**THAIMUN V Protocols**

1. **Laptops** are essential. THAIMUN IV is largely paperless. Resolutions will be composed, vetted, read and amended as a soft copy. However note-passing will be with paper and notepads will be provided for delegates. The Internet will be available and delegates will be provided with passwords - iPads or similar tablets are not recommended.
2. **Mobile phones**: Chairs will not permit the use of mobile phones in committee for texting or calls, unless in an emergency. Texting between delegates is a violation of note protocols.
3. **Opening Statement (or Position Paper)**: all delegates must prepare a one minute opening statement for delivery in their committee’s first session. The statement should clarify the country’s position on at least one of the committee topics. Delegates will be called to speak in alphabetical order beginning with Afghanistan…
4. **Topics:** each committee has been assigned two or three topics. However these topics are debated separately and resolutions should deal with only one topic at a time.
5. **Resolutions:** all delegates should bring to the conference, either, a completed resolution, or some clauses for a resolution. The best resolutions are a collaborative effort and time will be given in the first morning for caucusing and merging of resolutions. Delegates are not expected to work alone on resolutions. Prior to the conference committee delegates may communicate with each other through email or other means.
6. **Vetting:** completed resolutions will be vetted before they are debated. Advisers will be asked to vet resolutions. Only spelling, grammar and layout will be corrected. Vetters will not change the intention or meaning of the resolution. Vetting will be carried out on the delegate’s laptop. Vetted resolutions will be sent to the committee chair. They will not be printed.
7. **THAIMUN Rules of Procedure** are based on IASAS rules and procedures and are used throughout the conference (See THAIMUN website). Some significant highlights:
8. Chairs will determine the number of co-sponsors and co-submitters for resolutions depending on the size of the committee
9. The main submitter reads the Operative Clauses only
10. The main submitter delivers a two minute opening speech
11. Delegates should know “Points of Clarification”, “Points of Information” and Yields
12. Speeches can be “For”, “Against” or “To”. Speeches are set at two minutes but the chair may extend or curtail speeches depending on the circumstances
13. Amendments can be “Friendly” or “Unfriendly”
14. No speakers’ lists – debate will flow best when delegates deliver speeches in response to the previous speech, not when set speeches are prepared in advance
15. Leading questions are permitted if they enhance debate but they are not always desirable
16. **Note passing:** please note the following from THAIMUN Rules of Procedure…

*Delegates will be permitted to pass notes during session, but only through one of the pages. Notes must be signed on the inside by the country sending the note and properly addressed to the country which is to receive it on the outside.*

*There will be no note-passing during voting or speeches.* ***If sent to the Chair, any notes ruled Dilatory, Absurd or Frivolous will be sent to the Advisers’ Room and the sender may lose his/her note-passing privileges. Notes will be censored.*** *No note passing is permitted during formal speaking.*

1. **UNSC and HCC:** the Security Council and Historical Crisis Committee may at any time summon delegates from another committee to answer questions on issues related to the delegates’ country. Please be prepared for this.
2. **Dress:** professional dress should be worn –

Boys should wear a business shirt and tie (short or long sleeves), tailored trousers, leather shoes (not sports shoes). Suits and jackets are permitted.

Girls should wear a shirt with collar, short or long sleeves; or a dress with sleeves so shoulders are covered; skirts and dresses should reach the knee or lower; leather dress shoes, low heels, closed toe (no sports shoes); slacks are permitted.

In order to not cause offence to other delegates, national dress, military uniforms, sunglasses, armbands and other accessories are not permitted.

1. **Procedures:** consult the THAIMUN website <http://www.thaimun.org/> under “Delegate Prep” and “Procedures” for:

* Rules of Procedure
* Streamlined Rules of Procedure
* Simplified Procedures
* Security Council Procedures
* Historical Crisis Committee Rules of Procedure
* International Court of Justice Manual
* Resolution Checklist

1. **General Behaviour:**

Although the THAIMUN Conference is an educational exercise intended for young people, delegates are simulating the councils and committees of the United Nations. Thus, for the period of the conference, they are regarded as diplomats and ambassadors for the country they are representing, as well as representatives of their schools. This demands a high standard of personal conduct and behaviour from all delegates, both during the conference sessions and outside the conference venue.

It is extremely important that delegates behave appropriately at all times. This is important for the good name of the school concerned. Attendance at the THAIMUN conference is by invitation and that this invitation may be withheld in the future if students do not conform to accepted standards of behaviour.

1. **Advisers:** it is against MUN protocol for advisers to coach delegates on the floor of the committees or the General Assembly.