

2020 Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA)

Program Changes

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I. Changes Affecting Both KUNA and KYA

1. **Advisors-** Registration will now include options to add multiple advisors and other adults. All advisors and adults, regardless of number from each school, will be charged for registering for the conference, which includes sleeping, eating, and materials cost. This change will both ensure safety measures as well as keep uncollected funds from preventing student attendance at conferences. There is still an adult max of 1 adult per every 10 students. Note** This does not change payment for any delegation who has historically paid for their advisors to attend. It only effects delegations who have, in the past, managed to have additional advisors attend free of charge. The KY YMCA is hoping to be aware of any additional costs that would otherwise come from the scholarship fund, which helps to support students, schools, and advisors in attending conferences. We encourage anyone in need to apply for our [need-based scholarship](#).
 2. **Candidates-** A space will be provided on the Candidate Declaration Form where Candidates are now required to submit their campaign slogans in addition to their platforms.
 3. **Coffee-** Dependent upon the hotel, there will now be either a sign and/or Y-Staff Member/Volunteer stationed by the coffee line to prevent students from waiting in line for coffee during scheduled programming and during quick transitions between scheduled programming. For example, during the transition from committees to General Assembly. This will prevent students from missing important program pieces.
 4. **Fun Night-** To ensure the KY YMCA is providing the safest programming space possible Mandatory Fun will no longer include a dance. We are looking into potential replacement options (ie. silent disco, extreme karaoke, etc.) to accommodate those students. Other Fun spaces (ie. Ga-Ga, Chill, Movie, etc.) will remain the same.
 5. **Local Schools-** Advisors from local area schools whose students are not all arriving together will now need to arrive by 12:00 PM EST and station themselves in the schools previously assigned luggage space. This will allow students to have a place and point of contact to report to on arrival, further ensuring accountability and student safety.
 6. **Mini-Schedules-** KUNA and KYA conferences will no longer utilize mini-schedules. Mini-schedules are not able to fully represent the agenda of these conferences. It is important that students and adults are utilizing their resolution/bill books for the complete agenda as well as many other resources that are included.
 7. **Visitors-** Adults who are unregistered and visiting conferences were not included in the original numbers count that was provided to hotels and vendors providing materials. Therefore, visitors will not be provided with sleeping rooms, meals, or materials (ie. resolution/bill books) while at the conference. Visitors are welcome to attend the conference during regular visiting hours and are encouraged to observe the different programming elements that students are experiencing.
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II. Awards

1. **Award Nominations Form-** During the final General Assembly of debate there will now be a reminder for Advisors to submit their online nominations form. Additionally, at 7:15, if a delegation's form has not been submitted their regional coordinator may contact the advisor. At this time there will also be ONE non-emergency message on the advisor emergency GroupMe as a reminder to submit the nominations form.
2. **Best Packet-** Best Packet Award will now also be reflective of student rankings in addition to advisor rankings. The highest average of both rankings combined will determine the award.

3. **Qualifications-** Y-Staff will be taking thorough steps to note when delegations are not following rules (ie. Parade of Nations sign guidelines), which would disqualify them as a Premiere Delegation. Student Presiding Officers will be included in these steps, when needed, in fulfilling their role to better serve their conference.
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III. Cultural Day

1. **Cultural Attire-** It is the primary goal of the KY YMCA to continue striving to be a Y for all. In order to put that into action the organization must take an intentional and thoughtful step forward by removing cultural attire from KUNA programming. This step will offer a space to focus on educational information of countries, rather than misrepresentation of a country's culture. Dress code for the first day of KUNA will now be business casual and the second day will remain business professional. This change will not affect international stage, but will require students taking part in international stage, who have a costume, to change both immediately before and after their performance.
 2. **Global Village-** After receiving a lot of feedback from students and advisors and allowing time for careful consideration, the KY YMCA has decided to make an intentional change and update Global Village to a more informative programming piece. 10x10 spaces will no longer be provided eliminating use of a tent. Instead **EACH COUNTRY** will now be provided a 6ft x 1ft table. Each country will be required to include on their table a completed information sheet about their country, provided by Y-Staff, as well as a collective visual representation of their country (ie. map, artwork, artifact). Any visual representation must be able to fit on the table, free-standing, and must not exceed 4ft in height from the table-top nor should it exceed the 6ft length and 1ft width of the table. Outlets and wall space will not be provided. To reflect this change Global Village will now be known as **World Expo**.
 3. **International Stage-** Acrobatics, flips, and gymnastic stunts are **NOT ALLOWED** during performance due to safety concerns. At no time should a performer's legs go over their head, or be lifted over someone's head by another performer. This includes performers getting on one another's shoulders or backs.
 4. **Parade of Nations-** In accordance with changes previously mentioned, students will no longer wear cultural attire during parade of nations and now may remain in business casual attire or are able to wear a Y appropriate shirt displaying the name of their country. Students are still encouraged to use their creativity in making country signs that accurately represent their countries. These signs are carried during the parade of nations and then relocated to the corresponding country's World Expo table. Signs must be able to either fit under their country table or lean against it. They should not exceed 3 ft. in height and width and no more than 1 ft. in depth. Country signs should be small enough for one student to carry. Two student representatives from each country are still permitted to participate in the Parade of Nations and encouraged to carry their country's flag.
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IV. Debate

1. **Caucuses-** The final caucus in committees will now be extended from 30 seconds to 1 minute in order to allow for a more informed decision. The first caucus will remain 30 seconds.
2. **Committee Rounds-** The KY YMCA hopes to provide the most authentic model United Nations experience possible and is always looking for areas of improvement. This year the organization has decided to move forward with changing the title of Summit Presidents to Vice Presidents of the General Assembly. Additionally, instead of committees and summits, there will now be **ranking committees and voting committees**. This change will not affect any other aspect of debate, only the name of parts of debate.

3. **Country Perspective-** In order to remind and encourage students to participate in debate with the perspective of the country they are representing and not their home country, Y-Staff has created a more detailed notes taking page to be included in the resolution book. Additionally, there will be a booklet for advisors to use as a resource in preparing delegations for KUNA. This booklet will be made available online and on our resources page and sent via advisor blast to advisors. Resources will also be made available for advisors and students to pick resolution topics that are internationally focused and not only affecting the representing country.
 4. **Country Placards-** During voting committees Vice Presidents will now be provided with a list of each country in that committee and country voting placards will be passed out to the students in the voting committee and then collected before being dismissed.
 5. **General Assembly Dismissal-** During debate we will now be dismissing from General Assembly by committee so that committees can move together making for a more efficient transition time.
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V. Education Fair

1. In an effort to streamline our resolution education process and ensure students have the opportunity to review resolutions in their committees this year the Education Fair will be replaced with a Resolution Networking Session. During this time, delegates and resolution sponsors will participate in 15-minutes of networking at the beginning of their committee session to learn more about the committee's resolutions. Co-Chairs at HS (and with volunteer/staff support at MS) will present a script detailing the proper "networking" process. In place of a trifold or poster board, each resolution sponsor will be allowed to have one 8½ x 11 sheet of paper to support their networking that can show important details, images, graphics, etc., which cannot be handed out to others. *(Note: resolution sponsors still cannot pass out anything to other delegates on their resolution.)*
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VI. Miscellaneous

1. **Flags-** To maintain an accurate reservation record of flags there will be a google form created for delegations to reserve their flags online. This form will be placed on the website and will be shared with advisors through advisor blasts. Please note we will have a list of the flags we have available. Not all flags will be available.
 2. **Recording/Streaming-** Presiding Officer speeches and Candidate speeches that are pre-approved will continue to be live-streamed. The final morning debate will be recorded and later posted online.
 3. **Senior Recognition-** To ensure proper recognition of seniors by the full conference we will no longer have a separate senior banquet, but instead we will now present senior cords on the final morning during closing session.
 4. **Y Desk-** KUNA season often requires that two conferences take place at the same time, which causes Y-Staff to be split at each conference and does not always allow for coverage of the Y Desk. There will now be brief time periods during those conferences that a Y-Staff member will not be available at the Y Desk and there will be a sign displayed to signify the Y Desk is closed. If an emergent situation arises during one of these times advisors may notify the conference director by phone.
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VII. Registration

1. **Oversized Vehicles-** A space will be added to registration for advisors to indicate whether or not they will need parking for oversized vehicles that will not fit into parking garages and how many spaces will be needed. Having this information in advance will allow ample time to procure parking for the advisors needing it.
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VIII. Scheduling

1. **Conference Dismissal-** Middle School Conferences closing session will now be end at 10:30 AM. The agenda will allow for luggage pick-up time and at 11:00 AM the conference will dismiss. High School Conferences closing session will now be end at 11:00 AM. The agenda will allow for luggage pick-up time and at 11:30 AM the conference will be dismissed.
 2. **Specialized Program Agendas-** A separate agenda page will be included in the resolution book for each specialized program (ie. Security Council, ICJ, Media Corps, Secretariat & NGO Program)
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IX. Specialized Programs

1. **Secretariat & NGO Program-** Moving forward for next year the Secretariat & NGO Program will now allow for 1 student from **each school** to participate. There will be a space on registration for these students to be registered.
2. **Security Council Representatives-** Any delegation representing a Big 5 Country **MUST** have a Security Council representative. Additionally, Security Council members will be given a separate deadline to submit position papers. Students who do not complete position papers prior to arriving on-site will not be allowed to participate in the Council. In order to give students more time to prepare and research, position papers will now be due 2 weeks prior to the first day of each conference. Security Council Y Staff Program Leads will provide further information closer to conference. Advisors should be prepared to send the Security Council Staff Lead the names and emails of any students participating in the Council no later than the first week of February (exact date to be determined closer to conference).
3. **Security Council Resolutions-** The Security Council will no longer accept resolutions that were debated in GA and get "sent" to the SC. Only resolutions that are drafted by a member of the Security Council may be debated in the Security Council.