

2022 Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA)

Program Changes

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I. Changes Affecting Both KUNA and KYA

1. **COVID-19-** During the pandemic, the KYYMCA is striving to keep everyone as safe as possible so we can continue to provide in-person programming. This includes adding extra safety measures to KUNA & KYA. All students, advisors, chaperones, volunteers, and Y-Staff must submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination and/or a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 days of the first day of the conference.
 2. **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 attending 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.
 3. **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. The candidate meeting will also take place virtually within 3 days of the first day of their conference.
 4. **Fun Night-** To ensure the KY YMCA is providing the safest programming space possible Mandatory Fun will have fewer options, including Talent Stage (sign-ups must be submitted online through the KUNA assembly page), Movie Room, and Chill Room. With advisor's permission, students will also be able to go to their sleeping rooms during Fun Time.
 5. **School Arrival Times-** To prevent crowding in the hotel hallways, schools will be given a specific arrival time to arrive to the hotel. We ask that schools respect this arrival time and do not show up to the hotel earlier or later. Some exceptions can be made, requests can be emailed to Rianna Ayala at rianna@kyyymca.org.
 6. **Visitors-** There will be NO visitors allowed this year to minimize the amount of contact coming in and out of the conference.
 7. **Assigned Seating in General Assemblies-** All students will be assigned a table number for all General Assemblies in order for Y-Staff to contact trace. These assignments will be printed on nametags and listed on the roster. A map with table numbers and delegations will be made available on each KUNA assembly page to review prior to arriving at the conference.
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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 6:45, 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. **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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I. 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. **World Expo**- **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 (available at <https://www.kyymca.org/programs/kuna/representing-countries/world-expo/>) 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. All World Expo materials must be taken down by curfew on Night 1 of KUNA.
 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.
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II. 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 table number.
 6. **Assigned Seating in Committees**- During debate, students will sit in assigned seats. Rows will be marked by a letter and number (i.e. A1, B1, C1, etc.) and students will have their seat number listed on their nametag and roster in the bill book. Supporting & Presiding Officers will not receive an assignment.
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III. Meals

1. **Boxed Meals**- Meals will be boxed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 through buffet utensils. Delegations will be assigned an eating location (also their Delegation Meeting space) and will take their boxed meal and eat only in their assigned location.
 2. **Pizza**- Due to limited staff capacity, pizza sales will NOT occur this year. We encourage students to bring extra snacks to compensate for no late night pizzas.
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IV. Miscellaneous

1. **Flags**- The flag bank will NOT be available this year.
 2. **Recording/Streaming**- Presiding Officer speeches and Candidate speeches that are pre-approved will continue to be live-streamed. All General Assemblies will be livestreamed on the KYMCA Facebook Page.
 3. **Y Store**- The Y Store will be combined with the Y Desk this year and available at any time there is not programming occurring.
 4. **Luggage**- There will be NO luggage rooms. Students will take their luggage to the ballroom and put under their assigned round tables. Table assignments will be listed on their nametags and the roster. These will also be available on the assembly page prior to the conference.
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V. Registration

1. **Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination/Negative Test**- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination and/or a negative COVID-19 test MUST be submitted digitally 72 hours prior to the first day of the conference. A link will be automatically emailed to everyone registered 72 hours before the first day of the conference to submit a photo/scan of their vaccine card or negative test. Home tests will NOT be accepted.
 2. **Code of Conduct**- Codes of Conduct will be submitted virtually this year and will be on the same form that the COVID-19 vaccination card or negative test is submitted. This will be emailed to all registered participants 72 hours prior to the first day of the conference.
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VI. 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.
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VII. Specialized Programs

1. **Secretariat & NGO Program**- Moving forward for next year the Secretariat & NGO Program will now allow for 1 student from **each country** 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. Security Council Y Staff Program Leads will provide further information closer to conference.