

Procedural Guidelines of The Court of Justice BIMUN 2026



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1. Purpose and Scope

These Procedural Guidelines establish the formal rules governing the organization, conduct, and integrity of BIMUN International Court of Justice proceedings. Their purpose is to ensure fairness, impartiality, order, and academic rigor throughout all sessions of the Court.

2. Composition of the Court

The Court of Justice shall be composed of:

- One Judge
- One Co-Judge
- A designated Secretariat
- Advocates representing each party
- Authorized Assessors (Secretariat and Professors)
- Witnesses and Observers, when applicable

All participants must strictly adhere to these guidelines.

3. Advocates and Legal Representation

Each party shall be represented by officially designated advocates. Advocates are responsible for presenting arguments, submitting evidence, questioning witnesses, and upholding procedural order.

Advocates must conduct themselves with diplomacy, respect, and adherence to the authority of the Court at all times.

4. Assessors

4.1 Each party is permitted to have one (1) assessor (Secretariat of ICJ).

4.2 The role of the assessor is strictly advisory. Assessors may not intervene orally or directly during Court sessions.

4.3 It is expressly prohibited for any assessor to be the Judge or Co-Judge of the Court.

4.4 All the activities of the advocates and assessor must be conducted and supervised by a professor of Carol Baur.

5. Secretariat (assessor)

5.1 There shall be a Secretariat in charge of matters related to the Court of Justice (ICJ).

5.2 The Secretariat shall be composed of representatives from both participating plantels.

5.3 Members of the Secretariat may not be the General Secretary or Sub-Secretary.

5.4 The Secretariat shall be responsible for documentation, timekeeping, record management, and procedural coordination.

6. Judges and Judicial Authority

6.1 The Judge and Co-Judge hold the highest authority during Court proceedings.

6.2 They are responsible for maintaining order, evaluating evidence, ruling on objections, and ensuring compliance with these guidelines.

6.3 Decisions of the Judge and Co-Judge are final and binding within the scope of the simulation.

6.4 The Judge and Co-Judge must remain impartial at all times, outside and during the sessions

6.5 They will not be allowed to leak any information or accept bribes from lawyers; otherwise, they will face academic consequences decided by the professors in charge.

6.6 The only people the judge and co-judge may obey are the professors responsible for the model. And no other intervention will be considered; it will be heard but not taken into account.

7. Testimonies and Witnesses

7.1 Actors for testimonies may only be:

- Only Carol Baur students, who can prove their identity with a school ID.
- Students from Carol Baur who are not part of the Academic Secretariat
- Teachers from Carol Baur

7.2 Witnesses may only testify regarding matters directly related to their own testimony.

7.3 All testimonies must be relevant to the case and may not include speculative, hearsay, or unrelated information.

8. Evidence Submission and Validation

8.1 All evidence must be submitted by the deadline established by the General Secretariat of the ICJ (maximum 2 weeks before BIMUN) .

8.2 The evidence from Mexico City will be reviewed by the representative judge or co-judge from Queretaro. Similarly, the evidence from Querétaro will be reviewed by the judge or co-judge from Mexico City.

8.3 All evidence must contain verifiable, truthful, and relevant information directly connected to the case.

8.4 Each piece of evidence must include clear argumentation explaining its relevance and probative value.

9. Conduct During Sessions

9.1 All participants must maintain respectful and formal behavior during sessions, forward adhering to BIMUN's values.

9.2 Interruptions, unauthorized participation, or disorderly conduct are strictly prohibited.

9.3 Participants must follow the speaking order and time limits established by the Court.

9.4 The use of any electronic devices and **AI** is strictly **prohibited**.

10. Communication Restrictions

10.1 During Court sessions, there shall be no communication between:

- Assessors
- Observers
- Teachers
- Members of the Secretariat

10.2 Any violation of this rule shall result in a formal warning issued to the corresponding advocates.

11. Observers and External Participants

11.1 Observers may attend Court sessions in silence.

11.2 Observers are strictly prohibited from interacting with advocates, judges, witnesses, assessors, or the Secretariat during sessions.

12. Sanctions and Disciplinary Measures

12.1 The Court may issue warnings for procedural violations.

12.2 Repeated or severe violations may result in penalties, including limitation of participation or dismissal of evidence, at the discretion of the Judge and Co-Judge.

13. Ethical Standards

13.1 All participants must act in good faith, with honesty, academic integrity, and respect for the principles of justice.

13.2 Any attempt to manipulate evidence, testimonies, or proceedings shall be considered a serious ethical breach.

14. Final Provisions

These Procedural Guidelines shall enter into force immediately upon approval by the organizing authority and shall apply to all Court of Justice sessions without exception.

Any matter not expressly covered in this document shall be resolved at the discretion of the Judge and Co-Judge, Secretariat in charge or any professor, in accordance with the spirit of fairness of BIMUN's International Court of Justice.

