

LAIMUN XXX Crisis Rules of Procedure

LAIMUN Crisis Policies

- No technology
- No pre-written directives, communiques, or press releases
- There will be a round-robin with a 1 minute speaking time at the beginning of debate on character background and policy.
- The moderator is not required to ask for points and motions after every speech. They will let you know when they are taking motions. You can raise your placard at any time if you wish to make a point.
- The gavel tap will be 10 seconds before time is up for speeches, mods, and comments, regardless of the total speaking time
- The moderator will take a maximum of 5 motions at a time, and all countries must vote on each motion.
- If the moderator elects to do speeches for and against moving into voting block, they will be scored as comments.
- Comments and moderated caucus speeches are counted in the same section of the scoresheet. They are 5 points each. Questions are counted in a separate section of the scoresheet. They are 3 points each.

Points

- Point of Personal Privilege
This refers to the delegates' wellbeing and comfort in the committee room. It may be called out for various reasons including the following: the room is too hot or cold, the delegate cannot hear the speaker. This point may disrupt a speaker only when due to audibility.
- Point of Inquiry (Information)
Question directed to the dias/chair concerning debate. Delegates may not use a point of inquiry to question another delegate in the committee.
- Point of Order
This refers to the rules of procedure, but it pertains only to decisions made by the chairs. It could be to disagree with or to clarify a decision the chair made.
- Point of Parliamentary Inquiry
This is similar to a point of order, but it is a question about the rules of procedure and does not pertain to decisions made by the Chair.

Motions

- Motion to open debate
- Motion for a round robin
This must be done after debate is open. The speaking time is 1 minute, and this is unamendable.
- Motion to open moderated caucus
Speaker designates the topic, length of caucus, and speaking time. If it passes, the chair should ask the delegate who motioned for it to speak first or last. The chair will call on the rest of the speakers individually.
- Motion for a moderated council (Trojan War only)
- Motion to open an unmoderated caucus
The speaker designates the length of caucus. Delegates are free to stand up and collaborate on committee directives.
- Motion for a gentleman's unmoderated caucus.
The speaker designates the length of caucus. Delegates must stay in their seats and are welcome to participate in discussion.
- Motion to present directives
- Motion to vote on directives
- Motion to read press releases
- Motion to suspend debate
- Motion to end debate

The Basics of Crisis

- Crisis Update
 - Where we get our namesake. Every hour or so, a member of the backroom staff will come into committee and deliver an update on the unfolding events of the topic.
 - Perhaps a prominent leader has died and left a power vacuum, or a winter storm has frozen everyone's ships in place.
 - Maybe a new disease is spreading rapidly, or the people of a certain country have decided to revolt.
 - Whatever the update may be, it will fundamentally change the events of committee, and it will be in your best interest to respond to it.
 - This can be done through speeches, moderated caucus, or even committee directives (see below).
 - Keep in mind that these updates may affect your specific character or your plans. Strategize accordingly. We promise backroom is not attempting to single you out, we carry out the updates we think will make for the most interesting debate. Oftentimes when a crisis update negatively impacts a delegate, it's a sign that they were doing very well and we needed to balance out committee by giving them a challenge.
 - Your activity in the backroom will influence what we introduce as a crisis update. They ensure there will be no shortage of things to talk about. Crisis debates are a lot of things, but they are never boring and the updates are a big reason why.
- Directives
 - Committee Directives
 - Committee directives are the equivalent to a working paper for crisis. They are pre-resolution papers that respond to the crisis. They need to be completed in a timely manner and presented upon from sponsors in a formal caucus. Committee directives also need signatories and are open to amendments. Committee directives must respond to the most recent crisis. This gives the backroom staff and the chairs something to work with in order to move the debate forward. Committee directives are voted on by the committee and often require joint member activities that cannot be accomplished simply through personal directives.

- Personal Directives
 - Personal directives are the notes that delegates send to the backroom staff. The chairs will never see these notes, and they are completely confidential between the delegate and the backroom staff. Personal directives are anything from letters to a personal friend or ally, to acquiring farmland, to building infrastructure, or even troop recruitment or movement. Essentially, they are the “solutions” of Crisis, except they actively influence and alter the events unfolding throughout debate. Use them to develop your own personal story. Backroom will take into account personal directives as we develop crisis updates and direct the flow of debate. Delegates will receive a grade from the backroom staff on the quality of personal directives and in some instances quantity. This grade will affect the delegate's overall performance but is independent of the score received from the chairs. Personal directives should follow a crisis arc, or in other words develop a story. For a delegate to obtain maximum points they must use their portfolio powers to develop a clear storyline which has a definitive end. Personal Directives can be sent at any time, and will be collected by crisis staff periodically and responded to. All personal directives are either approved or denied by the backroom staff. Personal powers are highly recommended to be used in personal directives.
- Press Releases
 - Press releases are written as personal directives that are presented to the entire committee. These are in many cases media campaigns to spread propaganda. In a single committee they can be used strategically, to tell the entire committee what a delegate has been accomplishing through their personal directives. Press Releases are drafted the same way as personal directives, except they must be clearly labeled a press release or the backroom staff will never release the information. Press Releases can be formatted as an anonymous letter or as a signed letter depending upon the delegate's preference. Press Releases can also be from a single sponsor or multiple ones. Press Releases will be counted toward a delegate's backroom score.
- Communiques
 - Personal Communique
 - A personal communique is a very useful tool when it comes to crisis. This is a way for delegates to individually communicate with another member from another committee to formulate plans. This is a way to develop a delegate's crisis arc. Through communiques and personal directives a delegate could even potentially “transfer” committees following their crisis arc. Meeting requests can be mutually granted under supervision of a crisis staff member. Any said in the meeting can not and will not affect a delegate's score as long as it is on topic with debate. A personal communique must be addressed to a specific delegate in the other room by listing their name or position. Personal communiques will be counted by backroom staff like personal directives and will be graded as such. These

communiques should develop your crisis arc and overall move debate in some way.