortable clothes. During the final committee session of the conference, students will be allowed to wear their JHUMUNC 2019 delegate T-shirt.

#### *Nametags*

All conference participants are required to wear nametags at all times. Nametags are required, no exceptions, for admittance to the delegate dance on Saturday night. Nametags are distributed to advisors at registration. Participants without a nametag may be asked to leave committee sessions in order to acquire a new nametag. In the event of a misplaced nametag, participants may seek a replacement at the central registration table.

## ***Bag Policy***

Delegates are strictly prohibited from carrying bags larger than a small purse into any conference meeting space (including opening and closing ceremonies, committee sessions, and programming events). Large bags should be stored in hotel rooms during the conference. Necessary exceptions to this policy will be determined on a case by case basis.

## ***Pre-Written Documents and Electronic Devices***

Pre-written documents, such as draft resolutions, directives, communiqués, and press releases are strictly prohibited at JHUMUNC 2019. Writing these documents ahead of time and bringing them into committee session not only disadvantages other students, but also undermines the spirit of the simulation, which is the use of diplomacy and collaboration to solve the issues at hand. Any student who is discovered to have brought a pre-made version of one or more of the documents listed above to committee will be asked to leave committee for the rest of the session. Repeat offenders will be dismissed from the conference.

To help us enforce this policy, the use of laptops and other electronic devices (smart phones and tablets included) is strictly prohibited during committee session. Any student who needs to use a laptop during committee must bring a note signed by their advisor detailing why the student must use a laptop. Pre-conference research and planning when formulating one's position and writing one's position paper, on the other hand, are highly encouraged!

## ***Decorum***

All participants are asked to maintain decorum at all times. JHUMUNC staff reserves the right to dismiss participants from the conference for any offensive or disruptive behavior.

## ***Curfew***

JHUMUNC has a strict curfew policy that must be adhered to by all students. The curfew varies from day to day depending on the schedule of events for the evening. Throughout the night, there will be JHUMUNC staff members patrolling the hallways to help maintain a safe environment for participants. Please note that advisors are perfectly within their rights to set an earlier curfew for their students, although JHUMUNC will not enforce any curfew that differs from the one set conference-wide.

## ***Alcohol, Controlled Substances, Smoking, and Paraphernalia***

The use or possession of controlled substances, alcohol, cigarettes and e-cigarettes, and related paraphernalia is strictly prohibited for all students both in conference spaces and hotel rooms. JHUMUNC staff will confiscate all contraband substances found, and will report the offending student to their advisor. Violation of this policy subjects students to dismissal from the conference at the discretion of the JHUMUNC staff.

## ***Assault, Harassment, and Discrimination***

Any conference participant found to have assaulted or harassed a delegate, advisor, member of JHUMUNC staff, a guest of the conference, or a member of Hilton staff will be dismissed from the conference. Any report of misconduct, whether known or suspected, will immediately be reported in accordance with Johns Hopkins University policy and applicable Maryland Law. JHUMUNC will not tolerate any form of discrimination, including on the bases of race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, or disability.

### ***Loss of Equipment and Property***

Please avoid leaving items unattended. Theft or damage of equipment or property belonging to the staff of JHUMUNC, the conference hotel, a guest of the conference hotel, a delegate or delegation, or an advisor will not be tolerated. Participants found to have damaged or stolen equipment or property that does not belong to them will be dismissed from the conference. JHUMUNC reserves the right to contact hotel security or the Baltimore City Police Department if it feels a situation involving damage or loss of property warrants such contact.

### ***Role of the Advisor***

Aside from being responsible for the conduct and safety of their students and ensuring their delegation's compliance with school and delegation specific rules, advisors are expected to:

- Help ensure that students maintain a positive and professional approach to the conference and the diplomatic skills practiced at JHUMUNC;
- Serve as information resources when appropriate but leave participation in the committee process to the students and the conference staff by quietly observing their students from the back of the room;
- Refrain from using academic credit and grading policies that force participation beyond a country's normal position in the UN; awards should not be a delegation's main emphasis;
- Inform JHUMUNC staff of any student absences during the conference;
- Attend and participate in any faculty advisor meetings.

### ***Other Rules***

These rules are in addition to those established by federal, Maryland, and Baltimore City laws and ordinances, participating schools' policies, and common sense. Serious infractions will result in dismissal from the conference of those involved. The Secretaries-General reserves the right to issue additional rules or to alter existing rules at any time at the discretion of the Secretaries-General.

### ***Dismissal Policy***

Participants dismissed from the conference for violating JHUMUNC policies are not eligible for refunds. The decision to dismiss a participant is final and cannot be appealed.

### ***Interpretation of Rules***

All authoritative determinations of fact and interpretations of conference rules and policies are to be made by the Secretaries-General.

### ***Note on JHUMUNC "Staff"***

JHUMUNC Staff are all undergraduate students who are members of The Johns Hopkins Model United Nations Conference, an entirely student administered organization officially registered as a student group at the Homewood Campus.

## PART II: LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

By signing this liability release form, I agree to abide by the JHUMUNC policies listed above as well as the rules of the Hilton Baltimore. These policies are created to ensure fair participation and above all a safe conference environment. Every participant must complete this form, and all student delegates, irrespective of their age, must obtain a parent/guardian signature on the Liability Release Form.

We, both the undersigned participant from \_\_\_\_\_ (school name) and the undersigned participant's Parent/Guardian, agree to hold neither the Johns Hopkins University Model United Nations Conference, Session XXII (JHUMUNC 2019) and all its agents, nor the Johns Hopkins University (JHU) and all its agents and/or employees, liable for consequential damages related to events outside of JHUMUNC 2019 or JHU's control, of any nature for any reason whatsoever, including, but not limited to, strikes; labor disputes; restrictions or regulations on travel, hotel operation, commodities, or supplies; acts of war; acts of God; natural disasters; or civil disturbances. In addition, we expressly agree to hold neither JHUMUNC 2019 nor JHU liable for any and all claims and causes of action of any kind or nature which are in any way related, directly or indirectly, to the undersigned participant's participation in JHUMUNC 2019 which the undersigned participant may have or that hereafter may accrue, including any such claims or causes of action caused in whole or in part by the negligence of JHUMUNC 2019 or JHU, and their respective agents and employees, both while traveling to and from and during the conference, and while participating in JHUMUNC 2019 events.

I agree to be held fully responsible for any damages or loss of equipment or property that occurs as a result of my activities while attending JHUMUNC 2019. I agree to read and fully adhere to all rules, regulations, and policies listed both listed above and in the JHUMUNC 2019 Delegate or Advisor Guides, and agree to follow the verbal instruction of JHUMUNC and Hilton staff during conference proceedings and advisor meetings (if applicable). Furthermore, I agree to abide by all applicable Federal, Maryland State and Baltimore City laws and ordinances. I understand that failure to adhere to these conditions may result in my disqualification and expulsion from JHUMUNC 2019 and that neither JHUMUNC 2019 nor JHU will be held liable for any losses that I may incur in such a case.

**Participant Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Parent/Guardian Name if Participant is a Student (print):* \_\_\_\_\_

*Parent/Guardian Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Advisor Cellphone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **PART III: MEDIA RELEASE FORM**

I hereby represent that I \_\_\_\_\_, am over the age of 18 or the legal parent or guardian of the minor in question, and I hereby grant the Johns Hopkins University Model United Nations Conference the absolute and irrevocable right and unrestricted permission in respect of photographic portraits, likenesses or pictures, video or audio recordings, that have been taken of me/my child or in which I/my child may be included with others. The Conference may use, publish, and republish the same photographs or recordings in whole or in part, individually, in any and all media now or hereafter, and for any purpose whatsoever, for illustration, promotion, art, editorial, advertising and trade, or any purpose whatsoever without restriction as to alteration; and to use my name if the Conference chooses.

I hereby release and discharge the JHUMUNC from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of such photographs, video or audio recordings including, without limitation, any and all claims for libel or invasion of privacy.

I have the right to make decisions on my own behalf. I have read the foregoing and fully understand the contents thereof. This release shall be binding upon my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns.

**Participant Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature (or signature of parent/guardian if under 18):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_