

2022 Jr. Model United Nations -Student Diplomat Program
Final Conference April Asynchronous Activities

Amendment Writing Activity

Amendment writing is one of the main activities that student delegates take part in during the Jr. Model United Nations Final Conferences. Ahead of the Final Conferences, delegates will receive a “final committee resolution” that is made up of three different corresponding preambulatory and operative clauses from the resolutions that delegates submitted. During the Final Conference, delegates will work together to debate and amend the operative clauses in the final committee resolutions. Take a look at the sections below for more information on amendments and activities that help delegates practice amendment writing before attending the Final Conferences!



Let's review...what is an amendment?

An amendment is a way to edit or revise an operative clause to make it stronger, better, or clearer. Remember, we want operative clauses to present realistic, detailed solutions to the issue at hand and want as many countries as possible to vote to pass or agree to implementing the actions or solutions proposed in those operative clauses. Also remember that you can't amend preambulatory clauses because they present facts and figures...those can't be edited or revised!

How can we make amendments?

- Add words or phrases
- Delete words or phrases
- Combine two operative clauses together

Example of an amended operative clause:

- **Original Clause:**
Recommends that UN member countries donate more food or money to countries with the most number of people suffering from food insecurity.
- **Amended Clause:**
Recommends that UN member countries with the top 25 GDPs donate an additional 1% more in food aid to the 30 UN member countries with the greatest number of people suffering from food insecurity.



Practice writing amendments!

Activity 1:

First, let's practice writing amendments with an easy activity. Try to make at least three amendments to the statement written below (you can work with a partner if you want!). Read the statement and think about how you can make the proposed action more specific and/or realistic.

"All schools should have mandatory recess because it is good for students."

Activity 2:

Now, start to brainstorm some amendments that you might suggest for the operative clauses included in your committee's final resolution! Bring this list of proposed amendments with you to the Final Conference so you are prepared to debate and discuss these potential changes to the resolution with your fellow delegates. Remember, amendments are a way of making an operative clause stronger, better, and/or clearer and can also help to make the changes that will make more countries likely to vote to pass the resolution at the end of the Final Conference.

(Ask your Faculty Adviser where you can find your committee's final resolution)