



How the Country Draft Works

Each year, high schools in the Civitas Model United Nations "draft" or select the countries which they will represent. In 2008, the draft will be held on September 27 at Crossroads School from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. We will also have a short workshop on how to be an effective delegate following the country draft.

Here is how the draft works:

1. The name of each participating school in the Model U.N. will be written on a piece of paper and placed in a hat.
2. A "distinguished" member of our secretariat (staff) will draw a piece of paper from the hat.
3. The name of the school on that piece of paper will be the school that has the first draft pick of the day.
4. The staff member will continue to pull pieces of paper out of the hat and the drafting order will be determined by the order in which the names are pulled.
5. The first round of the draft will then take place. In the first round, all schools will be allowed to select a country that will be on the Security Council (current member list on reverse side of this sheet). Since there are only fifteen members on the real Security Council (five permanent and ten non-permanent), we will allow other countries to serve on the Security Council so that there will be one for each school. After the first fifteen real Security Council members are taken, we will then work to maintain a geographical balance of the other new members.
6. After the first round, the order of selection will be reversed in the second round. This is to minimize the "penalty" on schools that drafted late in the first round.
7. The drafting order will be reversed in each subsequent round.
8. Each school selects countries for as many rounds as it wants countries. In each subsequent round, only the schools wanting more countries will select.

Current members of the Security Council are:

Permanent:

1. China
2. France
3. Russian Federation
4. United Kingdom
5. United States

The current non-permanent nations on the Security Council are:

1. Belgium
2. Burkina Faso
3. Costa Rica
4. Croatia
5. Indonesia
6. Italy
7. Libya
8. Panama
9. South Africa
10. Vietnam