



INTERNATIONAL PRESS CORPS





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Executive Board's Message

Greetings Delegates!

It is with the utmost pleasure, that we, as members of the Executive Board, extend our welcome to all of you to the International Press Corps, at the eighth stimulation of the Welham Boys' School Model United Nations Conference. As members of the International Press Corps, you will be a part of a stimulation paralleled by none other. All of you have an important role at the conference- reporting on the proceedings and events of each committee. The International Press Of Model United Nations stresses sculpting the basic aspect of being a full-blown journalist who showcases the traits of an impartial and unbiased reporter. It is very important for you to understand the power of the ink, which can be presided over by any fervid mind, in a matter of mere minutes. Therefore, it is extremely important to understand the inevitable role of the media in conferences that have the potential to affect the lives of people, counting in billions. We are sure that you are very well aware that International Press is among the most authoritative and prominent principles in the modern world. The vision here is to create a journal that reflects the power of the press. We are here to resonate with the anthem of the press, which is free and independent and has no foundation of bias. We have always believed in the maxim "the pen is mightier than the sword", and for us, it shows the true nature of the role of the international press. In spite of the critical need for journalism experience, we sincerely hope that all of you will do well. However, if there is any kind of guidance needed, we would be delighted to help you out without any sort of biased judgment.

Wishing you the best of luck!



Role at WELMUN

Your role at WELMUN 24 will include the following:

1. Formal Reporting

- All the members of the International Press Corps will be given their news organisations and their assigned committees sufficiently beforehand. As a spokesperson of a news organisation, reporting the events taking part in your committee will be among your key roles. The International Press Corps will bring out newsletters which will be an anthology of your articles. Hence, a sizable portion of your articles should contain critical details on committee activities. The delegates may refer to the link below or other similar resources in order to get themselves even more familiarised with the traits and characteristics of an ideal news article.

- You can also put forward your personal views on the agenda through Opinion Editorials.

We expect you

to be well versed with the agenda, so that the articles put forward show your research and also provide the readers an in-depth analysis of the topic. The delegates may refer to the link below or other similar resources in order to get themselves even more familiarised with the traits and characteristics

of an ideal opinion articles

2. Press Conferences

- You will be allowed to question the delegates in the committee with the prior permission of your Executive Board during the course of the conference. Keep in mind, the opportunity to conduct a press conference will be subjected to time constraints. You are expected to make judicious use of this time and ask good questions. In order to accomplish this you are required to be well researched and attentive during the proceedings of the committee.

3. Interviews

- Interviews provide the journalists the opportunity to interact with the delegates in person. It is an important tool that can be utilised to bring out those aspects which may not have been highlighted during the conference. Reporters may interview the delegates during breaks or lobbying sessions to make sure that committee proceedings are not disturbed. The delegate will submit their pieces to the Chairperson through e-mail or a pen drive.



4. Humour Column

- This column is meant to add humour to the press issues and amuse the delegates. Comments must be woven into articles, with consistent and real humour. Offensive, vulgar or lewd humour will not be accepted.

5. 'In The Air' Column

- 'In The Air' column will be referred to as Unmoderated. Yes, every delegate requires a juicy bit of gossip; this column must not offend anyone. If the column is found to be condescending or offensive by the Secretariat, it will be rejected for publication or heavily edited, by discretion of the Chair.

6. Other Media Styles

- Apart from the above-mentioned things, reporters may come up with their own genres of writing. Your submissions may include poems, fictional writings, cartoons, etc, that cover the agenda being discussed in your committee. We highly encourage the reporters to be creative.



Rules and Elements of Style

3.1 Position Paper

Before the Conference commences, all IPC delegates are expected to submit a position paper with no less than 500 words. The position paper will contain the assigned News Agency's stance on agendas from any two committees that are being simulated throughout the duration of the conference. (Kindly note that your assigned committee will be given to you on the first day of the conference)

What is a Position Paper?

A Position Paper serves as a formal expression of a delegate's perspective on a given issue or topic within a committee or conference. In forums like Model United Nations (MUN), delegates often submit Position Papers to present their country's or organization's viewpoint on the topics under consideration.

Essential elements of a Position Paper typically include:

1. **Introduction:** Offering an overview of the topic's significance and introducing the represented country, organization, or news agency.
2. **Background Information:** Providing context and historical, political, economic, and social background related to the discussed topic.
3. **Stance of the Country/Organization:** Articulating the delegate's country's or organization's position on the topic, including objectives, concerns, and proposed solutions.
4. **Policy Recommendations:** Presenting feasible and practical policy suggestions aligned with the delegate's stance.
5. **Supporting Evidence:** Backing arguments with evidence, data, and examples, including references to relevant treaties, resolutions, laws, and statistics.
6. **Conclusion:** Summarizing key points and restating the delegate's stance.

Position Papers serve various purposes in MUN and similar conferences:

- Helping delegates organize their thoughts before the conference.
- Providing a framework for communicating a country's or organization's position during formal debate.
- Serving as references for understanding perspectives and proposals.
- Contributing to discussions and decision-making processes by highlighting areas of consensus and disagreement.

Overall, Position Papers are valuable tools for delegates to engage in diplomatic negotiations, advocate for their interests, and seek consensus-based solutions to global challenges.

3.2. Articles

3.2.1. Beat Articles

While the conference agenda guides discussions, delegates delve into various relevant issues. Beat Articles focus on a specific subject, known as the beat, offering in-depth research and insights. These articles derive from committee proceedings, emphasizing crucial topics to attract readership. Journalists actively participate in committee sessions to identify and capture the essence of discussions. Beat



Articles prioritize factual accuracy, incorporating direct quotes and statistical data. They do not require personal opinions but must align with the central theme.

3.2.2 Opinionated Articles/Opinion Editorials

Opinion Editorials allow journalists to express viewpoints on committee agendas. Besides discussing current debates, journalists offer personal perspectives, backed by research and knowledge. Op-eds serve multiple purposes, including debating propositions, providing historical context, and suggesting actions. Research is crucial for well-informed opinions, and clarity in articulation ensures effective communication. Constructive Criticism is encouraged, fostering respectful dialogue without offending others.

3.3. Reports

News reports convey updated information to a general audience, focusing on committee discussions. Reports are published promptly, following a consistent editorial policy. Each journalist adheres to a single editorial approach, specified in their reports. The primary audience is delegates, ensuring a continuous flow of information.

3.4. Press Release

Press releases distribute information to the media, often originating from committee chairs. Journalists reframe these releases for journalistic purposes, subject to approval by the IPC's editorial board and committee chairs. Press releases serve as valuable sources for news coverage.

3.5. Photographs

Although not primary, photojournalism complements press coverage. Journalists utilize various devices to capture significant moments, ensuring factual representation without excessive editing. Photographs enhance reports and may require editorial approval for inclusion in articles.

3.6. Interviews

Interviews offer insights from delegates but should not disrupt conference proceedings. Journalists conduct interviews outside session times, respecting delegates' participation. Attending press conferences and gathering historical information enriches interview questions, aligning with editorial perspectives.

3.7. Features

Features allow journalists to showcase creativity within committee-focused contexts. Creativity is encouraged while maintaining relevance to the conference.



Addressing Plagiarism

The originality of your articles is its most important factor. While you are allowed to research and take inspiration from various sources, plagiarism is not encouraged under any circumstances. It can also result in debarment from committee awards. We also request the reporters to cite the sources for the facts and information they include in their writings.

1. Punctuation:

We expect the reporters to punctuate their articles correctly. Colons, full stops, commas, marks, dashes, etc must be placed correctly.

2. Capitalisation:

All abbreviations such as UNHRC or UNSC along with other proper nouns need to be capitalised.

3. Format of Articles and Reports

Your news reports, articles and opinion pieces must contain the following

1. An introduction
2. The main body
3. Conclusion

An integral, yet often forgotten part of an article is the by-line. It is simply a line inserted right below the title, indicating who has written the article and what it conveys. We also encourage you to give catchy titles to your writing.

4. References:

We request you avoid referring to delegates by their names or pronouns. You may instead use 'Delegate of', followed by their portfolio. Apart from that, you should use the standard UN country and organization names when referring to any nation or organization.

5. Contractions:

We also advise you to avoid using contractions such as "can't" or "don't". Instead, use the expanded forms, as they appear to be more formal.

6. Abbreviations:

No spaces should be used separating letters of an organization, country, etc. Some examples of correct abbreviations include USA, UK, USSR, ECOSOC

7. Apostrophes:

Apostrophes will only be used to indicate possessive nouns.

8. Currency:

Refrain from using the 'Rs' sign. Rather use INR for indicating sums in Indian Rupees. Also, symbols for currencies such as the '\$' sign should be used. Nations "Member States" should be initially capitalized.

**9. Numerals:**

Any numeral less than or equal to 20 must be spelled. Numerals over twenty are to be represented with digits. International Number System will be followed. Fractions and decimal numbers should be reported as decimal numerals or percentages, such as 0.5 or 50% (rather than “one half” or “1/2”). Roman numerals are used only when referring to a source, which was originally, designated using Roman numerals, such as Chapter V of the UN Charter (articles of the UN Charter are written as “Article 5”). Ordinal numerals are spelled out within the text of an article, such as the First Committee of the General Assembly. In article headings or titles, the Publisher may choose to use ordinal abbreviations, such as 1st Committee. Percent symbols should be used to report percentages, for example 64.4%.

10. Quotation marks:

Standard British English Grammar rules apply.

11. Spacing:

One space is used to separate words, as well as following commas, semicolons, colons and periods. Since the newsletter is published in a variable width font, two spaces between sentences will not be necessary.

12. Spelling:

Reporters must be sure to spell check all the articles before the editorial deadline.

13. Quotations

Delegates are expected to use correct punctuation marks such as quotation marks, ellipsis, etc.



How will you be Assessed?

You will predominantly be assessed on the following criteria:

1. Your Position Paper

The members of the International Press corps will either be representing an international or a national news organisation. You will be charged with producing a position paper as a part of your preparation for this role. Your position paper should include the following three categories:

1. The history of your allotted news organisation.
2. Its comparative bias, principally with respect to major current events.
3. The way in which you approach the topics of your assigned committees as a spokesperson of your news organisation.

We expect you to address these in distinct sections.

2. Participation during the conference.

The most important part of this conference's Press Corps will be your much expected participation. This includes writing your reports and news articles, your Opinion Editorials, press conferences, interviews, etc. We urge you to really work well on your media styles and make sure that they meet our expectations.

3. Representation

An important factor of the IPC will be its diverse representation, regarding both geography and bias. The Press Corps will be composed of news agencies from different regions, with different histories, and with different biases. You will be assessed on how you represent the political stand of your news organisation through your news articles and opinion editorials.

4. Counter

Since the International Press Corps will have such diversity, one news organization may not share similar views with the other news organization, or may even hold radically different views and perspectives. The journalists, therefore, should also expect rivalries between news organizations. You will also be assessed on how you counter and respond to the articles published by your rival organizations.

5. Punctuality

Submitting your news articles, interviews, opinion editorials, etc to the Executive Board on time is very important. Your position papers will be read and judged, and if you fail in punctual submissions, it may result in revocation from committee awards. Please keep in mind that late will only be entertained if you have a valid reason and inform the Executive Board well in advance.



Final Thoughts

The Welham Boys' School Model United Nations Conference provides every reporter with a chance to channel their creativity and knowledge and experience professional journalism stimulation. Your preparation for this conference must include your understanding of the political stand and ideology of your respective news organizations. You need to be thoroughly aware of the stance of your news organization with regard to the topic at hand. You must also have deep knowledge of the agendas to be discussed in the committee allotted to you. You may even need to go through the background guides of your respective committees in order to achieve this. Read about the agenda and the various perspectives on it. Access the quality of research required and see how the content is balanced. The unique experience that the International Press holds ranging from frantically running through committee rooms to getting an opportunity to express your most profound thoughts- is truly one that can not be found anywhere else



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