

VCMUN 2024



DELEGATE HANDBOOK

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that Vanier College is situated on the unceded indigenous territory of Tiotia:ke (Montreal), and recognize that this land has long been a gathering place for many First Peoples, including the Haudenosaunee and Anishinabeg nations.

We further recognize that these are the ancestral lands of the Kanien'kehá:ka, who are a core nation within the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, as well as the Anishinabeg people. Additionally, this territory has historically served as a meeting ground for various Indigenous communities, among them the Huron Wendat and Abenaki nations.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples on this land, their profound contributions to our communities, and the ongoing struggle for recognition, justice, and reconciliation. As we learn, work, and gather on this territory, may we strive for meaningful relationships and genuine respect for the rights and sovereignty of Indigenous peoples.

LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Delegates, staff, and faculty advisors

My name is Leticia Huynh, and it is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to the first iteration of the newly renamed VCMUN 2024! On behalf of the secretariat, we are delighted that you all chose to be a part of this new era of Vanier College Model United Nations' new chapter. MUN has and will hold a special place in my heart as one of the best moments of my academic career, and I hope to impart that same sense of joy upon you during this conference. With this being my third year of MUN, I am always excited by the unique committee selection and their respective challenges. As a delegate, I have always loved meeting new faces and finding creative solutions for challenges that arise.

Over the year, members of the secretariat have been working tirelessly to organize a unique conference. Through late-night phone calls, impromptu meetings, and lots of laughter, this weekend is not only a first for you but for us as well. I am ecstatic to present the selection of committees for this year. Whether you'll be a Barbie doll, and nuclear physicist or a country we hope that you will all take this weekend as a chance to enhance your diplomacy skills, awareness of global affairs, and create fond memories. Our hope with this conference is to establish a new legacy that can not only proudly represent our college but also uphold the spirit of MUN. Whether this is your first or your thirtieth conference, we hope that this weekend has allowed you to gain new experiences you can be proud of. While we are excited to see the results of our efforts, it is a bittersweet moment to be saying goodbye to another fabulous year of MUN.

However, VCMUN is not only about the skills delegates develop. MUN has blessed many delegates such as myself with strong friendships. Our hope is this conference will grant you that same opportunity. VCMUN strives to create a safe, inclusive space for all opinions and identities. I wish you all good luck in your future endeavours. Should we meet again, I look forward to seeing you in committee. We might be your last conference of the year, but this won't be the last you'll hear of us!

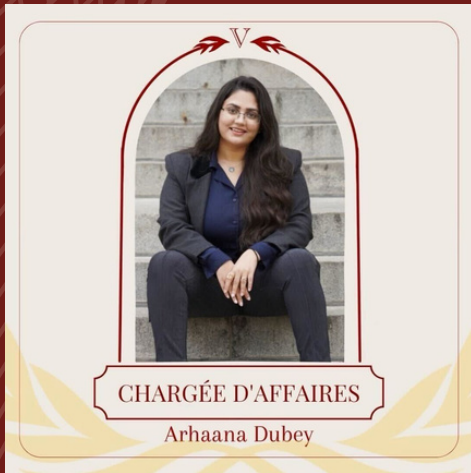
Best of luck





SECRETARY GENERAL

Leticia Huynh



CHARGÉE D'AFFAIRES

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USG of GA/SA

Joseph Savastano



USG of CRISIS

Fanny Yu



USG of
COMMUNICATIONS

Emma Linhares Costa



USG of LOGISTICS

Maria Zamfotis

THE SECRETARIAT

OUR LOGO



The choice of using the former church, which now serves as the library as the logo for VCMUN symbolizes the transformation and evolution of our college community. As the building has transitioned from a place of worship to a center of knowledge and learning.

The church building's historic significance to Vanier highlights the institution's rich heritage and tradition of embracing change and progress. By repurposing the building into a library, it shows the college's commitment to preserving its past while embracing the future, which aligns perfectly with the spirit of Model United Nations. MUN, too, represents a spirit of transformation, where students come together to discuss global issues, foster diplomacy, and seek peaceful resolutions. The church's transformation into a library echoes the transformative power of knowledge and education, core values shared by both VCMUN and the college.

CHARITY



Quebec
Breast Cancer
Foundation

Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation

We are pleased to announce that this year, VCMUN has partnered with the Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation (QBCF) as part of our charity initiative. For over 25 years, the QBCF has worked to support those affected by breast cancer and their loved ones. The foundation started out as one of Montreal's first breast cancer foundations and has invested more than 50 million dollars in funding breast cancer research, support, and education.

For more information visit: <https://rubanrose.org/en/>

STICKERS



HOLOGRAPHIC PINK

4\$



OG MATTE

2\$

CASH ONLY

This year, your purchase of a VCMUN sticker will go towards the Québec Breast Cancer Foundation as part of our charity initiative. Additionally, roses (**3\$ or 3 for 8\$**) will be sold during delegate registration and the lunch hours with a portion of those sales going to the QBCF as well. Come and get your stickers while supplies last!

VCMUN 2024

3 \$

Roses!

Make your VCMUN
experience rosier by
sending out roses to
your fellow delegates
with a note!

**8 \$ FOR 3
ROSES**

***CASH
ONLY***



KEYNOTE SPEAKER



This year, VCMUN is pleased to announce that our keynote speaker;

The Honourable Thomas Mulcair is a political commentator. He was a visiting professor in the political science Department at l'Université de Montréal. A lawyer, he holds degrees in French Civil Law (B.C.L.) and in Common Law (LL.B.) from McGill University. Mr. Mulcair began his legal career at the Québec Justice Department and served as President of the Québec Professions Board. Elected three times to Quebec National Assembly, he is the author of Québec's landmark Sustainable Development Act when he was Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks. Elected four times to the House of Commons, he was Party Leader and Leader of the Official Opposition.

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Schedule

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

TIME	EVENT
8:00	Delegate Registration
8:45–10:00	Opening ceremony
10:15–11:45	Committee Session I
11:45–12:45	Lunch
12:45–14:45	Committee Session II
14:45–15:15	Break
15:15–16:45	Committee session III
16:45–17:15	Committee feedback
17:15–17:45	Head delegate feedback
18:30–20:30	social

Please note that lunch will be provided on Saturday

Schedule

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

TIME	EVENT
9:30-11:30	Committee session IV
11:30-12:45	lunch
12:45-14:00	Committee session V
14:30-15:30	Closing ceremony

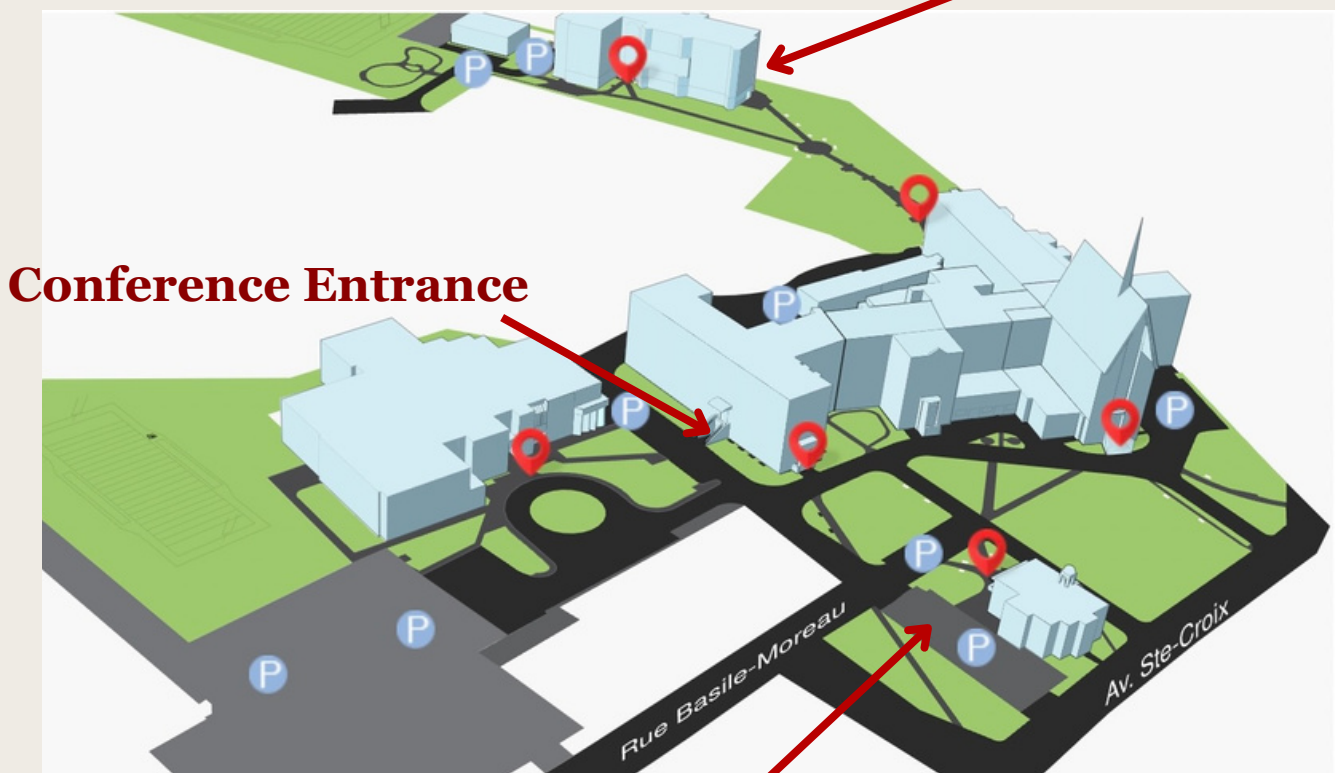
SOCHUM	Amphiteatre
VARSITY BLUES	N-231
BARBENHEIMER	N-229

*Please note that lunch will **not** be served on Sunday*

COMMITTEE AND CEREMONY ROOMS

We know that the Vanier campus can be difficult to navigate, so provided below are the locations for our opening and closing ceremonies, as well as our committee rooms. If you get lost during our conference, no worries! Feel free to find a staffer or member of the secretariat for directions. Happy walking!

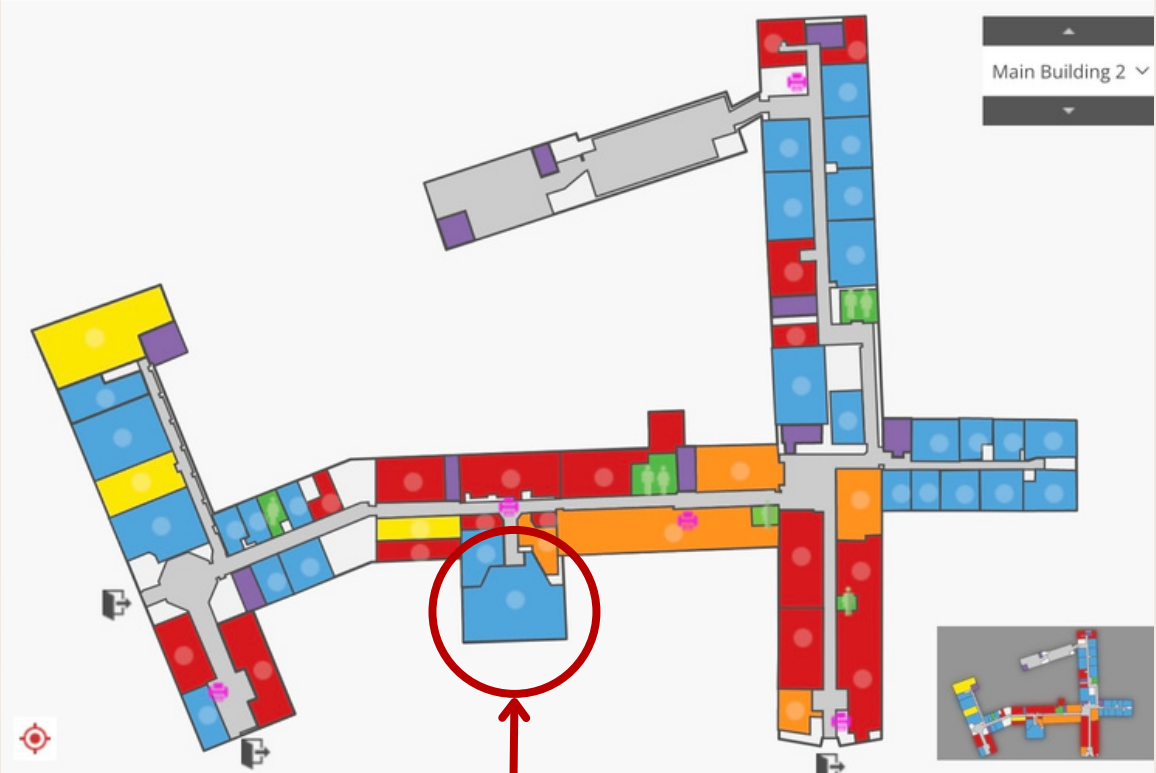
N Building (Crisis and SA)



Conference Entrance

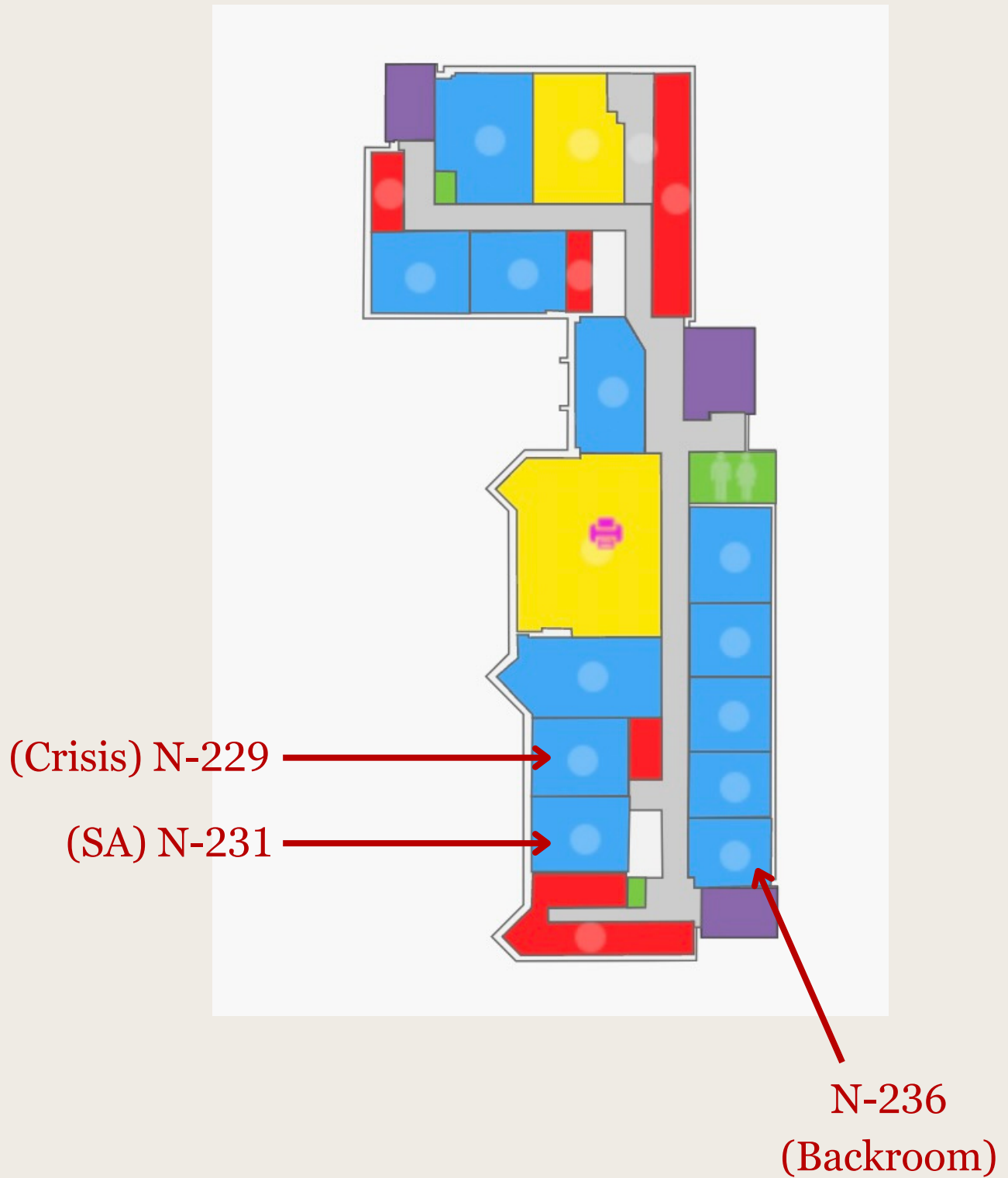
Guest Parking

Auditorium



Amphiteatre (GA)

N-BUILDING



LUNCH/LITTLE TREAT OPTIONS

VCMUN will not be providing lunch on Sunday. Delegates are welcome to leave campus to get lunch or bring a lunch and use the microwaves available in our cafeteria. Provided below are some lunch options a short walk away off campus.

ONE BABO

857 Decarie Blvd, Saint-Laurent, Quebec H4L 3L7

Hours:

Saturday: 11 a.m.–9 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m.–9 p.m.

CAFÉ LES BOURELETS

908 Decarie Blvd, Saint-Laurent, Quebec H4L 3M4

Hours:

Saturday: 9 a.m.-3p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m.-3p.m.

Ô BÁNH MÌ

906 Decarie Blvd, Saint-Laurent, Quebec H4L 2E1

Hours:

Saturday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

LUNCH/LITTLE TREAT OPTIONS

A&W

1494 Boulevard Cote Vertu Ouest, Montreal, Quebec H4L 1Z8

Open 24/7

T&T SUPERMARKET

300 Sainte Croix Ave, Montreal, Quebec H4N 3K4

Hours:

Saturday: 9 a.m.–10 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m.–10 p.m.

MAISON O THÉ SAINT-LAURENT

9625 Decarie Blvd, Saint-Laurent, Quebec H4L 3L2

Hours:

Saturday: 12–9 p.m.

Sunday: 12–9 p.m.

DÉCARIE HOT DOGS

953 Decarie Blvd, Saint-Laurent, Quebec H4L 3M3

Hours:

Saturday: 7 a.m.–1 a.m.

Sunday: Closed

PÂTISSERIE DOLCI PIÙ

849 Decarie Blvd, Saint-Laurent, Quebec H4L 3L7

Hours:

Saturday: 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY AND SLACK

GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

This year, our General Assembly will be a hybrid committee, meaning that messages passed between delegates will be written on paper and working papers will be shared on Slack

SOCHUM Slack

SPECIALIZED ASSEMBLY:

Per the dais's decision, this SA will lean towards being a crisis committee. Our Specialized assembly will be **completely on paper** with notebooks and notepads provided to delegates for their directives and notes

CRISIS COMMITTEE

This year's crisis committee will be paperless meaning that delegates will be required to bring an adequate device.

Barbenheimer Slack

All delegates are discouraged from working outside of committee

TECHNOLOGY AND SLACK

To connect to the Vanier College wifi,
make sure to connect to the VC-PUBLIC
wifi and use the following username and
password

WIFI GUEST USERNAME:
VCMUN

PASSWORD:
VCMUN2024!

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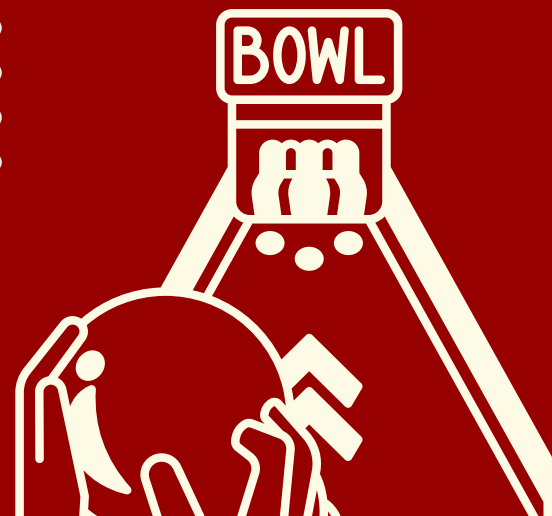
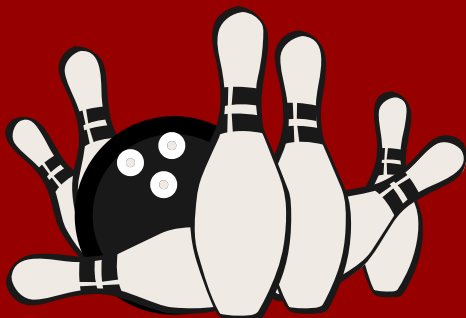
Social

This year, VCMUN's social event will be hosted at...

Laurenti  ***n***
DEPUIS
1959

222 Mnt de Liesse, Saint-Laurent, QC H4T 1N8

FREE



DETAILS ABOUT THE SOCIAL

WHAT?

- It is a bowling social!

WHERE?

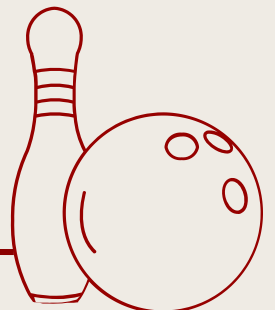
- This year VCMUN's social event will be hosted at **Laurentian Lanes**.
- Address: 222 Mnt de Liesse, Saint-Laurent, QC H4T 1N8

WHEN?

- 6:30pm-8:30pm

HOW MUCH?

- **FREE!!!!**
- The tickets for bowling lanes and the shoes be provided at the social.
- Any food and drinks can be purchased by the delegates at the event.

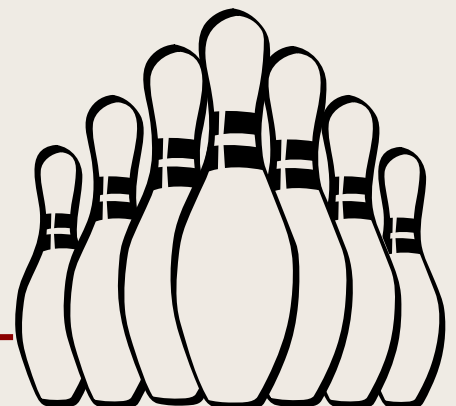


ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SOCIAL

TRANSPORTATION:

- Conference staffers and secretariat members will be available to escort delegates to the social via bus to ensure the delegates safety.
- The two main buses available are the:
 - 100 headed Ouest; your stop will be Montée de Liesse/No 222.
 - 202 headed Ouest; your stop will be Côte-de-Liesse/Montée de Liesse
 - Both of the buses can be boarded at Station Du Collège.
- Delegates are free to leave with their parents or friends after the social event.

**Please note that their safety is not our responsibility after the event is over.*



RULES OF PROCEDURE

Beginner's Guide: Robert's Rules of Order

A basic understanding of Robert's Rules of Order is imperative to maintaining fruitful parliamentary debate with a Model United Nations committee and also proves itself to be the most fundamental tool in a delegate's arsenal.

Quorum: Quorum is the amount of delegates required to be present in order to pass documents or to enter Voting Bloc.

Debate: 2/3

Vote on Procedural Material: Procedural votes are done on procedural matters such as speakers' time, to set an agenda, etc. All delegates in the committee must vote on these matters and cannot abstain. Observer states or other organizations who are usually not allowed to vote on Substantive matters must vote on Procedural ones.

Vote on Substantive Material: Substantive votes are done on substantive matters. Observer States or other organizations are not allowed to vote on Substantive matters. Such matters include Motions to introduce Draft Resolutions, Motions for a Question and Answer period regarding a specific Draft Resolution, Amendments to a Draft Resolution, and Motion to vote on a completed Draft Resolution. It is always required to have a 50% + 1 majority in order for the vote to be successful.

POINTS

- **Point of Information:** A question to a speaker who has been yielded time by either the chair or another delegate.
- **Point of Parliamentary Inquiry:** Raises a question to the Dais concerning procedural matters (ex: how does a 2/3 majority work? etc.).
- **Point of Personal Privilege:** Addresses problems which prevent a delegate's participation (ex: room is too hot, atmosphere too noisy, etc.).
- **Right of Reply:** Response to a direct insult by another delegate (Chair has veto).
Appeal of the Chair: Challenge a decision of the chair.
- **Point of order:** Points out a violation of Robert's Rules of Order.

MOTIONS

- **Motion to Set the Agenda:** Starts debate on a topic (requires a $\frac{1}{2}$ majority).
- **Motion to Set Speaking Time:** Sets speaking time for primary or secondary speaker's list
 - (requires a $\frac{1}{2}$ majority).
- **Motion to go to a Moderated Caucus:** Rules of debate are suspended (similar to a round table discussion - everyone remains seated and can talk only after raising their placards and being given the floor by the Chair, requires a $\frac{1}{2}$ majority).
- **Motion for Unmoderated Caucus:** Debate is suspended (requires a $\frac{1}{2}$ majority).
- **Motion to Table a Topic:** Returns to the Primary Speaker's List without a vote (requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority).
- **Motion to Close Speaker's List:** No new names can be added to the list (requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority).
- **Motion to Reopen Speaker's list:** New names can be added to the list (requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority).
- **Motion to Close Debate:** Moves committee into voting procedure on the topic at hand (requires a $\frac{1}{2}$ majority).
- **Motion to present Draft Resolution:** Resolution will need substantive majority (requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority) in order to pass.
- **Motion to Vote by Acclamation:** Draft Resolution will need consensus (everyone) to pass (if someone is against, Roll Call Vote follows immediately).
- **Motion to Divide the Question:** Separates the operative clauses of a draft resolution into different segments for voting (requires a $\frac{1}{2}$ majority).
- **Motion to Recess:** Ends the meeting until the next scheduled time (requires a $\frac{1}{2}$ majority). **Motion to Adjourn:** End the final committee meeting (requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority).

DELEGATE CODE OF CONDUCT

All attending delegates, faculty advisors and conference staff members must follow the VCMUN Code of Conduct to ensure a safe and respectful environment throughout the weekend. The listed policies must be respected by all attendees during the conference and its events. After registering, delegates thereby agree to abide by the rules of VCMUN's Code of Conduct.

GENERAL POLICIES

If an attendee believes to have encountered one of the following instances, they are encouraged to report it to any member of the Secretariat or to their Dais (if applicable).

VCMUN HAS A ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY TOWARDS:

- Harassment and bullying
- Discrimination of any kind
- Verbal abuse and physical violence
- Inappropriate and unwelcome behaviour of
- Sexual nature
- Piracy and hacking

SECURITY POLICIES

- Attendees who fail to comply with the security policies may be expelled from VCMUN without refund and/or prohibited from attending future VCMUN conferences.
- Security personnel will be present on campus. Any violations of the security policies will be at least met with verbal reprimand.
- Please note that VCMUN is not responsible for any theft, loss or damage to personal property at the conference.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

Failure to comply with any of the rules outlined in the VCMUN Code of Conduct will result in immediate disciplinary measures. This may include immediate expulsion of the delegate and/or the delegation from the conference and any future VCMUN conferences. If the offender fails to respect the laws, statutes, or regulations of the city of Montreal, the province of Quebec and Canada, the offender will be brought to the appropriate local authorities and automatically expelled from the remainder of the conference and future conferences organized by VCMUN. Only the Secretary-General and Chargée d'Affaires possess the authority to exclude any delegate or delegation from any aspect of the conference. Their decision on the matter is non-negotiable.

EQUITY

Equity lies at the core of Model United Nations conferences, serving as the bedrock of fair representation and inclusivity. In these simulations, every delegate's voice deserves to be heard and respected, regardless of their background or experience. Equity ensures that delegates from all nations, big or small, have an equal opportunity to participate actively and contribute meaningfully to discussions. It fosters a collaborative environment where diverse perspectives converge to address global challenges, mirroring the principles of real-world diplomacy. By upholding equity, Model UN conferences cultivate empathy, understanding, and a sense of shared responsibility among delegates, ultimately paving the way for innovative solutions to complex issues.

At VCMUN, we value equity above all and expect all delegates to conduct themselves professionally, with an elevated sense of respect for their fellow delegates. Equity violations will be dealt with accordingly and can result in punishments up to removal from committee. We trust that all delegates will be respectful to each other, and make the conference an exciting experience for everyone.

If you experience bullying, discrimination, or sexual harassment, please contact the Secretariat or your dais members by contacting us on slack or vaniermun@gmail.com. The correspondence will be only accessible to the VCMUN secretariat and immediate action will be taken on a case by case basis.

If you have any
additional concerns, feel
free to contact vaniermun@gmail.com

DRESS CODE

Delegates in the Barbenheimer committee are more than welcome to dress in Barbenheimer colours including but are not excluded to pink, grey, black, and neon.

Accepted	Not accepted
Loafers	Sneakers
Dress shirts	Sweatshirts
Skirts *not much shorter than your fingertips*	Jewellery or clothing with offensive language
Dress pants	Leggings/sweatpants
Heels	Sandals
Blazer	Hats
Ties	Costumes

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list

AWARDS

Award Criteria

In MUN, awards are given to commend delegates who display exceptional skill in a particular arena. Similar to other conferences, at VCMUN, we issue awards in a tiered system. To avoid ambiguity in the award selection process, we specialize the tiers of awards into three categories: research, diplomacy and determination, and finally statecraft. The criteria for the tiers of awards are as follows:

AWARD FOR BEST DELEGATE

Given to the delegate who excels in matters of both diplomacy and resolve. This delegate walks the fine line between managing their state's policies and assembling common ground among the parties. Possessing a masterful grasp of affairs of state, this delegate sure-handedly guides the progression of committee.

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING DELEGATE

Given to the delegate who demonstrates a strong fluency in the areas of diplomacy and negotiation, capable of uniting parties based upon shared interests to ensure the progression of committee.

AWARD FOR HONOURABLE MENTION

Given to the delegate who demonstrates the ability to skillfully advocate their state's policies in the face of opposition and displays exceptional determination in the completion of their objectives.

DELEGATION AWARDS

VCMUN will also award respective schools in the form of Delegation Awards. There are two Delegation Awards:

- Best Small Delegation
- Best Large Delegation

Delegations of 5-7 people (inclusive) are considered small delegations and are eligible for small delegation award.

Delegations of 8 people and more are considered large delegations and are eligible for the large delegation award.

**All delegation awards will be calculated by ratio.*

VCMUN would like to reiterate that our awards are given out purely based on the committee's respective staff and their judgement of their delegate's performance over the course of the weekend. Some of the criteria they will use to make these difficult decisions are as follows:

- The delegate must have attended all committee sessions (unless an explicit exemption was received by the delegate).
- The delegate must have actively participated in all aspects of committee: debate, active participation in working papers, resolutions, amendments, etc.



MUN BINGO

PRESENTED BY VCMUN



SLEPT IN THE OPENING CEREMONY	RECIEVED ROSES	ARRIVING LATE TO COMMITTEE	SWITCHING SPOTS TO CHARGE YOUR DEVICE	ASKING FOR UNNECESSARY UNMODS
THE ONE WHO NEVER SHOWS UP	COMES TO COMMITTEE SLEEP DEPRIVED	DOING LAST MINUTE RESEARCH	CLUELESS ABOUT ROPS	DOES NOT READ THE BG
THE PDA MUN COUPLE	RIZZING UP THE CHAIR		ONLY THERE FOR THE SOCIALS	DESIGNATED FORMATER FOR REZ PAPERS
THE EQUITY STATEMENT	MIXING UP YOUR POINTS	THE GAVEL HUNTER	RECIEVES ALL THE NOTES	MUN PUN MACHINE
CRUSHED ON A DEL/DAIS	TEXTING IN COMMITTEE	LOST/ FORGOT YOUR NAMETAG	ALWAYS SENDING NOTES	ALWAYS ABSTAINS



Peace
WAS **NEVER**
AN OPTION

