

# 2017-2018 KY YMCA PROGRAM CHANGES

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## I. KY YMCA ONLINE COMMUNITY

This fall, we are excited to unveil our **KY YMCA Online Community**, which will serve as the new hub for Student YMCA Affiliations, Program Intents, and Program Registration.

This online community will allow you to manage and register your students and delegations more effectively and efficiently, with student information stored in the system.

We'll open the community to all advisors as school begins. We recommend gathering the **first** and **last names** (and **preferred names**) and **personal email addresses** for your students once school starts. This will be essential information for managing your delegation/chapter in the community.

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## II. KYA & KUNA CHANGES

### 1. Advisors

- **Advisor Mentorship** - We'll be launching a new Advisor Mentorship program for our new advisors - we'll start with the Advisor Hall of Fame, but if any of you are interested in taking someone under your wing, let us know!
- **Adult Hotel Rooms** - For schools that bring more than 1 adult per 10 students, we can't guarantee adult rooms in the same hotel as our meeting spaces. In the event that we're short on rooms, extra adults may be housed in an adjacent hotel.
- **Advisor Meeting Attendance** - Each delegation **MUST** have at least one (1) Advisor attend the Day 1 Advisor Meeting.
- **Advisor Cell Phone Number** - The Advisor cell phone number provided should be one that will be answered at any point during the Assembly (we like texts too!)
- **Monitoring Student Behavior/ Dress Code** - Advisors are responsible for student behavior, including ensuring that your delegates attend all assigned meetings and that they are dressed appropriately, per the conference dress code. Failure to do so may affect delegation of excellence status.
- **Award Nominations** - Advisors are responsible for turning in award nominations, on paper or electronically, by the beginning of the mixer. Completion of this form is a requirement for Delegation of Excellence status, however, Y-Staff will no longer track down advisors who have not submitted this form.
- **Advisor Assistance in Committee Chair Evaluations** - We will add Committee Chair Evaluations to the Advisor Volunteer sign-up. Advisors who sign-up will be assigned one committee to provide feedback on a chair who is not their own student.
- **Arrival Meeting Spot for Local Schools** - Local Schools that meet at the hotel pre-Assembly rather than taking a bus should determine a meeting spot in advance and communicate that to Y-staff and parents - if you need help determining which spot will be best, we're happy to provide it!

## 2. Candidates & Presiding Officers

- **Eligibility** - Any student chosen to serve in any KYA Presiding Officer position cannot run as a Candidate at KUNA or serve as a KUNA Presiding Officer.
- **Social Media** - Candidates are allowed and encouraged to use social media in their campaigns, however, they are not allowed to spend money from their budget on social media. Examples include, but are not limited to: Snapchat filters, Facebook ads, etc.
- **Endorsements** - Candidates may not seek or share endorsements of any kind.
- **Candidate Declaration & Presiding Officer Commitment Form** - all candidates will complete the online Candidate Declaration form prior to their Assembly. They will also print, review, and sign (with their parents and Advisor) the Presiding Officer Commitment Form, to be submitted at Assembly during the Day 1 Candidate Meeting. For Presiding Officer roles selected by Program Areas, the PO Commitment Form will be distributed and collected during the Assembly.
- **"In Good Standing"** - Candidates must be in good standing with their Student YMCA Chapter as determined by their Advisor, and in good standing with their School as determined by their Principal and Administration.
- **Youth Governor's Agenda / Secretary General's Agenda** - In an effort to provide more resources for you as you prepare your KYA bills and KUNA resolutions, your Presiding Officers will be providing an **18-Issue Agenda** for each program. These agendas provide background on each issue, questions that can be answered in your bill/resolution, and several sources for your research. You are not required to draft legislation on an issue from the agenda, but we recommend looking through both as you plan your bills and resolutions!

## 3. Supporting Officers

- **Supporting Officer Process and Timelines** - Supporting Officers for KYA and KUNA will be appointed by Presiding Officers or selected through an application-based process. This process and timeline will be made available on the KYA and KUNA Officer pages of the website at the beginning of the school year.

## 4. Name Tags & Placards

- **Lost Name Tags & Placards** - Lost Name Tags will be replaced by "Fill in the Blank" versions, and lost placards will continue to be replaced by "Delegate" placards.
- **Online Request Form for Missing/Incorrect Name Tags & Placards** - we will continue to reprint missing/incorrect name tags and placards, but will be using an online request form to submit your missing/incorrect delegates.

## 5. Decorum

- **Phone Usage During Sessions** - We need your help encouraging students to stay engaged in debate (and not engaged in their phones!) Repeated complaints about inappropriate phone use during meeting may affect delegation of excellence status

- **Student Requests During General Assemblies** - No student requests/additions (Proposals, Individual Birthdays, etc.) will be allowed during General Assembly proceedings out of fairness to all students and to keep things on schedule.

## 6. Conference Life Committee Members (HS Only)

- **CLC Member Eligibility** - CLC members may now be in any grade. This is a change from past years. Program Area meetings take precedence over Conference Life Committee, so your CLC member should not be in a Program Area that meets at night (i.e. Media Corps, Cabinet/Lobbyists, Sec. Council, etc.)
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## III. KYA ONLY CHANGES

### 1. Campaigns & Elections

- **Campaigning Near/Inside Polling Location** - Campaigning will not be allowed inside or near the entrance to the polling location during primary elections.
- **Full Delegation Voting** - Full delegation voting will continue to be a requirement for delegation of excellence in primaries, however, Y-Staff will no longer track down advisors of delegations with incomplete voting rosters
- **Primary Voting for Commonwealth & Bluegrass Candidates (HS Only)** - at High School KYA, during Primary Elections, Bluegrass delegates will only vote for Bluegrass Candidates, and Commonwealth Delegates (along with Cabinet & Lobbyists, Supreme Court, and Media Corps) will only vote for Commonwealth Candidates. All delegates vote on the final morning during the General Election for Commonwealth candidates.

### 2. Capitol & Claudia Sanders

- **Capitol Chambers Seating** - Each school will be assigned a number of desks and seats in the House and the Senate Chambers at the Capitol (Commonwealth House and Senate), however schools will not be assigned specific desks and seats. Additionally, Advisors do not have desks or seats on the floor- all desks and seats should be filled only by students.
- **Capitol & Claudia Sanders Visitors** - Adults visiting the Capitol or Claudia Sanders must check in with Y-Staff. If a visitor who is not registered for the full conference joins for lunch (which is not encouraged) they must pay for their own meal.

### 3. Commonwealth House & Senate (HS Only)

- **Amendments** - We will be introducing amendments during pro/con debate in the Commonwealth House & Senate at HS KYA - procedure will be released **Aug. 21st**.

- **Lobbyists** - Lobbyists will be able to oppose Commonwealth Bills that do not have a supporting Lobbyist (this is a change from past years to give Lobbyists more options as they are only able to lobby on bills from their tag - red/blue).

#### 4. Bluegrass House & Senate (HS Only)

- **Top-Ranked Bluegrass Bills** - The sponsors of top-ranked BG bills (which present in the CW House or Senate at the Capitol) still meet with Lt. Governor if passed.

#### 5. Supreme Court (HS Only)

- **Experience Requirement** - Supreme Court (formerly Judicial) delegates must have at least one year of KYA experience to participate.
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### IV. KUNA ONLY CHANGES

#### 1. Country Representation

- **Cultural Attire** - Y-staff is in the process of creating a mission statement and new guidelines for Cultural Attire. Delegations will be presented with tiered options for cultural attire: Full Delegation, Combination of Delegates (Parade of Nations, Int. Stage, Global Village), or only Parade of Nations. Advisors will evaluate Cultural Attire on their award nomination form based solely on the Parade of Nations. Students not in Cultural Attire should be in Business Attire.
- **No Handouts in Global Village Booths or at Ed. Fair Boards** - Ambassadors cannot hand anything out at their Global Village Booth or Education Fair Board, including but not limited to literature, ribbons, food, etc. Stickers or stamps may be used ONLY for Global Village Passports - we encourage you to bring a stamp or stickers that uniquely represent your country or countries!
- **International Stage Proposal** - Delegations interested in performing during International Stage will need to submit a proposal including details on your planned performance and its cultural relevance. Spots are not guaranteed until they are approved by Y-Staff, or by Presiding Officers for High School KUNA.
- **Presiding Officers** - Presiding Officers represent the UN at all times, and do not represent any specific country. They cannot perform as part of International Stage.
- **Supporting Officers** - Supporting Officers represent the UN as long as they are serving in their officer position. This includes Committee Chairs, who cannot dress in Cultural Attire or be part of the Parade of Nations or Global Village Booths on Day 1 (they should be in Business Attire with gavel pins). Supporting Officers are allowed to perform as part of International Stage, but they must be in Business Attire before and after their scheduled performance. If their Supporting Officer duties end (for example, a Committee Chair does not get a Summit President position), they will revert to representing their assigned country as an Ambassador.

## 2. Placards

- **KUNA Placards** - Ambassador Placards will list country name only, not student or school name. Voting Placards for Summit and GA will be a different color from speaking placards. All placards will be provided to Advisors during Check-in.
- **Resolution Ranking** - Resolution Ranking Sheets in Committees will be completed by school, rather than by country.

## 3. UN Secretariat (HS Only)

- **Secretariat Program** - We will be introducing the UN Secretariat as a new program area for HS KUNA. The Secretariat will be similar to the Executive Cabinet at KYA. Procedure will be released early in the school year.