

2023 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. Masking will be required at your KUNA conference *if* KY community levels are high. The final masking policy for each conference will be made 48 hours before the first day and included in the Code of Conduct email that will be sent to all participants.
 2. **Advisor & Y-Staff Communication – Slack-** Starting in the 2022/23 KYA & KUNA season, communication between Advisors and Y-Staff will occur via Slack instead of GroupMe or a group text change. An email will be sent to all advisors prior to the conference to join Slack. There will also be additional help offered to join the Slack during the Advisor meeting on the first day.
 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-** Mandatory Fun will have more options, including Talent Stage, Movie Room, GaGa Room, and Chill/Game Room. Students will **NOT** be able to go to their sleeping rooms during Fun Time.
 5. **School Arrival Times-** Schools will be assigned a half hour chunk of time when they can arrive. Times will be created after registration closes and emailed to advisors. Some exceptions can be made, requests can be emailed to Rianna Ayala at rianna@kyyymca.org.
 6. **Visitors-** Visitors will be allowed to return to conferences this year. Visitors must sign in at the Y-Desk with a photo I.D. to receive a visitor's nametag. Additional safety measures may be implemented.
 7. **Candidate Voting-** Voting for candidates will return to paper ballots.
 8. **Schools Must Spend the Night-** Students and delegations will be required to spend the night at their conference and will NOT have the option to go home each evening. If there are extenuating circumstances for specific students, Y-Staff can make exceptions. If exceptions are needed, please email Rianna Ayala at rianna@kyyymca.org.
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II. Awards

1. **Country Representation Awards-** we will be implementing 3 new awards in the KUNA 2023: Outstanding Country Representation Award, Outstanding Country Sign, & World Expo Presentation Award. The qualifications for these awards can be found on our website at: <https://www.kyyymca.org/programs/kuna/awards/>
 2. **Senior Cords Qualifications-** To receive senior cords, seniors must meet the following for their single cord: attended at least 2 KYA/KUNA conferences, including the one they are at when cords are given. In order to receive the double cord, seniors must meet the requirements for the single cord AND have been attended at least 4 KYA/KUNA conferences and/or has been a Student Y Member for at least 4 years. **Students must be present at their senior KYA/KUNA conference to receive their cords; cords will NOT be mailed.** If students received their cords at KYA, they will NOT receive any at their KUNA conference.
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I. Cultural Representation

1. **World Expo- EACH COUNTRY** must request a World Expo table to be provided a 6ft x 1ft table at the conference. Each country will be required to include on their table a completed information sheet about their country, provided by Y-Staff ([available here](#)) as well as a collective visual representation of their country (ie. map, artwork, artifact). Please review all of the rules and guidelines [on our website to be eligible for awards](#). All World Expo materials must be taken down by curfew on Night 1 of KUNA. Country displays that follow all of these guidelines will receive an award on the final day.
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II. Debate

1. **Caucuses-** The first caucus will be removed from debate (the caucus that occurs after the Sponsor's Opening speech). The final caucus will be reduced back to 30 seconds instead of 1 minute.
 2. **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. Ambassadors who correctly represent the perspective of their country during debate may be eligible for the Outstanding Country Award.
 3. **Doorkeepers -** Doorkeepers will be returning in the KUNA 2023 season. Each school can appoint one Doorkeeper on their KUNA registration. Doorkeepers must attend the Chair & Doorkeeper meeting on the first day of their KUNA conference to receive their assignment and serve during debate. If they do not attend this meeting, they will not be able to serve.
 4. **Appointing Committee Chairs-** Delegations can appoint up to two Committee Chairs on their KUNA registration. A request can be sent to Eli Cooper (eli@kyyymca.org) to appoint a third, but it is not guaranteed.
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III. Meals

1. **Provided Meals-** Meals provided by the KYYMCA will be buffet style that students can serve themselves.
 2. **Pizza-** pizza orders will NOT be returning for the 2023 KUNA season.
 3. **Eating in Sleeping Rooms -** with permission from the advisor, students are allowed to eat meals in their sleeping rooms. The KYYMCA will not be monitoring this process.
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IV. Miscellaneous

1. **Flags-** Flags may be available to check out on the first day of the conference at the Y-Desk, but cannot be reserved prior to the conference beginning. You can see what country flags the KYYMCA will have at conferences this year here on our website.
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 KYYMCA 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-** Luggage storage will be minimal this year, we ask that students and advisors pack light to accommodate the space.
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V. Registration

1. **Code of Conduct-** Codes of Conduct will be submitted virtually this year and will be on the same form that will include COVID-19 health screening questions. This will be emailed to all registered participants 48 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. **High School Security Council Showcase Round-** Security Council will now have a Showcase Round on the second day prior to the Mandatory Delegation Caucus. This Showcase Round will illustrate Security Council debate and parliamentary procedure while debating resolutions from the General Assembly so that students watching will be familiar with the content.
3. **Media Corps-** Starting in 2023, delegations will be able to appoint up to two Media Corps Delegates on their KUNA registration. Beginning with the 2022 KYA season, Media Corps delegates will be able to choose 1 of 4 available sections to work in: Magazine, Photography, Casting, and Social Media. Ninth graders with KYA experience will be eligible to participate in the Media Corps Program. All schools will be eligible to bring 2 Media Delegates to their KYA conference (Assistant Editors count toward that number).
4. **Security Council Teams** – Schools will be allowed to request up to two teams starting in KUNA 2023. On KUNA intents, advisors will be able to opt-in to one or two SC Teams. Schools **must** be able to provide four Security Council Members in order to reserve two teams. They will not be able to represent two Big Five nations in the same conference and attempts will be made to prevent teams from the same school representing closely allied countries. If you cannot guarantee four Security Council Members, please do not request two teams. You may be able to add a second team if you discover there is more interest.
 - a. **Outgoing Nations:** India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico, Norway
 - b. **Incoming Nations:** Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, Switzerland

5. **USGLA Changes** – Though still part of the Secretariat Program, an Undersecretary General for Legal Affairs (USGLA) presides over a very specialized niche at KUNA. Leading up the UN Office of Legal Affairs, the USGLA works with the ICJ advocates, who serve as legal staff for the UNOLA when they are not arguing their case. The UNOLA produces reports on each resolution at a conference and provides legal advice to the Secretary General. Interested applicants apply for the USGLA position separately from policy USG positions. Prior experience in the ICJ program (and thus, the UNOLA experience) is preferred but not required.

6. **Security Council Grade Requirement**- Starting in 2023, sophomores may be accepted into Security Council.