

2025 Maryland Association of Student Councils Winter Leadership Conference General Assembly Standing Rules

1. The MASC Treasurer shall report the number of delegates registered with the proper identification credentials after the general session and before voting may take place. The report shall contain the number of voting delegates and observers.
2. Student delegates must attend the sessions to which they are pre-assigned.
3. Only those specifically authorized or recognized, shall speak at the general assemblies.
4. Common courtesy rules shall be observed at all times. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - A. One person speaks at a time
 - B. No personal attacks
 - C. No jeering (including booing, hissing, or any other disruptive behavior including disrespectful comments or gestures)
 - D. Maintaining proper etiquette (no offensive or graphic content)
5. All votes, except those prescribed by the election rules, shall be taken by counting raised voting cards*.
6. Votes for the Student Member of the Board (SMOB) finalists, shall be done by official ballot completed by the registered voting delegates.
7. The Chairperson may ask for the removal of anyone in the General Session for violating common courtesy rules or code of conduct that all delegates reviewed during registration.
8. The proceedings of the General Session shall follow Robert's Rules Of Order, Newly Revised with the exceptions listed below:
 - A. Delegates registered as voters may participate in the discussion and introduce motions. Delegates registered as observers may only participate in the discussion.
 - B. No delegate may debate more than two times on the same question during the same meeting unless the Assembly rules otherwise.
 - C. All debate shall be limited to one minute, except in the case of the author who will be allowed two minutes, unless otherwise ruled by the Assembly.
 - D. All debate shall be screened for appropriateness, repetitiveness, and common decency. Debate screeners shall act as designees of the chair and may decline any delegate the right to debate. Delegates may submit a debate argument to the debate screener only when asked to do so. Questions and other comments will be ruled out of order and disregarded if submitted before the chair requests it.
 - E. Once a motion is under debate, principal motions, and subsidiary motions may only be recognized when the chair calls for it.
 - F. The Chairperson will recognize subsidiary motions, principal motions, and debate. All debate shall be recognized from the chair through the designated "R's" at the designated time.
 - G. Privileged and incidental motions may be made at any time. Designated "R's" will review and bring it to the chair's attention.
 - H. The chairperson may set time limits for the discussion of the topics at each session.

**If there are non-voting delegates (other than host staff) registered for the Winter Leadership Conference, voting cards will be issued. There will be no replacements for lost voting cards. Doing so would compromise credentials.*