

American Flow of Debate

Opener

1. Introductions, Logistics, and Decorum/Policies
2. Points: Inquiry, Personal Privilege, Order
3. Roll Call
4. Open Debate
5. Set the Agenda
6. Open a Speaker's List
7. Default Speaking Time and tapping time
8. Default Comments or Questions
9. Default Yields: Chair, Questions, or Another Speaker

Debate

1. Are there any points or motions on the floor?
2. Moderated Caucus: total time, speaking time, purpose
3. Unmoderated Caucus: total time
4. Change speaking time
5. Explain Sponsors and Signatories (20% of committee combined)
6. Present Resolution (West Coast: Formal Caucus): set time to read operatives, make speech, and answer Points of Information
7. Present Friendly or Unfriendly Amendment

Closer

1. Move into Voting Bloc (Close Debate): 2 For, 2 Against, and 2/3 Vote
2. Explain voting decorum and voting options
 - Voting by Placard: Yes, No, Abstain.
 - Roll Call Vote: Yes, No, Abstain, Yes with Rights, No with Rights, Pass. If Pass, then Yes or No only.
 - Divide the Question
3. Vote on unfriendly amendments per resolution
4. Vote on resolution as a whole
5. Vote on next set of amendments or resolution
6. Move out of Voting Bloc
7. Suspend/Adjourn

American Rules of Procedure

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Point of Inquiry	Used to ask the chairperson a question regarding the rules of procedure.	No Voting
Point of Personal Privilege	Used to inform the chairperson of a physical discomfort he or she is experiencing, such as not being able to hear another delegate's speech.	No Voting
Point of Order	Used when a delegate believes the chair has made an error in the running of the committee	No Voting
Motion to Open Debate	Used to begin debate	Simple Majority
Motion to Set the Agenda	Used to propose which topic to start with	Simple Majority
Motion to Open a Speaker's List	Used to start a speaker's list on the proposed topic	Simple Majority

Debate

Motion for a Moderated Caucus	Used to suspend the speaker's list and enter guided debate on a sub-topic. Must specify total time, speaking time, and purpose.	Simple Majority
Motion for an Unmoderated Caucus	Used to suspend the speaker's list and engage in unguided negotiation on resolutions. Must specify total time.	Simple Majority
Motion to Change Speaking Time	Used to change the time allowed for speeches.	Simple Majority

Closer

Motion to Move into Voting Bloc	Used to end the speaker's list and enter voting procedure on resolutions. Requires two speakers for and two speakers against.	2/3 Majority
Roll Call	Used to vote on a resolution one delegate at a time.	Automatically Passes
Motion to Divide the Question	Used to vote on specific clauses in a resolution.	Simple Majority
Motion to Move out of Voting Bloc	Used to end voting procedure on resolutions.	Simple Majority
Motion to Adjourn	Used to end the committee session or conference.	Simple Majority