

BASIC RULES GOVERNING MOTIONS

<i>Order of precedence?</i> ¹	<i>Requires</i>				<i>Vote required?</i>	<i>Applies to what other motions?</i>	<i>Can have what other motions applied to it?</i>	<i>Renewable?</i>
	<i>Can interrupt?</i>	<i>a second?</i>	<i>Debatable?</i>	<i>Amendable?</i>				
PRIVILEGED MOTIONS								
1. Adjourn	No	Yes	Yes ²	Yes ²	Majority	None	Amend, close debate, limit debate	Yes
2. Recess	No	Yes	Yes ²	Yes ²	Majority	None	Amend, close debate, limit debate	Yes ⁶
3. Question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None	None	None	Yes
SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS								
4. Table	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	Main motion	None	No
5. Close debate	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	Debatable motion	None	Yes
6. Limit or Extend debate	No	Yes	Yes ²	Yes ²	2/3	Debatable motion	Amend, close debate	Yes ⁶
7. Postpone to a certain time	No	Yes	Yes ²	Yes ²	Majority	Main motion	Amend, close debate, limit debate	Yes ⁶
8. Refer to committee	No	Yes	Yes ²	Yes ²	Majority	Main motion	Amend, close debate, limit debate	Yes ⁶
9. Amend	No	Yes	Yes ³	Yes	Majority	Rewordable motion	Amend, close debate, limit debate	No ⁶
MAIN MOTIONS								
10. a. The Main Motion	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	None	Subsidiary	No
b. Specific main motions								
Adopt in-lieu-of	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	None	Subsidiary	No
Amend a previous action	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Same Vote	Adopted main motion	Subsidiary	No
Ratify	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Same Vote	Adopted main motion	Subsidiary	No
Recall from committee	No	Yes	Yes ²	No	Majority	Referred main motion	Close debate, limit debate	No
Reconsider	Yes ²	Yes	Yes ²	No	Majority	Vote on main motion	Close debate, limit debate	No
Rescind	No	Yes	No	No	Same Vote	Adopted main motion	Subsidiary, except amend	No
INCIDENTAL MOTIONS								
<i>No order of precedence?</i>	<i>Requires</i>				<i>Vote required?</i>	<i>Applies to what other motions?</i>	<i>Can have what other motions applied to it?</i>	<i>Renewable?</i>
	<i>Can interrupt?</i>	<i>a second?</i>	<i>Debatable?</i>	<i>Amendable?</i>				
MOTIONS								
Appeal	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority ⁷	Ruling of chair	Close debate, limit debate	No
Suspend the rules	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	Procedural rules	None	Yes
Consider informally	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	Main motion or subject	None	Yes
REQUESTS								
Point of order	Yes	No	No	No	None	Procedural error	None	No
Inquiries	Yes	No	No	No	None	All motions	None	No
Withdraw a motion	Yes	No	No	No	None ⁸	All motions	None	No
Division of question	No	No	No	No	None ⁸	Main motion	None	No
Division of assembly	Yes	No	No	No	None ⁸	Indecisive vote	None	No

¹Motions are in order only if no motion higher on the list is pending. Thus if a motion to close debate is pending, a motion to amend would be out of order; but a motion to recess would be in order, since it outranks the pending motion.

²Restricted.

³Is not debatable when applied to an undebatable motion.

⁴A member may interrupt the proceedings but not a speaker.

⁵Withdraw may be applied to all motions.

⁶Renewable at the discretion of the presiding officer.

⁷A tie or majority vote sustains the ruling of the presiding officer; a majority vote in the negative reverses the ruling.

⁸If decided by the assembly, by motion, requires a majority vote to adopt.