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CONDUCT OF INDIAN COMMITTEES

Indian committees can get heated, but they still follow rules. Understanding conduct helps you avoid warnings from the Executive Board.

1. Parliamentary Decorum (Most Important)

- Even when debates get fiery:
- No personal attacks
- No slang or disrespect
- No shouting at the chair
- No mockery/imitation of other portfolios
- Always stand before speaking (unless told otherwise)

Golden Rule:

Attack the argument or ideology, NOT the delegate personally.

2. Basic Rules & Procedures You MUST Know

Points

- Point of Order: When procedure is broken
- Point of Parliamentary Inquiry: When you want to ask about rules
- Point of Personal Privilege: Physical discomfort (can't hear, AC, noise)
- Point of Information: To ask a question (if allowed)

Motions

- You must know how to raise these:
- Motion for a moderated caucus
- Motion for an unmoderated caucus



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- Motion to adjourn
- Motion to introduce documents (if applicable)

Beginner Tip:

Say motions slowly and clearly.
It shows leadership.

3. Maintaining Portfolio Authenticity

This is one of the most overlooked aspects.

You MUST:

- Speak like your party
- Support its ideology
- Avoid statements that contradict it

Examples:

- A Congress portfolio supporting NRC = Wrong
- A Communist representative supporting full privatisation = Wrong
- A BJP delegate supporting legalization of certain things against party ideology = Wrong
- Always stay in your portfolio's character.

4. Body Language & Behaviour

Good:

- Confident posture
- Clear voice
- Calm face
- Logical tone



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Bad:

- Shouting unnecessarily
- Interrupting
- Showing aggression in body language
- Attacking the person instead of the policy

E. Note-Passing / Written Communication/ Chits

In many Indian committees, delegates use:

- Notes to each other (for alliances)
- Notes to the chair (questions, suggestions)
- Crisis notes

Your notes must be:

- Neat
- Short
- Purposeful

This shows maturity and professionalism.

