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2026 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 2025 KUNA Season, the following changes will be implemented beginning in 2026.

- I. **AI (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE) USE**
- II. **CURFEW**
 - a. Curfew Following Final Programming
- III. **FOOD DELIVERY**
- IV. **LOBBY USE**
 - a. Students Not Permitted in Lobby
- V. **MIDDLE SCHOOL SECURITY COUNCIL**
- VI. **MEDIA CORPS AT MIDDLE SCHOOL**
- VII. **SENIOR CORDS**



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I. AI (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE) POLICY

- a. Due to the increased use of AI, the Kentucky YMCA Youth Association recognizes the valuable role AI can play in enhancing learning and streamlining tasks. We encourage our students to rely on their own creativity and critical thinking when writing speeches, bills/resolutions, and developing materials for KYA and KUNA. Using AI tools for inspiration or research is fine, but we believe that the most impactful work comes from personal effort, originality, and genuine engagement with the material. By doing so, you'll not only hone your skills but also create authentic content that reflects your unique voice and perspective.

II. CURFEW

- a. Curfew Following Final Programming – curfew will no longer be a specific time listed in the bill book, but will happen immediately following any programming. If students have special program meetings after the final GA of the evening, they can attend those but must go straight to their sleeping rooms upon dismissal. The Y will also be more stringent on finding students out past curfew and Premier Delegation will be taken from the school immediately.

III. FOOD DELIVERY SERVICES

- a. All food deliveries must go through only the advisors, students are no longer allowed in the hotel lobby for any reason. The KYYMCA has made this change to ensure the safety of our students and to implement quality programming for all of our delegations.

IV. LOBBY USE

- a. Students No Longer Permitted in Hotel Lobby – students will no longer be permitted in the hotel lobby at all. Exceptions include going to the front desk with an advisor or going to the market with an advisor (market use up to advisor's discretion). This decision comes from the increased use of the lobby and finding many students without advisors in the lobby area. Child safety is our priority. The Y will also be more stringent on finding students in the lobby and Premier Delegation will be taken from the school immediately.

V. MIDDLE SCHOOL SECURITY COUNCIL

- a. Security Council (SC) will be shifting to a more true-to-life model of the United Nations SC by accepting and representing the countries currently available on the council. Shifts have been made to differentiate student roles on SC teams to more explicitly lay out the responsibilities of SC delegates and more accurately represent real-world problem-solving processes. Middle School SC's first day will be more intentionally used to train and prepare students on SC processes and debate. Additionally, position papers will be better reviewed and tracked; *if students do not submit a position paper by the deadline, they will not be able to serve in Security Council.*

VI. MEDIA CORPS AT MIDDLE SCHOOL

- a. We are so excited to bring Media Corps to middle school conferences starting this fall! Each school can select up to 2 media delegates to appoint on registration – 1 student for photography and 1 student for journalism. Check out our website for more info!

VII. SENIOR CORDS

- a. A list of students receiving senior cords will now be sent with the preconference email about a week before the conference. Any requests or changes needed for cords will need to occur 3 days before the conference begins. No requests or changes can be made onsite.