



Jury Criteria

European Youth Parliament the Netherlands

The Jury Criteria below give an indication of the specific qualities and abilities sought. The criteria are given in descending 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 skills in the fields outlined in these criteria, during all parts of the Session.

A Delegate meets this criterium when they show enthusiasm during Teambuilding and Committee Work, embracing the new situations they find themselves in, with a strong eagerness to engage with the activities and other Delegates. During General Assembly, Delegates progress over the course of the day in terms of a constructive, enthusiastic and respectful attitude. A Delegate does not meet this criterium if they are unwilling to participate in unfamiliar activities or display disruptive behaviour.

2. Constructive attitude and active participation

Does this Delegate behave in a way that is fitting for EYP? Does this Delegate show that they understand that we expect more than merely making points for the sake of it?

Delegates who are constructive, by supporting points they agree with and coming up with alternative approaches to points they disagree with, will be noted positively by the Jury. A Delegate meets this criterium if they build on existing points to provide new perspectives during both Committee Work and General Assembly, and provide concrete reasons for a particular stance. The Jury will be looking for Delegates who listen carefully to the discussions or debates going on, grasping the tide of conversations and debates, moving things forward.

Expected from Delegates during General Assembly is that they take into account the courtesy to respectfully address the assembly, and make concrete, meaningful points rather than merely ask questions. A Delegate does not meet this criterium if they put others down, rather than contribute and support, and refuse to listen to other perspectives. Delegates who do not pay attention to what is said and continually repeat points already made will not meet this criterium.

3. Quality and value of input

Does this Delegate perform on a reasonably high level for the Session, both socially and academically?

The Jury will be looking for arguments that show a clear comprehension by the Delegate of the issues. A Delegate meets this criterium if they bring up new and relevant information during Committee Work. Delegates are expected to make sure that everyone in the committee can contribute to the



discussion. Innovativity and originality during Committee Work and General Assembly is applauded, as well as creativity and active participation during Teambuilding exercises. A Delegate exceeds expectations if all points 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 criterium if they are strong on rhetoric but weak on substance or lack the preparation to bring up different perspectives on a topic. During General Assembly, a Delegate is expected to contribute and show interest in *all* the debates and not just the debates in which they are the main proposer or opposer. When there is a low contribution to specific debates, this is noted negatively.

4. Respectful and interpersonal approach

Does this Delegate respect the values that we stand for in EYP?

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

A Delegate meets this criterium if they:

- continuously respond to others' points in a respectful manner during Committee Work and General Assembly;
- take into account and respect other peoples' boundaries and sensitivities during Teambuilding;
- actively and enthusiastically seek to connect with people both inside and outside their Committee and Delegation;

A Delegate does not meet this criterium if they engage in forms of disrespectful behaviour.

5. Ability to function in a team

Does this Delegate have the intersocial skills needed to function in a team? Is there the possibility that this Delegate could learn how to improve their teamwork skills by doing EYP?

The ability to work as a team is to be applauded. Nevertheless, a team's strength comes from its individuals, and the Jury firmly believes that every individual has something positive to contribute. As such, it is hoped every member of a Committee will make a point during General Assembly, as well as participate fully in the Committee's preparation during Committee Work and Teambuilding.

This criterium is met if: all Delegates are actively involved in the discussion; there is an equal distribution of points made. In Teambuilding and Committee Work, the Delegates are always acting in the interest of the team and support the other committee members. In GA, there is constant interaction within the committee and post-its are passed around to share knowledge and opinions. The criterium is not met if one person is clearly dominant and is keeping others from speaking or if there seems to be no interaction between committee members at all.



6. 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. Good structure, diction and use of humour and passion can help in this, but most important is getting the message across. A Delegate meets this criterium if points during Committee Work and speeches during General Assembly are made in a convincing manner and keep the attention of other participants. A Delegate does not meet this criterium if presentation is without any conviction or enthusiasm, even disinterested. The Jury recognises and embraces many different and personal styles of getting the message across.