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2024 Maryland Association of Student Councils Convention General Assembly Standing Rules

1. The MASC Treasurer shall report the number of delegates registered with the proper identification credentials at the beginning of the closing general session and before voting. The report shall contain the number of voting delegates and observers.
2. All delegates, advisors, staff members, candidates, campaign staff, and guests shall be required to wear their name tags at all times throughout the session. Any person not wearing the badge and claiming to be registered at the session shall be referred to an advisor or the MASC registrar. Student delegates must attend the sessions to which they are pre-assigned.
3. Student delegates may not leave any session activities without permission from an advisor.
4. No one, except those specifically authorized, shall be on stage.
5. 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)
6. All votes, except those prescribed by the election rules, shall be taken by raising the delegate *voting cards.
7. The Chairperson may ask for the removal of anyone in the General Session for violating common courtesy rules.
8. The proceedings of the General Session shall follow Robert's Rules Of Order, Newly Revised with the exceptions listed below:
 - A. Only delegates registered as voters may participate in the discussion and introduce motions.
 - 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. "Rs" act as designees of the chair and may deny any delegate the right to debate. Questions and other comments will be ruled out of order and ignored if submitted before the chair requests it. The "R's" will also determine if a comment has already been made or if it is deemed inappropriate or indecent.
 - E. Once a motion is under debate, principal motions and subsidiary motions may only be recognized when the chair calls for compromise debate.
 - F. The Chairperson will recognize subsidiary motions, principal motions, and debate. All compromise debate shall be recognized by the chair from the designated "R's" at the designated time.
 - G. Privileged and incidental motions may be made from the floor. 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.
- I. Registered delegates will be permitted to submit spontaneous legislation via a designated Google form when the General Assembly convenes. As time permits, spontaneous legislation will be covered in order at the discretion of the Chairperson.
- J. Pre-filed legislation will be covered first and spontaneous legislation will be recognized once pre-filed legislation is covered, time permitting.

**If there are non-voting delegates (other than host staff) registered for the convention, voting cards will be issued. There will be no replacements for lost voting cards. Doing so would compromise credentials. If there are no non-voting delegates (other than host staff), voting cards will not be issued and a show of hands or other verbal voting method may be used.*