

Harry Potter Crisis Committee - Advanced Committee

Rules of Procedure

This committee includes both formal debate as well as crisis element. The delegates will be asked to impersonate a character from the Harry Potter universe.

So, taking into account this is a committee for advanced delegates, anyone who wishes to participate must be experienced when it comes to MUN Conferences, as well as be deeply versed in the Harry Potter universe.

The committee will begin with a **Motion to Open Debate on the Topic**. Then the delegates will have to raise a **Motion to set the General Speakers List**, which will include all delegates willing to speak during any time of the session. This list must not be exhausted or the debate ends.

Afterwards the first to have risen their placard so as to be added to the General Speakers List begins the debate. At some point, the chairs open the floor for points and motions. Then the delegates have the chance to raise a **Motion for a Moderated Caucus** or an **Unmoderated Caucus**.

Moderated Caucus

A moderated caucus is a closed debate on a specific subtopic of the general one. Which means that when a delegate raises such a motion, he/she must also specify the subtopic they want to discuss, as well as the total time of the caucus and each speaker's time. (e.g. Motion for a moderated caucus of 10', individual speaker's time 1' to discuss ...)

Unmoderated Caucus

An unmoderated caucus is "lobbying". That means that delegates can move around and speak personally with other delegates and exchange ideas informally. When a delegate raises such a motion they have to specify the duration of the caucus. (e.g. Motion for an unmoderated caucus of 15'.)

When the floor is open delegates can also raise a **Motion for a Consultation of the Hall** when a pressing matter needs to be discussed immediately.

Consultation of the Hall

During a consultation of the Hall, delegates discuss an important issue without being recognised by the Chairs. Which means that the person that raises the motion gets the floor first and then he/she can yield it to any delegate he/she wants, without asking if anyone is volunteering. The next delegate delivers a speech and then chooses another delegate to speak and so on.. Whoever raises this motion must specify a topic to discuss, as well as total duration of the Consultation. (e.g. Motion for a Consultation of the Hall for 5' to discuss ...)

During all sessions, delegates are able to submit **directives**. It is up to the chairs' discretion to accept a directive or not. And be careful! Your directives will have consequences on the committee and on the issue debated.

What is a directive?

A directive is a note (since wizards do not know much of technology) coming from a delegate which includes an action that the delegate wants to do without the rest of the committee knowing. Directives can be from just one delegate, or a group of them that after collaboration decided to submit it. Taking into account your character's personality as well as his/hers resources at hand, you will be able to conduct actions, so as to obtain more information on the issue being discussed.

For example, if you are impersonating a Hogwarts' Professor, you can send a directive asking to borrow Veritaserum (Truth serum) from the Headmaster, so as to use it to interrogate a possible spy. Afterwards, you will learn the results of your action.

You can also send a directive for a press release, so that everyone learns your actions.

After the applications are closed, you will be allocated with your characters and you will get your character's profile, which will include the personality and his/her resources.

If the delegates wish to adjourn debate for a coffee break then they have to raise a **Motion to Adjourn Debate**. If they want to suspend the meeting for the day, then they have to raise a **Motion to Suspend the Meeting**.

All motions must be seconded. If there are objections, then they must be voted. When more than one motions are on the floor, the voting begins from the most disruptive one, which is usually the most interesting and relevant to the topic.

Overall, the committee will be based on a specific topic, which will be announced later on, but will be running on continuous crises. That means that many breaking news, concerning the general topic, will be announced during the session and the delegates will be asked to act on them.

The delegates are not supposed to write resolutions, but compose creative directives that will lead them in successfully solving the issue at hand!

Watch out for the owl that will mail you the topic of this committee!