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2021 Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA) Program Changes

We strive to create the best program experience for students and chaperones alike. Based on feedback from the 2020 KUNA Season, the following changes will be implemented beginning in 2021.

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You can review last year's changes at kymca.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/2020-Changes-Doc-FINAL.pdf.



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I. Changes Affecting Both KUNA and KYA

1. Chairs-

- a. **Ranking**- Questions regarding chair performance will now be added to the ranking sheets in ranking committees. This will give students the opportunity to further engage in the process as well as have more autonomy over their conference. The questions and what students will be looking for will be integrated into the new chair training, so chairs can have an even better idea of what is expected of them.
- b. **Presiding Officers**- In order to give the most amount of students the best chance of receiving honors, Presiding Officers of other programs serving as chairs will no longer be able to move past first round committees. Presiding Officers are already well-trained and have much experience in debate, which give them an unfair advantage over other students serving as chairs.

2. Delegate Totals-

- a. The KY YMCA will continue the policy surrounding delegate totals that qualify delegations for number of bills at KYA and number of countries represented at KUNA. For KYA, delegations who have students participating as Presiding Officers, Officer appointed clerks, Candidates, Supporting Officers or Supreme Court participants will NOT be counted toward the delegate total. For KUNA, delegations who have students who are Supporting Officers for Secretariat/NGO Program, Media Corps, Candidates for Presiding Officer, Presiding Officers, Officer appointed clerks, or participants in International Court of Justice (ICJ) will not count in delegation total for number of countries that can be represented. For example, if a delegation has 17 students and 2 of them are in one of the aforementioned specialized programs then that delegation may represent a maximum of 1 country. Links to the website with this information are listed here for both KYA and KUNA.

<https://www.kyymca.org/kuna/>

<https://www.kyymca.org/kya/bluegrass/>

3. Registration and Payment-

- a. **Pricing (for in-person only)**- In accordance with the price change affecting KYA, beginning in 2021, the cost to attend KUNA 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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II. Cultural Day

1. World Expo-

- a. The first KUNA World Expo was a success in 2020! The World Expo allowed for more inclusivity from all schools regardless of access to funds or size of delegation. There was also a stronger education



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component that allowed for students to focus more on learning about all countries. We were grateful to see all the different perspectives countries expressed in their World Expo Tables. We listened to feedback from students and are going to provide further guidance on ways to present a country table. That information is listed below as well as on our website.

- i. Students may include information/artwork about their country other than what's represented in resolutions. Feel free to think "outside the box" and utilize creative skills when developing country tables. Creating "artifacts" that are known in a country or tell a story about the country are great examples of what to include on a country table. Just remember to follow size guidelines stated online. <https://www.kyymca.org/kuna/world-expo/>
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III. Debate

1. Country Perspective-

- a. It is always the goal of the KY YMCA to encourage students to participate in KUNA programming with the perspective of the country they are representing. We will be adding language to our website and to registration as further reminders for students to immerse themselves in their country's perspective when debating.
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IV. Specialized Programs

1. ICJ-

- a. **Registrar-** In 2020 we piloted a new Supporting Officer position and after seeing much success with this position we have formalized the role of Registrar of the International Court of Justice (ICJ). This Supporting Officer will be appointed by the ICJ Presidents.
 - b. **Case Preparations-** Starting with KUNA 2021, ICJ teams will prepare and argue BOTH the appellant and respondent sides of their assigned case. This is the format of all other judicial programming in the country including the National Judicial Competition and will align KYYMCA programs with what is considered best practice. The same change will take effect for the Supreme Court program at KYA in Fall 2021 (see https://www.kyymca.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/2020-KYA-Changes-doc_final.pdf for further information for the Supreme Court Program).
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V. Refund Policy

- a. **Updated-** The KY YMCA has updated the refund policy language in order to be more clear. That language is included below:



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- Submit the Refund Request Form digitally or with a physical, faxed, or scanned & emailed copy. Emailed pictures will not be accepted due to legibility concerns.
- Requests will be evaluated by YMCA Staff.
- Refunds will not be applied to future programming.
- If an in-person conference is cancelled by the KY YMCA or program venue due to weather, pandemic or other unforeseen circumstances, non-refundable costs incurred by the organization (\$70) will be kept by the Kentucky YMCA Youth Association.
- No refunds will be granted if requested more than 30 days after the conclusion of the conference.
- Refunds for KYA and KUNA will ONLY be issued back to the school and distributed to participants from there. In 2020 ONLY, for Virtual KYA, if a student pays individually DIRECTLY to the Kentucky YMCA Youth Association, then a refund may be distributed back to the individual, if they meet the terms of our refund policy.
- If payment has not yet been received, the refund policy will be implemented as outlined and an updated invoice will be provided.
- Refunds may take up to 30 days to process and are only processed following the conclusion of a conference.
- Virtual programs: If a student is sick and unable to attend a virtual program a doctor's note must be submitted. If the refund request is approved, a \$15 administrative fee will be kept by the KY YMCA. No other refunds will be provided for virtual programs.
- Student Y member fees are non-refundable for individuals, schools and organizations.

If your request is submitted:

- For in-person conferences only (this does not include virtual programming): More than two weeks prior to the conference: the refund amount will be the amount paid minus a \$70 administrative and incurred costs fee. *Please confer with your advisor and one of you email Nikkey@kymca.org to let her know that you will not be there, so she can remove you from our registration documents. She will not be able to discuss the status of your refund.*
 - For in-person conferences only (this does not include virtual programming): Less than two weeks prior to the conference: the refund will be half of the amount paid.
 - More than 30 days following the conclusion of the conference: no refund will be given.
 - Virtual programs: If a student is sick and unable to attend a virtual program a doctor's note must be submitted. If the refund request is approved, a \$15 administrative fee will be kept by the KY YMCA. No other refunds will be provided for virtual programs.
 - Student Y member fees are non-refundable for individuals, schools and organizations.
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VI. 2021 Conference Schedule

- a. **Dates**- We are pleased to announce the dates for the 2021 KUNA Conference Season. We carefully considered state testing dates when scheduling these conferences in hopes of making it easier for schools to plan their KUNA experience. The 2021 KUNA Dates are as follows:

KUNA 2021	Dates	Location
Middle School 1	Mar. 7-9	Galt House
Middle School 2	Mar. 21-23	Louisville Marriott Downtown
Middle School 3	Mar. 21-23	Crowne Plaza
High School 1	Feb. 28- Mar. 2	Galt House
High School 2	Mar. 14-16	Galt House
High School 3	Mar. 17-19	Louisville Marriott Downtown