



Jury Criteria

European Youth Parliament the Netherlands

The Jury Criteria below give an indication of the specific qualities and abilities sought by the Jury team, present at our Regional and National Selection Conferences. The criteria are presented in no particular order of importance.

1. A clear eagerness to learn and grow

Does this Delegate have an attitude that is exemplified by progress and eagerness? Does this Delegate have something to gain from becoming active in EYP?

A successful Delegate will show an ability to learn from the experience of the Conference and to develop their professional skills during all parts of the Conference. Delegates meet this criterion when they show enthusiasm during Teambuilding and Committee Work, embrace the new situations they find themselves in, with a strong eagerness to engage. During General Assembly, a delegate may show more engagement than he or she has shown previously. A successful delegate may clearly benefit from continued experience in EYP. A Delegate does not meet this criterion when they are unwilling to participate in unfamiliar activities or display disruptive or uninterested behaviour.

2. Constructive attitude and active participation

Does this Delegate seek to actively make meaningful contributions to the debates? Does this delegate help debates and discussions move forward?

Delegates who display a constructive attitude will be noted positively by the Jury. During Committee Work and General Assembly, a successful delegate grasps the tide of the debate and helps the debate move forward by maintaining a constructive attitude. The Jury will be looking for Delegates who pay close attention to and participate actively in the discussions or debates going on. The jury very much appreciates delegates who aim to make meaningful contributions to discussions and debates. Delegates who show a lack of attentiveness to the debate by making repetitive or tangential points do not meet this criterion. A successful Delegate is expected to show continued interest; not just the debates in which they are the main proposer or opposer.



3. Quality and value of input

Does this Delegate perform on a reasonably high level for the Conference in an academic and creative sense?

Delegates that display a thorough understanding of the issue they are discussing are appreciated by the Jury. The Jury will be looking for input from delegates which is factually correct and relevant to the discussion at hand. Originality during Committee Work and General Assembly is very much welcomed, as well as creativity during Teambuilding exercises. A Delegate widely exceeds expectations if all remarks made during Committee Work or General Assembly have a clear base in preparation and are supported with sourced facts. A delegate does not meet this criterion if they are weak on substance or lack the preparation to bring up different perspectives on a topic.

4. Respectful and interpersonal approach to teamwork

Does this Delegate respect our values of inclusion, democracy, cooperation, pluralism, intercultural understanding and empowerment? Does this Delegate have the interpersonal skills needed to function in a team?

Delegates who are respectful during all parts of the conference programme, taking into consideration others' opinions and sensitivities, will be noted positively by the Jury. It is important for Delegates to present their arguments without intentionally causing offence or trivialising debate.

A Delegate meets this criterion if they:

- consistently respond to others in a respectful manner;
- take into account and respect other peoples' boundaries and cultures by showing understanding and empathy;
- actively and enthusiastically seek to connect with people both inside and outside their Committee and Delegation;
- are able to empower other delegates and shows an inclusive attitude

A Delegate does not meet this criterion if they engage in forms of disrespectful behaviour or display generally disinterested behaviour throughout the conference.

5. Effective communication, ability to present oneself clearly and engage the audience

Is this Delegate a successful communicator? Are there things they can gain from EYP when it comes to their communicative skills?

The emphasis is on effectively communicating one's ideas to the other Delegates with good structure and good use of rhetoric. A Delegate meets this criterion if remarks made during Committee Work and General Assembly are made in a convincing and eloquent manner and keep the attention of other participants. A Delegate does not meet this criterion if presentation is without any conviction or enthusiasm, or even with ostensible disinterest. The Jury recognises and embraces many different and personal styles of getting the message across, by for example drawing upon humour, using anecdotes or delivering a passionate speech.