

INTERNATIONAL PRESS CORPS





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Letter From The Executive Board

Dear Delegates,

After months of hard work and dedication, I'm proud to welcome you to the IPC Committee of TBSMUN 2026.

As you will come to realise, the International Press Corps is more than just a congregation of representative journalists from around the world. It is more specialised and nuanced than that, with each member tasked with covering a unique facet of the conference, and will develop into a holistic coverage of TBSMUN 2026 as a whole. Be it through stories, political cartoons, reports, interviews, or any other form of media that you so choose, the IPC envisions the production of a gripping and yet accurate set of media that captures the reader's attention from cover to cover.

However, there is also significant responsibility that comes with your role. Members of the press will be upheld to the highest standard of diplomacy. You are expected to report with integrity and act as respectful and pragmatic members of committee.

We are here to guide and help you grow as members of the press. My greatest hope for you during this conference is that you leave with a greater and more nuanced understanding of the free press and its role in the modern world.

While the IPC journey is demanding and rigorous I encourage you to also have fun during your time at TBSMUN. Rest assured, there is not a doubt in my mind that every single one of you is more than capable. I'd like to wish all of you the very best in your preparation for what I'm certain will be a set of thought-provoking, diplomatic, and above all spontaneous discourse on the happenings of the MUN. I'm looking forward to working with



each and every one of you, and excited to see what you all bring to the table. Please feel free to reach out in case you have any questions regarding the proceedings of the committee.

Best Regards,

Zoya Simone Singh

Chairperson

Introduction To The Committee

The International Press Corps (IPC) distinguishes itself as a specialised committee of journalists, standing apart from delegate-based committees that represent countries. Each member of the IPC is entrusted with representing a well-known news agency, and from that standpoint, they contribute a unique perspective to the world of diplomacy unfolding at the conference.

The core function of the IPC is to provide comprehensive coverage of the MUN proceedings, offering in-depth analysis of the debates, resolutions, and diplomatic manoeuvres taking place. Functioning as seasoned reporters, IPC delegates delve into the heart of the discussions, dissecting arguments, identifying key players, and contextualising events within the broader framework of international relations. The role of the IPC is more than just relaying information — it is about delivering it in an unbiased, factual, and engaging manner.

IPC delegates are expected to demonstrate journalistic integrity by providing coverage of events in other committees, staying true to their assigned news outlet's focus. This offers an opportunity to sharpen writing, reporting, and media skills, collaborate with others, and gain valuable feedback from the Executive Board.

Good luck and have fun — we wish you the best.



Code of Conduct

In addition to the general code of conduct outlined in the Conference Policy, the IPC also expects an extra set of skills to be demonstrated by all delegates.

Accuracy and Respect:

While adapting information to align with your assigned press agency's perspective, ensure that your reporting avoids unfairly misrepresenting any delegate in a negative light.

Equitable Attention and Assessment:

A responsible journalist is expected to observe and objectively assess the engagement and contributions of all delegates within a committee.

Professionalism and Respectful Conduct:

As a delegate of the IPC, you are also a delegate within your assigned committee and must adhere to the expectations of the Executive Board while treating all members with respect.

Demonstrating a lack of engagement or a dismissive attitude during committee sessions is unacceptable.



Portfolio Introductions

Al Jazeera

Al Jazeera is a global news organization headquartered in Doha, Qatar. Established in 1996, it gained recognition for its coverage of the Middle East and its commitment to presenting diverse viewpoints. It operates Al Jazeera Arabic, Al Jazeera English, and Al Jazeera Mubasher. It is known for covering underreported stories but has also faced criticism regarding political bias.

BBC

The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), established in 1922, operates under a Royal Charter and is funded primarily by license fees. It emphasizes independence but frequently faces debates regarding political impartiality. Ofcom regulates its TV, radio, and on-demand output.

Hindustan Times

Founded in 1924, Hindustan Times is one of India's largest English-language newspapers, covering politics, business, culture, sports, and entertainment, with a strong online presence.

The New York Times

Founded in 1851, The New York Times is one of the most influential newspapers globally, known for investigative journalism and multiple Pulitzer Prizes.

The Guardian

Founded in 1821, The Guardian is known for its liberal stance, investigative journalism, and commitment to independent reporting.



CNN

Founded in 1980 by Ted Turner, CNN was the first 24-hour cable news network and is known for live coverage of breaking events, with a global presence.

The Role of a Delegate

Basics of News Articles

Lead:

The first sentence is designed to grab attention and summarise key aspects.

5 Ws (Who, What, Where, Why, When):

Articles must answer these core questions.

Inverted Pyramid Structure:

Start with the most important information and move to supporting details.

Uncomplicated Vocabulary:

Prioritise clarity and informative writing over embellishment.

Points to Note:

- 350–500 words recommended
- Align with agency bias and style
- Minimum three body paragraphs
- Clear structure and flow
- Strong headline
- Proper SPAG
- Avoid AI tools due to checks



Types of Pieces

- Beat Article
- Editorials and Op-Eds
- Interviews
- Press Conferences
- Social Media
- Cartoons and Comic Strips
- Photojournalism

Interviews

Interviews are one-on-one discussions conducted during unmoderated caucuses or breaks (with consent). Transcriptions are required. Focus on natural conversation flow, preparation, and strong questions. Interviews usually last 3–4 minutes.

Key elements:

- Establish rapport
- Be natural
- Stay focused
- Conclude thoughtfully
- Use strategic note-taking

Press Conferences

Journalists question delegates to shape perspectives and ensure accountability. With EB approval, approximately five delegates may be questioned. IPC receives 30 minutes' notice before press conferences.



Multimedia

Photojournalism

Includes photography, caricatures, and political cartoons. Visuals must enhance articles and avoid offensive content. Assessment is based on conceptual strength rather than aesthetics.

Elements of Style

Abbreviations

Use standard acronyms without punctuation (e.g., UNSC).

Apostrophes

Only for possession or secondary quotations.

Currency

Use \$ before amounts. Summarise amounts above one million.

Capitalisation

Only abbreviations required to be capitalised.

Boldface

Not allowed in articles.

Developing Nations

Use “developing nations,” not “Third World.”

Diplomatic Courtesy

Maintain civility in quotations.



Hyphenation

Follow British English rules.

Member States

Capitalise when referring to UN Member States.

Names

Never guess spelling — verify.

National References

Use official UN country names.

Numerals

Spell out numbers ten and below. Use commas for five+ digits.

Percentages

Use % symbol.

Quotations

Use ellipses correctly and bracket clarifications when necessary.

Copyright Usage

Proper citation required. Plagiarism limit: 7%.

Political Leaning

Maintain the ideological stance of your assigned agency.

Spacing

Single space after punctuation.



Titles

Standard professional titles abbreviated with periods.
UN titles not abbreviated.

Submissions and Deadlines

Naming Convention

PortfolioName_ArticleTitle_AssignedCommittee

Example: CNN_HamasAcceptsProposalForCeasefire_DISEC

Interview files:

PortfolioName_InterviewedDelegate_AssignedCommittee

Submission Guidelines

- Email: ipc@british-school.org
- Include subject line format
- Submit both PDF and .docx
- Font: Times New Roman, size 12
- Headings may vary

Failure to meet deadlines results in negative evaluation and removal from the next day's newsletter.

Parting Note

This guide serves as a resource to focus your work in accordance with IPC expectations. The committee thrives on spontaneity; delegates are not expected to anticipate every scenario.

Once again, good luck, and have fun!



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