Guide to Online Conferencing
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Online Opening and Closing Sessions

The format of Opening and Closing Sessions will vary depending on the number of participants. They either will be on a singular Zoom call or streamed on YouTube via the National Council Student Programs channel. Specific details and links will be included in the conference packet you will receive before the beginning of the conference.

Faculty and Head Delegate Meetings

Faculty and Head Delegate Meetings will take place on a Zoom call with members of the conference’s Upper Secretariat and the NC Rep. A specific link will be included in the conference packet. Faculty will also have access to a “Secretariat Office” Zoom call link throughout the online conference, just as they would have access to a traditional Secretariat Office at in-person conferences.

NCUSAR Representative

Katie Grandelli (Student Programs Coordinator) is available throughout the conference by request for private discussions. Please contact her at katie@ncusar.org to set up an individual meeting with her.
Formal Council Proceedings

All council activities, including unmoderated caucusing, will take place in a council-specific Zoom call. Links to these Zoom calls will be included in the conference packet.

Faculty can observe council meetings by using the same council-specific Zoom call listed in the conference packet. Faculty are requested to not interrupt the delegates within this Zoom call as delegates will be in formal session.

Double delegations are not required to share the same device/appear on the same screen as their partner. Congesting the Zoom chat will be seen as disrespectful to other delegates if the messages are not beneficial to the entire body.

Unmoderated caucus activity will take place in Zoom breakout rooms. Delegates must have Zoom updated to the most current version at the time of their conference to access all features that will be used during debate.

**Zoom & In-Session resources**

- [Zoom Download](#)
- [Zoom Updates](#)
- [Zoom FAQs](#)
- [Zoom technological requirements](#)
- [Zoom troubleshooting](#)
- [MAL Handbook](#)
- [MAL Online Conferencing Handbook Appendix](#)

**Helpful Videos on Online MAL debate**

- [Overview to General Flow of Debate](#)
- [Overview to all MAL Points and Motions](#)
- [First and Second Summer Online MAL conferences](#)

(These conferences do not use Zoom, but are a good representation of the general look and flow of an online conference)
Voting Procedure on Zoom

All delegates are requested to have the most recent update for Zoom installed on their device prior to the beginning of their conference. Failure to have Zoom updated might result in their inability to have all voting system options.

Delegates can access the voting options below by using the “Participants” button on the bottom of the Zoom window. It is the chair’s discretion if they would like delegates to respond verbally or to use the Zoom functions.

Voting in Zoom

Voting Procedure
Green check (yes) - in favor
Red x (no) - opposed
Raise hand - abstain
Go Slower - no w/rights