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## 2020 Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA) Program Changes

We strive to create the best program experience for students and chaperones alike. Based on feedback from the 2019 KYA Season, the following changes will be implemented beginning in 2020.

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## **I. AGENDA**

- a. High School Closing Session – In order to make Day 3 of conference as seamless as possible for traveling schools, Closing Session will be scheduled to end at 11:30am.

## **II. AWARDS**

- a. Bill Drafting Requirements – In 2019 we provided a Bill Drafting Guide, written by KYMCA Staff, in partnership with the Legislative Research Commission. Starting this year, the Bill Drafting Guidelines must be followed to maintain bill award eligibility.

## **III. CABINET AND LOBBYIST PROGRAM**

- a. SO Selection- Lobbyist Supporting Officers will now be selected on-site at conferences, rather than the previous application-based process.

## **IV. CANDIDATES**

- a. High School Bluegrass Candidate Requirements – High School Bluegrass candidate requirements have been changed to make running more accessible. These candidates will now be required to have attended only two KYA conferences in order to run for office.

## **V. CAPITOL**

- a. Van Shuttle – In 2020 we will offer a shuttle, at request, between buses and ADA accessible Capitol Entrances. Requests should be made during the advisor meeting.
- b. Capitol Seating- In order to preserve debate time and order, floor seats may be forfeited if delegates are late entering capitol chambers.

## **VI. CHAIRS AND DOORKEEPERS**

- a. Chair Rankings – To provide a more complete evaluation of chair performance, only students will be expected to complete chair rankings. If an advisor wishes to participate in chair ranking, they can pick up a form from the Y-Desk and they will be asked to remain in their committee from start to finish.

## **VII. CONFERENCE CHANGES**

- a. Bluegrass/Commonwealth Eligibility Requirements – In order to provide a richer conference to experienced High School Sophomores, Commonwealth will now include Sophomores with four years of experience at the discretion of advisors (previously five years).
- b. Title Changes – To reflect the roles within the government we model, student will now be assigned the title of “Representative” or “Senator” upon arriving at conference, depending on their assignment to House or Senate. Delegates’ functions within chambers will not be affected by this change.

## **VIII. DEBATE**

- a. Identifying Speakers – Students must display their placard while speaking on bills in order to identify themselves in committees and chambers. Individuals may be called out of order if they do not identify themselves at the podium.



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- b. Chamber Voting- Delegate placards will now be color-coded to indicate their role as a member of the Senate or House. This will allow for more accurate voting during chambers on Day 2, as bill sponsors move between the House and Senate.
- c. Veto Override – As a reflection of the Kentucky Constitution, a veto override will require a simple majority vote, or more than one half, from the General Assembly. This differs from our previous veto override process which required a 3/5 majority vote.
- d. Constitutional Amendments- At the time of registration, bill sponsors will indicate if their bill contains a constitutional amendment and they will be recognized as such in the House and Senate. The process for veto override of a constitutional amendment will remain the same, requiring a 3/5 majority vote in the General Assembly (as opposed to the simple majority now required for standard veto overrides).

## **IX. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. Pizza Orders – Advisor handbooks will now include a pizza order form for those who wish to purchase pizza as a delegation. Delegation-wide pizza orders will be due at 7pm, and individual pizza purchases will remain open at the Y-Store until 8pm.
- b. Delegation Caucus – Beginning in 2020, the Mandatory Delegation Caucus will take a new form. Advisors will meet with the program director prior to the Delegation Caucus. At this time, they will be briefed on Fun Time, updates for the evening, and they will be given a checklist of information to disseminate to students. Delegations will then gather in their assigned rooms where advisors will check for full attendance, report the checklist and updates to students, and alert Y-Staff when these tasks are complete. Advisors will then move to their assigned Fun Time stations before students are released as well.

## **X. OFFICERS**

- a. Chairs/Pro Tempore- Committee chairs will no longer be categorized as Supporting Officers. If a committee chair is selected to serve as a Pro Tempore during chambers on Day 2, that student will then be considered a Supporting Officer.
- b. Supporting Officer Alternates- We will now utilize an alternate list for students who are interested in a Supporting Officer role which has already been filled. These students will be expected to attend any pertinent trainings in order to be considered as an alternate.
- c. MIDDLE SCHOOL
  - i. Supporting Officer Appointments – Middle School Presiding Officers will now be allowed to appoint SOs from within their own delegations and will no longer be required to appoint from other delegations.
  - ii. Elections- In order to more accurately reflect the hierarchy of government roles, the position of Lieutenant Governor will be elevated to second place in Middle School elections.

## **XI. REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT**

- a. Pricing – Beginning in 2020, the cost to attend KYA will be \$258 for Student Y members and \$268 for non-members. The cost for an adult private room will now be \$259. We carefully consider an increase anytime one is needed and ensure that is in direct proportion to the rising costs of our vendors' services. We remain dedicated to ensuring that we are a Y for all and will continue to provide needs-based scholarships to anyone who applies.



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## **XII. SUPREME COURT PROGRAM**

- a. Supreme Court Clerk – In 2019 we piloted a new Supporting Officer position and this year we have formalized the role of Clerk of the Supreme Court. This Supporting Officer will be appointed by the Chief Justice and will remain at the Capitol with the officer team on Day 2 of KYA.
- b. Timing- Attorney teams will now have a standard argument time of 12 minutes per side. This change aims to alleviate scheduling demands at the Capitol for Supreme Court Program participants.