

iMUNC (2022)

Background Guide

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The Committee of ManpaTV.co

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Dais Letters

Greetings Delegates!

My name is Danielynn Pinnock! I am a sophomore at NYC iSchool and I have been a participant for Model UN since freshman year, and this is my first time writing and hosting a committee, and I'm super excited to welcome you to the Manpa Race. Outside of school I really enjoy sewing, crocheting, and baking. I've had a great amount of fun writing this for you guys, hope you enjoy it.

My name is Jordan Kaufman. I am a sophomore at the NYC iSchool. I have taken the Model UN class, and have been in the club as a freshman. I am the treasurer of the NYC iSchool Model UN club. I have always been interested in the UN, and how worldwide issues are confronted and solved. I ski, horseback ride, and do art. I also do ITF (North Korean), and WT (South Korean) Taekwondo. This is my first time participating in iMUNC and I hope you guys have fun and enjoy our conference and committee!!!

Hi! My name is Sara Chbaichb. I am a sophomore at NYC iSchool. I've been in model UN since freshman year, and this is my first time writing and hosting a committee, and I'm super ecstatic for you guys to join us. My favorite things to do

are playing volleyball and playing video games. I hope you guys enjoy and have fun with our committee.

Hello hello, my name is Oscar Fabricant and I'll be one of your showrunners this season of the Manpa Race. When I'm not orchestrating the deaths of twenty people for the gruesome entertainment of several million others, I enjoy volleyball, writing things that aren't background guides and reading. I've been doing Model UN for two years, and I'm very excited to stand behind the podium and watch while you all try not to get torn to pieces. Email: oscar.fabricant23@nycischool.org

Secretariat Notes

Hello everyone, thank you all for coming to iMUNC 2023! My name is Caroline Mulcahy, I am a senior at the iSchool and the Co-Secretary general of iMUNC. I've been in Model UN here for as long as possible. I joined and stayed because MUN provided an outlet for creativity and the foundation for many friendships. We are so excited to have you all and we are working to make this the best experience possible for all of you. If you have any questions about the logistics of this conference please don't hesitate to reach out at ischoolmunc@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Caroline Mulcahy

Hello all, I would like to personally like to thank you all for coming to iMUNC 2023! My name is Trent Ford, I am a Junior at the iSchool and the other Co-Secretary general and Director of Content for iMUNC. I've been doing Model UN since freshman year when we had to do it over Zoom. I joined originally, because I was forced to go to my school's club fair and Model UN was the only club that really spoke out to me. The reason I stayed in Model UN was because of iMUNC 2021, so the fact that I am now running the conference is like a dream come true. I am beyond excited to have you all here and we are working to make this the best possible experience for you. If you have any questions about the conference or just want to tell us you're excited please reach out at ischoolmunc@gmail.com

We will see you soon,

Trent Ford

Accepted Documents

Crisis Note

This is a direct action taken by you as a delegate. They should be written as notes to the chair and must have three core pieces: what you want to do, how you are going to achieve it or what means you will use, and why you are trying to do it. This will help your chairs effectively build crisis narratives for you and will make more of what you want to happen come true. Notes can be written directly to the chair, or in character as the person/delegation you are representing.

Directive

This is an action taken by the whole committee, either collective action by each delegate or using a power vested in the whole committee. They have sponsors (who wrote it), signatories (who want to see it voted on—not necessarily supporting it), and operative clauses that specify what actions are being taken. Directives must be voted on, passed, and then will be implemented by the crisis team.

Communiqué

A communiqué is a communication sent by the whole committee to another person or group. They are a way of representing the interests of everyone to other groups you may be trying to work with or are bargaining with.

Press Release

A press release is an announcement from the committee to the public at large. It's a useful way to generate public sentiment, and some countries may demand them in the name of transparency at certain points.

Showrunner Notes

You can send a note to the showrunners, who may read it aloud on broadcast for the entire world to hear. This is the easiest way to get a message to the outside world, so we'd recommend you use this if you want to request specific items from your sponsors or send a message to someone—if you don't mind the showrunners reading it first. For more covert messages, you'll have to either get creative with how you send them or come up with a way to hide what the note actually means. (You can specify if your note is written in some sort of code using parenthesis)

Introduction and History

Welcome, one and all, to the eighty-first Manpa Race! Manpa Television Company is just thrilled to be renewing this game show for another season, As usual, twenty participants will be randomly selected from all over the country. The lucky winners will be mandated to compete in a fifteen mile race, which includes terrifying and deadly obstacles to stop the contestants from finishing. The only requirement for winning is to cross the finish line—you lose if you don't finish in time, or if you die, which are honestly pretty much the same

thing. Every minute of the race is televised 24/7, watched by millions of eager viewers who can't wait to see the drama and bloodshed! The contestants have to acquire their own food, water, protection from animals, heat, shelter, and other necessities for their survival. Contestants' only goal is to complete the race, not to hurt or kill each other, and can team up with each other to reap benefits—in fact, you're highly encouraged to cooperate with each other, as no racer has ever survived the race without help (with the exception of Racer Bob, who due to a clerical error got a working tank as his tool and won the race easily). It is technically possible to back out of racing, but unless you have an exceptionally clever way to get past the barriers surrounding the race track and some help, both from outside and in, it'll probably end badly for you...

The race stretches through many different environments, and since Manpa TV company has billions of dollars to spare, nothing is off the table. However, the actual running of the race isn't what kills forty to eighty percent of our racers on average every year—the obstacles are! Obstacles range from the mundane—wild animals, rivers, sheer cliffs—to the extraordinary; in the past, Manpa has genetically engineered dragons, had castles with hostile armies standing in the path, or unleashed laser-shooting robots!

Of course, a big part of the race is betting and sponsorships. Viewers can pay to sponsor a contestant they especially like, and send them gifts to help

them out when they're in need! Of course, this is very very expensive, so most contestants only have a few sponsors if any at all. How many sponsorships you have depends on a variety of factors: how likely it seems that you're going to win (physical fitness), how popular you are with the audience (personality), and sometimes, good old-fashioned audience pity does the trick.

Manpa Corporation is the sole employer in the country. It is worth over three sextillion dollars. We don't technically have complete control of the government, but if the president's name got drawn for our race he'd have to drop everything and run. That being said, we aren't interested in tracking down contestants who manage to escape the race, so you're in the clear if you manage to get past the walls. And the soldiers. And the barbed wire. Good luck.

Current Status

After the major success of the 81st Manpa race, ManpaTV.co has been advertising and promoting the 82nd race, which is coming shortly. Due to the action, excitement, and promotion of last year's race, this year's race is projected to be the most lucrative season of any TV show ever. This year's race is different, going through many different landscapes with different opportunities and obstacles, catering to different skill sets. Contestants will have to face carefully selected

landscapes and habitats. The first being a forest, giving the contestants many options, and being one of the easiest habitats to survive in. Contestants will be able to show most of their skills in this part of the race. Many different habitats will follow this including an abandoned city setting, an open field of grass and flowers, and other settings, habitats, and landscapes that test and portray the contestants skills and abilities. Many rumors about contestants escaping the race had gone around before, but this year they went around the country quickly, adding to the excitement and viewership. The country has a wide variety of views and opinions on the show and for some people the show is not just a show.

Delegate List

Granny Applesauce:

That's not your name. Your name is Judy, you hate apples, and you never had children or grandchildren, but everybody insists on calling you Granny Applesauce anyway. You're way too old for this —you haven't gone running in decades, not since a tragic accident brought your promising rugby career to an early end. Admittedly, there's a large part of you that longs for the glory of winning the race...you haven't felt a thrill like that since the accident. But because of

your age and injury, there's absolutely no way you're making it to the finish line without serious help, so you may want to look into trying to escape, but you need help for that too. You're pretty grouchy, so you've never been exactly popular. This may be a problem.

Your tool is a **Tote Bag Full of Grenades**. You have five. Nobody else has this many weapons, and you think you were probably given them by accident—but the showrunners hate to admit when they've made a mistake, so you think they'll let you keep them if you don't overuse the power.

Nikolai Schwarz:

This is your second time competing in the Manpa Race. You're the first person in history who has ever been selected more than once, and you couldn't be happier about it. You like the thrill of it, you're in incredible shape, and you have a condition that prevents you from feeling extreme pain—you're pretty much perfect. Unfortunately, the year you were last in the contest, you almost didn't finish, because you got a cut in the back of your thigh that you didn't notice until you'd lost a dangerous amount of blood. You should probably watch out for that this year.

You've heard rumors, lately, that some racers may be trying to organize an escape attempt. You can't imagine why anyone would want to leave the race, but you're firmly against those who would compromise the integrity of the games.

Your tool is a **Half a Roll of Bandages**. Government regulations required the showrunners to give you something to stop bleeding, so they made that your tool—which is unfortunate, because it doesn't seem like it'll be very useful outside of when you hurt yourself. Then again, maybe you can find some other way to use them?

Justin Gambino:

You're the fifth-youngest person to ever compete in the Manpa Race. Hooray for you. So you can't run as fast as everyone else, and you're not nearly as well equipped to face the challenges...on the bright side, audience pity means you're rolling in sponsorships. You should at least have a fighting chance: you're scrappy and creative, and you're pretty good at getting along with people, and the sponsors will make sure you don't have to worry too much about food and supplies. But you're not just worried about getting yourself to the finish line: you're here with your sister, and when she's added to the equation your odds of making it out with both of you alive drop significantly. So your current plan is to try to escape somehow.

Your tool is an **Almost-Dead SmartPhone**. It definitely won't last more than a few minutes if you use it. You probably have enough charge left to make a short call, order something online, or look one or two things up—which could be useful, since the entire race is broadcasted live and it's possible you could learn something about your fellow racers or even what's coming next.

Suzy Gambino:

At five years old, you're the *first*-youngest competitor in the Manpa race. You're viciously competitive. Survival isn't enough for you: you want victory, and you're willing to sink to any level to get it. Your weakling brother has been talking about trying to escape the race, but the only way you're leaving is across the finish line. Unfortunately, you're three and half feet tall and have all the physical power of a toy poodle. Plus, all of the sponsorship gifts go to your

brother before you, since the sponsors treat you like a matched set and assume you can't handle them. You'll have to use your wits to rise to the top.

Your tool is a **Beast Whistle**. All you have to do is blow, and a bloodthirsty beast will tear out of the woods and attack. The whistle doesn't necessarily prevent the animal from going after you.

Jan Leers:

You're a well-respected person with a very important government job, and you never expected to be selected for this game show. Unfortunately, your authority didn't protect you from it, but you've got friends on the outside who may be willing to lend you a hand if you can get a message to them. The real problem is that you aren't very popular with the audience—for some reason, they think you've got a big ego, when the fact is you just happen to be more important than the average person. A person of your station has no business getting their hands dirty running fifteen miles, not to mention the prospect of getting humiliated on national TV. It's beneath you! First chance you get, you're breaking out of this show.

Madame Vale:

You're the magical Madame Vale, fortune-teller extraordinaire, and you're freaking out. The fortune-telling schtick is just a way for you to make money, but the showrunners turned it into a whole theme of this year's competition, talking about how it will be so easy for you to win with your psychic powers. You've been playing along, acting all mystical and mysterious, but fake powers are not going to help you survive the race. You have to escape. Fortunately, you have quite a few people on the outside willing to lend you a hand.

Your tool is a **Crystal Ball**. Just like the one you use in your business—that is, powerless. Well, that's just great—maybe you can throw it at whatever horrible creatures attack you on the trail.

Buck McGuyer:

You're a rodeo star, a cowboy, a relic of the wild west. Your skills include: lassos, yeehaws, buckin' broncos and riding into sunsets. Running a hundred and fifty miles should be no challenge for you after your years of hard rodeoing. And if you can get your hands on a lasso, or better yet, a pistol, you're in for a hog-killin' time at this shindig. You know some of your fellow racers are going to try to escape, but not you—a true cowboy never backs down from a challenge. But you aren't going to sabotage anyone else's escape attempts.

Your tool is a **Pistol With Only One Bullet**. Given that shootin' irons is your job, you reckon you can make this blue whistler go mighty far—but it is still only one bullet.

Sam Yuki:

You're a social media influencer with a massive following, and getting selected in this race is the best thing that's ever happened to you. The most widely-watched TV show ever—think of the clout you could gain! Thanks to your daily routine of waking up at four in the morning and working out for five hours, as well as a healthy diet of raw arugula and nothing else, you're more than in shape enough to run the race. The obstacles will be challenging, especially since you'll have to find some way to keep your hair looking flawless if you want to rake in the max amount

of followers. But you'll do anything for internet fame. You're aware of the escape attempts, and you can't think of anything less appealing than leaving behind the opportunity to become the biggest star the internet has ever seen.

Your tool is a one-way messaging device. With it, you can ask for **Any Hair, Makeup, Fashion, Fitness, or Skincare Product**, in any quantity. You have to use the product within fifteen minutes during a moderated caucus and use your time to talk about how great it is.

Plumber Dan:

Yes, you're a plumber, but you wish they hadn't decided to introduce you as "plumber Dan", because there's more to you than being a plumber! Your name is Daniel Jones, and you enjoy baking, have two kids, and play on an adult baseball team. But no. Now the world knows you as Plumber Dan, and you just have to live with it. You hate this. You can't stand getting humiliated, and dying on a TV show with the entire world remembering you forever as "plumber Dan" is the worst way you can think to go. You've got to escape.

Your tool is a **Toilet Plunger**. Strong enough to stick to virtually anything, and it seems like it can support quite a bit of weight. Still, this has to be the stupidest tool anyone has...

Black-Cat Bobby:

It's a nickname you were given at age eight, and the reason you haven't been able to shake it yet is because it's true. You're the least lucky person alive. Everything that can go wrong does go wrong in your presence—paint spills, mirrors break, etc. You really don't know how you're going to survive this race, where getting to the end seems like pure luck.

Your tool is a **Four-Leaf Clover**. If you pluck off one of the leaves, you're guaranteed to have a stroke of good luck very shortly.

Julie Oolie:

You're a mouse. You live in a pumpkin patch. A brief acting stint in the live-action *Cinderella* was your only brush with the world of humans, and you suppose that must be how you entered into the drawing for this game show. You prefer to sit at home and read, and you're looking to escape this show as soon as possible.

Your tool is a **Chariot Pulled by Beetles**. It allows you to move as fast as a running human, and fly up to a height of three feet. It's up to you to feed and water them.

Beekeeper Brandon:

You're another one of the contestants being introduced as (Adjective)(First Name). However, unlike Granny Applesauce, Black-Cat Bobby and Plumber Dan, you're fine with only being known by one aspect of yourself. You're a beekeeper. That's about all there is to you. You are a bee man in every aspect of your life: when you draw, you draw bees. When you write, you write about bees. If the conversation strays away from bees, you try to bring it back as soon as possible. You have no particular feelings about whether to escape the race or run it—you're just gonna do whatever's best for your bees.

Your tool is a **Beehive**. You push it around in a cart. It seriously slows you down, but you'll never, ever abandon your bees.

Gabby Gambino:

Another member of the Gambino family, a distant cousin of Justin and Suzy. You'll do anything for money. Literally anything. When you were little you tried to sell your parents to other children on the playground for three cents. Now that you're older and have a few more morals, you sell anything and everything you get your hands on. You don't even want to spend the money—just have it. Obviously, you're gunning for the grand prize. Which you aren't going to get if you escape.

Your tool is **Two Thousand Dollars**. ...unfortunately, you have no way to spend it. There aren't any shops on the race course.

Joseph Sherman:

You're a farmer and a devout servant to the church, and your lord and savior, The Flying Spaghetti Monster. Your main concern is that, if you don't finish the race quickly, you may not be able to make Sunday church service. You'll have to really book it, but that won't be too big a deal—you're quite fit.

Your tool is a **Knife**. A proper, wickedly sharp hunting knife. You aren't sure the lord would approve of you using it...but you're keeping it anyway, just in case.

Grandpa Gambino

The oldest member of the Gambino family. You try to avoid interacting with your weird, weird family as much as possible, so of course you end up on a game show with three of them. Justin is fine, Suzy is clearly insane but most five-year-olds are, but Gabby's the real problem. She wants money, and you have a rather lot of it—you're a very smart investor. However, this does mean you have some leverage to use against her, potentially...

Your tool is a **Walking Stick**. It's lined with lead and you're pretty sure it's supposed to be used as a weapon.

Herman Thatcher:

You're the manager of the rodeo that Buck McGuyer performs in. He's your biggest star, and there's absolutely no way you can let him die in this race, or you'll lose all your profits. He's a completely intolerable person, though, and every time you talk to him you want to tear your hair out. This is going to be a long race. Your tool is a **Whistle**. A very, very loud whistle, but just a normal whistle, but it could be more useful than you think.

Lin Smith:

You're a bodybuilder working part-time as a cashier. You're also the long-lost grandchild of Granny Applesauce, a.k.a Judy Smith. She doesn't know you exist—you're not sure how, but

that's how it is, and you don't know how to tell her, since she doesn't seem to like you very much. You tried asking Madame Vale for advice, but when she heard your problem she looked utterly bewildered and said "Dang, that's crazy."

Your tool is a **picture of your family**, proof that you are the long lost grandchild of Granny Applesauce.

Solo:

You are a mysterious contestant. You don't want much to be known about you and you have your reasons. Your motto is don't trust anyone but yourself. You know how people's minds work and you think that everyone is out to get you. You *will* beat this show, you have to prove them wrong.

Your tool is a **family heirloom ring**. It might not seem useful but it is a reminder of your past and will push you to your limit.

Devin Collins

People know Devin as a sweet guy. He delivers the mail with a smile and has a family and friends. He has one secret though, one that is driving him crazy and this race is his escape. Devin used to be a huge rock climber and did this professionally with his best friend. Unfortunately there was an accident and his best friends passed in a rock climbing accident due to a rope malfunction that Devin had missed during inspection. Devin blamed himself and stopped his passion. Now Devin might have to rock climb again and face his fears.

Your tool is **rock climbing gloves** from back in the day. They have incredible grip and can be very helpful if you can muster up the courage to use them.

Sophia Li:

Sophia is new to the games and does not know anything but the few details that have been provided. From what she heard she can't wait, being an extensive reader. Sophia plans to write a book based off her experience in the game and is extremely determined. She remembers promising her grandfather that she would live out her dreams and this is like being in a book to her. She wants to win, for her grandfather.

Your tool is a **guide to survive, being in a book**. Sophia being a bookworm has always wanted to be in a book and has read about how to survive in a story. You are sure this book will help you make it, and it might have some useful hints, coming from your grandfather who might have known some details about the game.

Questions to Consider/Committee Mission

1. How are you going to use the environment towards your advantages, and are you better in one environment?
2. How can you use your characteristics to your advantage to get sponsorships?
3. How are your views of the game going to affect your strategy?

4. Will your opinion on the show change now that you are in it?
5. Is completing the race the only option?