

Easy Chart of Parliamentary Procedures: Rules for Student Congress Debate

| If You Want to Do This... | Say This... | Must You Wait for the Chairperson to Call on You? | Must it be "seconded?" | Majority Needed to Approve |
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| Debate a particular resolution. | <i>"Motion to discuss resolution # ____"</i> | Yes | Yes | Simple Majority (1/2 plus 1) |
| End debate on a resolution and vote. | <i>"Motion to end debate."</i> | Yes | Yes | Simple Majority (1/2 plus 1) |
| Put a resolution aside for a while to discuss another resolution. | <i>"Motion to table resolution # ____"</i> | Yes | Yes | Simple Majority (1/2 plus 1) |
| Hold a short meeting to plan a strategy or to discuss an idea with your supporters. | <i>"Motion for a ____-minute caucus."</i> | Yes | Yes | Simple Majority (1/2 plus 1) |
| Ask for the group to be quiet so you can hear the speaker or ask the chairperson a question. | <i>"Point of personal privilege."</i> | No | No | None |
| Ask the chair to enforce the rules. | <i>"Point of order."</i> | No | No | None |
| Bring the meeting to an end. | <i>"Motion to adjourn the meeting."</i> | Yes | Yes | Simple Majority (1/2 plus 1) |