

Tips for Mastering Moderated and Unmoderated Caucuses

In Model UN, caucuses are where the real action happens. While the General Speakers' List sets the stage, it's during moderated and unmoderated caucuses that several ideas get exchanged, alliances are built, and resolutions take shape. How you handle these sessions can make all the difference in how effective you are in committee.

Moderated Caucuses

A moderated caucus focuses on a particular sub-topic within the agenda to enable a more detailed discussion. Think of them as quick, focused bursts of discussion. You've only got a short window to make your point, so be clear and to the point. Don't just repeat what's already been said. Try to add something new, whether that's a practical idea, a fresh angle, or even just connecting two points others haven't tied together. If you keep your remarks organized and speak with confidence, people will pay attention.

Unmoderated Caucuses

Unmoderated caucuses are where the behind-the-scenes diplomacy really happens. This is your chance to talk, negotiate, and actually draft text with other delegates. Be active, but don't dominate. Listening is just as important as speaking. Building coalitions and helping shape working papers is the best way to make sure your country's voice is reflected in the final resolution. Use your time wisely: balance lobbying, drafting, and refining so you're not stuck in endless debates without results.

Key Things to Remember

- 1) Stay anchored to the agenda and what the committee is actually trying to achieve.
- 2) Speak, but also listen. Good negotiators do both.
- 3) Be adaptable. Sometimes you'll need to step up and lead, other times you'll get further by working quietly with others.

At the end of the day, caucuses are the heart of MUN. Moderated caucuses sharpen your ability to think and speak on your feet, while unmoderated caucuses test your skills in teamwork and negotiation. If you approach both with focus, confidence, and a

collaborative mindset, you'll not only contribute meaningfully but also leave a strong impression on the committee.