

Liability Release, Waiver, and Assumption of Risk

I understand that both I and my child, _____ [Legal First and Last Name of Student/Participant] of _____ [School], must read this liability release, waiver, and assumption of risk (“Release”), before my child voluntarily participates in Washington Area Model United Nations Conference (“the Conference”) hosted by the International Affairs Society of The George Washington University (“GW” or “university”) and George Washington International Affairs Association, Inc. (“GWIAA”) from March 21st, 2024 to March 24th, 2024. I also understand that I am signing this Release on behalf of my child in order for my child to participate in the Conference.

By signing this Release, I acknowledge that I and my child have read and understand all rules and policies outlined below, the Delegate Guide, and other rules and policies that the Conference has established for the safety of my child and other participants of the Conference, as well as for that of the university and its members.

I understand that my child’s participation in the Conference is voluntary and may involve inherent dangers, hazards, and risks, which include, but are not limited to death, sickness, accidents, bodily injury, serious or mortal injury, delay, property damage, accident, sickness, acts of terrorism, government intervention, and acts of God. I understand that my child undertakes these risks, hazards, and dangers when participating in the Conference.

In consideration of GW and GWIAA permitting my child to participate in the Conference, I, and my child, for ourselves and our family, heirs, personal representatives, executors, and administrators, agree to assume all the risks and responsibilities, including financial, for my child’s participation in the Conference. I, and my child, further agree for ourselves and our family, heirs, personal representatives, executors, and administrators, to voluntarily and forever discharge, release, waive, and covenant not to sue The George Washington University and its trustees, officers, agents, faculty, employees, and students, The International Affairs Society, the Conference, George Washington International Affairs Association, Inc. and its governing board, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers (collectively, the “Releasees”) from and against any and all liability for any harm, injury, damages, claims, demands, actions, causes of action (including but not limited to negligence, breach of contract, or breach of any statutory or other duty of care), costs, and expenses of any nature whatsoever which I or my child may have or which may hereafter accrue to me or my child, arising out of or related to any loss, damage (including property damage), injury, or death, that may be sustained by my child or by any property belonging to my child as a result of my child’s participation in the Conference, including transit to or from locations where the Conference or any adjunct activities occur or are conducted.

I, and my child, hereby indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Releasees, and their present and former trustees, officers, employees, faculty, students, and agents from and against any and all costs, losses, claims, liabilities, damages, expenses, cause of action, suits, obligations, judgments, and actual attorneys’ fees arising from injury to person, including but not limited to death, and to personal property, including but not limited to theft, which is a result of or arises out of an act, failure to act, negligence or misconduct in connection with my child’s participation in the Conference.

I, and my child, understand and agree that the Releasees do not provide any accident or medical insurance with respect to the Conference and have no medical personnel at the Conference site. I, and my child, grant permission for the Releasees to authorize emergency medical or dental treatment if necessary; such action shall be subject to the terms of this Release. I, and my child, are responsible for providing any accident or medical insurance, and, in the event that medical assistance or treatment is necessary as a result of illness or injury to my child sustained during the Conference, I agree to be fully responsible financially for the cost of such assistance and/or treatment.

I, and my child, hereby agree that the Conference and its staff are authorized to take action if my child's behavior or conduct is seen to violate the rules and regulations as outlined in this document. I, and my child, understand that the designated advisor(s) for or the legal guardian(s) of my child are responsible for transporting my child to and from the Conference.

I, and my child, understand that any document or intellectual work that my child contributes to or produces during the Conference becomes the sole property of the Releasees, who may use it in any way they deem appropriate, including but not limited to the right to reproduce, distribute, transmit, or publish.

I, and my child, give permission for the Releasees to print, photograph, and record my child during my child's participation in the Conference for use in audio, film, or any other electronic, digital, and printed media.

I, and my child, understand that the purpose of the Conference is not to further my child's educational goals.

I, and my child, understand that my child must adhere to the applicable laws of the District of Columbia, the United States of America, and any other pertinent laws or regulations in force at the Conference location.

I, and my child, understand that the Conference has a zero-tolerance policy towards the possession or consumption of weapons, alcohol, nicotine and tobacco products (including e-cigarettes), and/or controlled substances. Any Conference participant caught in possession or under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances will be expelled from the conference.

I, and my child, understand that refunds or other consideration will not be granted for any reason except as provided for by the Conference policy and procedure, and agree that my child may be expelled from the Conference at any time for violating this Release with no expectation of refund. I, and my child, understand that refunds or other consideration will not be granted to registered Conference participants who are unable to attend the Conference for any reason, including but not limited to inclement weather, travel delays, or illness.

To the best of my knowledge, I am not aware of any health-related reasons which would preclude my child's participation in the Conference.

I, and my child, agree that this Release shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the District of Columbia, and that if any portion is deemed to be invalid, the remainder of the Release will still be binding.

In signing Release, I acknowledge and represent that I have read the foregoing Release, understand it, and sign it voluntarily; no oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from the foregoing written Release have been made; I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent; I am the parent or legal guardian of the Conference participant named below; and I execute this Releasee for full, adequate, and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by the same. By signing this form, my child agrees to abide by all applicable rules and regulations of GW, The International Affairs Society, the Conference, and GWIAA. This Release, with the aforementioned understandings, constitutes the entire agreement between myself, my child, and GW and GWIAA.

Name of Student/Child

Signature of Legal Guardian/Parent

Name of Legal Guardian/Parent (Print)

Date

Emergency Contact Name

Best Contact Information

Appendix. Parts of the Established Policies

I agree to maintaining decorum and following committee guidelines as provided to me by my chair. I agree to abstain from utilizing profane or inappropriate language and behavior in committee sessions or other forms of communication between myself and other delegates or the Conference staff. This includes using appropriate language, attire, and all other aspects of an in-person conference.

I understand that Conference staffers reserve the right to request that delegates not appropriately dressed during a committee session leave in order to change their clothes. I further understand that Western Business Attire is required for all Conference committee sessions, unless specifically I am told otherwise by my committee chair.

I understand that I am expected to attend all committee sessions and mandatory events on-time during the Conference, unless my advisor has informed my chair before the committee session starts. I also understand that I am required to wear my Conference identification (i.e. name badges, wristbands, placards, etc.) during all committee sessions, Conference events, and while on The George Washington University campus.

I agree not to use Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, WhatsApp or any other social media websites or platforms during Conference committee sessions, unless its use is specifically permitted by my chair. I understand that any inappropriate social media posting, bullying, or threats will not be tolerated and may result in my disqualification from committee awards, temporary suspension from the Conference, expulsion from the Conference without refund, or any other action deemed necessary by the Conference secretariat.

I understand that any act of sexual harassment or discrimination based on race, color, sex, gender, gender identity, national origin, religion, belief, age, socioeconomic status, ability, medical status, and/or marital status will not be tolerated. If I or my advisor believe they have observed or encountered any act of discrimination or harassment, I understand that I or they should bring it to the attention of a member of the Conference secretariat. I also understand that any act of discrimination may result in disqualification from committee awards, temporary suspension from the Conference, expulsion from the Conference without refund, receiving a temporary or permanent ban from attending the Conference in the future, or any other action deemed necessary by the Conference secretariat.

I understand that Conference staff will strictly maintain an environment of respect and professionalism among delegates, advisors, and staff and any act of bullying, cyberbullying, and intimidation will not be tolerated. If I or my advisor believe they have observed or encountered any act of bullying or intimidation, I understand that I or they should bring it to the attention of a member of the Conference secretariat. I also understand that any act of bullying or intimidation may result in disqualification from committee awards, temporary suspension from the Conference, expulsion from the Conference without refund, receiving a temporary or permanent ban from attending the Conference in the future, or any other action deemed necessary by the Conference secretariat.

I understand that plagiarism and pre-writing of any kind will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to the use of pre-written clauses for working papers and plagiarism on position papers. Any use of plagiarism will result in my removal from the conference.