

CSMUN 2026 – Official Model United Nations Guide

I. Essentials

This guide equips delegates with the core rules, structure, and expectations of a Model United Nations conference. It aims to develop analytical thinking, structured argumentation, and diplomatic negotiation skills.

II. Structure of Debate

Three formats structure all discussions:

Format	Description
Formal Debate	Speakers list, structured speeches, possible yields
Moderated Caucus	Short, focused interventions under Chair control
Unmoderated Caucus	Free negotiation and drafting (lobbying)

III. Motions

Motion	Purpose
Set Agenda	Decide topic order
Open Debate	Begin formal debate
Moderated Caucus	Focused discussion
Unmoderated Caucus	Negotiation/lobbying
Move to Voting	End debate
Divide the House	Remove abstentions

IV. Voting Strategy

Voting is both procedural and political. Abstentions can signal neutrality, while 'with rights' allows delegates to justify their vote.

Type	Requirement
Simple Majority	>50%
Two-thirds	Important decisions

V. Writing Resolutions

A resolution must be clear, actionable, and realistic.

Bad	Good
Encourages peace	Requests Member States to establish a monitoring mechanism

VI. Committee Flow

Typical sequence:

- Roll call
- Agenda setting
- Opening speeches
- Moderated caucus
- Unmoderated caucus
- Draft resolutions
- Debate
- Amendments
- Voting
- Adjournment

VII. Educational Objectives

This conference contributes to the formation of engaged, informed, and responsible citizens.

Skill	Outcome
Critical thinking	Analyze global issues
Public speaking	Structured argumentation
Negotiation	Diplomatic compromise
Civic engagement	Understanding institutions