

## 2018-2019 KY YMCA PROGRAM CHANGES

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You can review last year's changes at [kymca.org/changes2017](http://kymca.org/changes2017)

## I. KY YMCA ONLINE COMMUNITY

- **Delegate Info Forms** – the Online Community requires each student and adult to review/update their Delegate Info Form each year. Students moving from middle to high school need to complete the switching schools form (linked in the email sent with Delegate Info Form) and also available at [kyyymca.org/switching-schools](http://kyyymca.org/switching-schools).
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## II. KYA & KUNA CHANGES

### 1. Logistics

- **Price Increase** – As conference costs have steadily increased by roughly 5% each year, yet the conference price has not increased in four years, KYA and KUNA prices will increase by \$10 starting in the 2018-19 school year.
- **Update Intent Numbers** – In order to make space for as many students as possible, early intent numbers will now require an update. This will take place in the fall semester for KYA and spring semester for KUNA. A reminder will be sent to the advisor listed as lead advisor when the form opens (note: this is the person who was logged in and submitted the intent). All intents filed before that date **MUST** be updated in order to gain access to registration.
- **Agenda Changes** – We will move the start time of all conferences from last year's 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in an effort to ensure that all schools can arrive by the beginning of the earliest meetings. The end time for High School conferences will be extended by an half hour to ensure on-time dismissal.
- **Sick Policy** - This year we will be creating a sick policy that advisors can consult before conference when deciding if a student should, or should not attend, or should leave early. More information will come out regarding this closer to conference and will be added to the website for your convenience.
- **Delegation Photos** – Y-staff will no longer be taking delegation photos, but we will allow a short window for advisors to take them upon arrival at the Capitol and at the beginning of Global Village.
- **Individual Registrations and Applications Deadline** – Moving forward, all individual forms including, but not limited to GFI/LTC Registrations, Supporting Officer and special program applications, Training Registrations, and Y-Corps, CONA, and NJC applications will be set at 6 p.m EST.

### 2. Candidates, Officers, Parliamentarians

- **Candidate Conference Attendance Prerequisite** – Moving forward, candidates will be able to count KYA, KUNA, Y-Corps, MYA, LTC and GFI for their prerequisite conference attendance. This will open the opportunity to run for office to dedicated students who become involved with the Y in later years. Please refer to the Candidates page of our website for more details.

- **Parliamentarians** – To ensure that committees are run by well-trained student leaders, each committee will have co-chairs who will alternate between the role of chair and clerk. They must attend the pre-conference supporting officer training. All schools can now have up to two chairs on their registration.

Doorkeepers will be trained on-site in the first day Chair and Doorkeeper meeting and the parliamentarian title will be dissolved.

- **Presiding Officer Applicants** – In order to ensure consistency for all Presiding Officer requirements, students in specialized programs (ICJ, Media, Lobbyists, etc) who may want to serve as a Presiding Officer the following year MUST be a Student YMCA member and should be affiliated prior to conference.

### 3. Awards

- **Award Nominations** - Advisors are responsible for turning in award nominations, electronically, by the beginning of the mixer. Completion of this form is a requirement for Premiere Delegation (see below) status. Outside of Outstanding Delegate or Ambassador, no self-nominations will be accepted.
- **Premiere Delegation** – We are excited to change the name of Delegation of Excellence to Premiere Delegation. This naming change will allow us to have consistent language with other Youth and Government programs. Several qualifications have been added to this honor which can be found below:
  - **On-time full registration:** including bills/resolutions without additional changes and without any extension.
  - **On-time payment:** payment of registration invoice must be received by the KY YMCA prior to delegation's arrival.
  - **On-time Award Form Submission:** (see above)
  - **Positive Behavior from All Delegates**
  - **On-time attendance at all mandatory meetings while at conference.**
  - **On-time for mandatory delegation caucuses.**
  - **On-time Global Village Cleanup:** ALL items must be picked up.
- **Program Area Awards** – In an effort to streamline final morning Gas, special programs (Media, Lobbyists, ICJ/Supreme Court, Security Council) will present some individual awards internally in their final meeting. Winners will be displayed on screens in Closing GA, but will not come forward. Only "outstanding" awards will be presented in the final GA.

### 4. Debate and Speeches

- **Technical Questions** – The time for technical questions will no longer be set at 2 minutes, which will allow chairs to make adjustments for timing and for the number of students who wish to ask questions.
- **Speeches** – In no speech by a sponsor, candidate, or pro/con speaker may anything other than a tri-fold board be used as a prop, including the audience (meaning call and response, "raise your hand if...", "how many of you..." etc. are against the rules.)

- **Ranking Categories** – To ensure that the most thought-provoking bills and resolutions move forward and that our ranking categories are consistent across programs, we will replace Importance to KY/Int'l Importance with Impact and Debatibility with Evidence of Research.
  - **Technical Question (MS Only)** – In the interest of ensuring that debate is vibrant and productive, middle school students will be required to follow technical questions during pro/con debate with a speech given by them. They will not be allowed to yield to fulfill the requirement that a pro or con contains a speech.
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### III. KYA ONLY CHANGES

#### 1. HS ONLY - College & Community Action Fair

- **Action Fair** – In order to make KYA a more lasting experience, various colleges and organizations from around the state will be invited to take part in a College & Community Action Fair. This will give students the opportunity to network with organizations from their own communities so that they can put into action what they learn at KYA.

#### 2. MS ONLY - Lt. Governor

- **Lt. Governor** – To further engage sponsors in the BG program and to create an additional leadership position for the candidate pool, we will add Lt. Governor to the MS Presiding Officer pool. They will meet with sponsors of passed BG bills and advise the Governor on their agenda based upon those meeting.
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### IV. KUNA ONLY CHANGES

#### 1. Country Representation

- **Country Signs** - Moving forward, signs may be accompanied by up to two people and will be restricted to 6'x6'x6' (so that they fit through a standard double door). Signs exceeding these restrictions will not be eligible for the Country Sign Award.
- **Global Village** – To ensure student safety and compliance with hotel rules, live animals and running water are not permitted in Global Village booths.
- **Resolution Ranking** - Resolution Ranking Sheets in Committees will be completed by school, rather than by country.

#### 2. Assorted

- **Voting** – All votes at KUNA – including the first-round elections and Schools' Choice Resolution will be by school rather than country to ensure fairness.
- **Security Council** – The position of Security Council Clerk will be renamed the "Director of Security Council Affairs" to align with the actual administrative structure of the Security Council within the UN Charter.