

James S. Rickards High School Model United Nations Team By-Laws

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Vice President of Organization: Samitha Balireddy

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Secretary: Tiffany Zheng

Historian: Himank Chhaya

Club Sponsors: Ms. Sullivan and Mr. Coney

Article I- Purpose

The purpose of James S. Rickards Model United Nations (Rickards MUN) is to develop a student's ability to debate, speak, and engage with their peers in a professional manner. The club's goal is to develop these skills through the attendance of conferences and workshops that will allow students to apply these skills in solving real-world problems.

Article II- Name

The name of this club will be the James S. Rickards High School Model United Nations Team (Rickards MUN).

Article III- Membership

1. Membership is open to all students of James S. Rickards High School who maintain an unweighted GPA of 2.75.
2. Members will be expected to pay entrance dues unless in a position where they are financially unable, in which case they can contact one of the sponsors of the club to obtain a waiver.

Article IV- Membership Fees

1. Members will pay \$15 as an initial entrance fee. This cost will be used to cover club expenses such as
 - a. Website Maintenance
 - b. T-Shirt Subsidization
 - c. Incidental Costs
2. Members will also pay for Conference Attendance (depending on cost of conference), and if a student is unable to attend due to the cost of the conference, they can contact one of the sponsors for information on financial waivers. Cost of attendance should not prevent a student from attending a conference.

Article V- Voting

1. Election voting will be open to all members in good standing (dues paid, and sufficient attendance)
2. Voting on Club Decisions will be a privilege exclusively for the club's Officer Team (see article VII)
 - a. A majority of officers must vote to support a decision for it to pass, Sponsor approval will then be required

Article VI- Officers

1. The officers of James S. Rickards Model United Nations shall be:
 - a. Executive Board (President, Vice President of Organization, Vice President of Logistics, and Treasurer)
 - i. The Executive Board team (which includes the club sponsor(s)) will preside over club meetings, control communications platforms, and act as Club Ambassadors
 - ii. To be eligible to apply for President, Vice President of Organization, Vice President of Logistics, and/or Treasurer the following qualifications must be met:
 1. Having won at least one award at a conference
 2. Be a rising Junior (11th Grade) or Senior (12th grade)
 3. Completion of an application that will be reviewed by current board members, speech in front of club members, and selection by the sponsor(s) after an interview process
 - b. Secretary
 - i. The Secretary will be responsible for maintaining club membership records, meeting minutes and will assist in communication tasks
 - ii. All emails sent by the secretary require approval from Executive Committee
 - iii. This position is based on election
 - c. Historian
 - i. The Historian shall keep and maintain photographs of club events
 - ii. Management of the Social Media Page and Website
 - iii. This position is based on election
 - d. Communications
 - i. All emails pertaining to Rickards MUN must be addressed by the names of Executive Board, Secretary, and Historian and must be sent from the official Rickards MUN e-mail address:
rickardsmun@gmail.com
2. Removal of an officer:
 - a. If an officer fails to meet the expectations of their office, they will receive one warning notification via their school email account with the concerns that need to be rectified in the following 3 weeks to maintain their officer position. If the officer does not improve in the performance of their official duties in the allotted 3-week time frame, then the sponsor(s) may remove the officer at the sponsor(s)'s discretion.
 - i. Replacement of removed officers: the sponsor(s) will review the applications submitted for that position from that academic year and either make an immediate appointment, or hold interviews before making an appointment.

Article VII- Attendance

1. All club members must attend at least 2 meetings every month unless there is an emergency leave of absence, in which case a valid excuse, communicated to the sponsor(s) via email and the club email is required.
2. Failure to attend meetings will cost a member to no longer be in "Good Standing," and could result in dismissal from the club.

Article VIII- Sponsor Discretion

1. Any decisions made by the Executive Board (of which the sponsor(s) is also a member), may be amended at the sponsor(s) discretion.
2. The sponsor(s) may remove club members who do not follow the school's behavior policy.
3. To maintain compliance with state laws and Leon County School Board policies, the sponsor(s) can make necessary changes to the club at any time and will update members accordingly.