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**2026 Maryland Association of Student Councils Legislative Session
General Assembly Standing Rules**

1. The MASC Treasurer shall report the number of delegates registered with the proper identification credentials before SMOB nominee 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 or be on the stage..
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 request the removal of any individual from the General Session who violates common courtesy expectations or the participant contract (included in the emergency form) signed 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 will be screened for appropriateness, relevance, and common decency. "Rs," acting as designees of the Chair, may deny a delegate the right to debate if comments are repetitive or inappropriate. Questions and other comments submitted before the Chair requests or recognizes them will be ruled out of order. The "Rs" will also determine whether a comment has already been made or if it is 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 from the chair through the designated "R's" at a specified 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.

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**There will be no replacements for lost voting cards. Doing so would compromise credentials.*