

CRISIS COMMITTEE DELEGATE HANDBOOK

1. There is only one topic for the Crisis Committee.
2. The Crisis Committee is always in a moderated caucus, though motions for an unmoderated caucus or a round table discussion are in order. There is no Primary or Secondary Speakers' List.
3. Crisis delegates can write Notes to the Crisis Staff in order to find out information about their resources, abilities, or to have their character take actions outside the committee.
 - a. Every delegate will receive a notebook with their conference folder. Delegates must legibly write their Character's Name on the cover of the notebook;
 - b. At any point during the committee, delegates can write notes in these notebooks, which can be powerful tools to gain insight on other delegates, take actions to increase status and power within the committee, or clear up any confusion they may have;
 - c. Crisis Notes will always be put up to review by Crisis Staff. They should therefore remain appropriate and relevant;
 - d. Crisis Staff will enter the room where the Crisis Committee is being held several times per committee session to collect everyone's notebooks and return those previously given, with responses to notes written inside;
 - e. Depending on the pace of the session, Crisis Staff may collect notebooks only once or twice, or numerous times, during a committee session;
 - f. While Crisis Staff are collecting notebooks, delegates are not permitted to interact with them unless first spoken to. While this is happening, the staff are merely anonymous messengers collecting "Crisis mail";
 - g. A note may be supported and implemented, such as making an announcement to the Committee which was suggested and written out in a note. They can also, however, be answered with a simple "no", or any response the staff deem adequate. These responses are not to be contested;
 - h. All crisis notes must accurately represent a delegate's intended actions and may not include fabricated outcomes, falsified capabilities, or intentional misrepresentation of resources to the Crisis Staff. Delegates found deliberately misleading the Staff or Chairs through crisis communications may face consequences such as nullification of actions or loss of committee privileges;
 - i. At the end of each committee session, delegates must leave their notebooks next to their placards in the committee room. Failure to do this may result in the delegate losing the privilege of Crisis Notes.
4. Any actions a delegate wishes to take that involve multiple characters or decisions of the whole committee must be voted on as directives. Differences between directives and resolutions:
 - a. Directives do not require a preamble and can have fewer operative clauses than resolutions;
 - b. Directives are voted on immediately after being presented. The committee will not enter formal voting procedures;

- c. After a directive is passed, it is sent to the Crisis Staff who will then announce the consequences of the actions taken;
 - d. Directives must include at least three sponsors. Signatories, however, are optional, but may strengthen the effectiveness, credibility, or influence of the directive being presented.
5. Delegates are not able to question the Competence of the Chair or the Crisis Committee when a directive is being presented or implemented due to the vast intricacy of the Crisis debates.
 6. Delegates are not able to vote for a change in the rules of procedure in the Crisis Committee. Only Crisis Chairs and Staff possess this ability.
 7. The Crisis Chairs, staff, and directors represent omniscient bodies. The Crisis Committee naturally has an intense pace, and therefore directives may be completely disregarded or certain procedural affairs may be omitted at the Chair's discretion in order to reach a goal. Failure to comply with staff or Chairs and maintain decorum may result in elimination of chances for awards and/or being removed from the committee.
 8. The Crisis Committee is known for its chaotic and unprecedented nature, offering delegates the liberty to bend the rules of what typically occurs in a JCYMUN committee. Nonetheless, it bears its own respective limitations and considerations.
 - a. Delegates may not exceed the authority or logic of their assigned role. All actions must remain plausible within the context of their character. All actions, directives, and communiqués performed by delegates must be relevant to the Crisis simulation.
 - b. Creative responses are encouraged, but the Crisis Staff reserves the right to modify or reject any action deemed excessively disruptive. Delegates must respect and comply to the final decisions of the Crisis Staff and not persist with previously rejected actions.
 - c. Crises will occur spontaneously. Delegates must uphold decorum, respond strategically, and act professionally despite the evolving situation.

NOTE: Some rules of procedure have changed over the years or may vary slightly between schools and other MUN conferences. To avoid confusion, the rules for the Crisis Committee mentioned above are the ones that will be followed by JCYMUN. However, your Crisis Chairs may **alter procedure** in the interest of time, convenience, or any other reason. In any case, it is at the Crisis Chairs' discretion.