



Robert's Rules of Order Motions Chart Modified for WSFS

Based on *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* and the WSFS Business Meeting Standing Rules



Main/Subsidiary/Privileged Motions. These motions are listed in order of precedence. A motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the immediately pending motion.

§	PURPOSE	YOU SAY	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE? →	AMEND?	VOTE?
§21	Close the meeting	I move to adjourn (<i>sine die</i> at the end of the last meeting of the con)	No	Yes	Yes (if nothing pending)	No	Majority
§20	Take a break	I move to recess [for X minutes, until YY:YY, etc.]	No	Yes	Yes (if nothing pending)	Yes	Majority
§19	Register complaint about rights	I rise to a question of privilege.	Yes	No	No	No	None
§17	Set aside temporarily (no time set to resume)	I move to lay the question on the table	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§16	Close debate	I move the previous question [or "to call the question" or "to end the debate" or "that we vote now"]	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§15	Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to... or I move to extend debate to...	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§14	Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion until...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§13	Refer to committee	I move to refer the motion to...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§12	Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by...	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
§11	Postpone the motion indefinitely	I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	2/3
§10	Bring business before the assembly (a main motion)	I move that [or "to"] ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority



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Incidental Motions. No order of precedence. These motions arise incidentally and are decided immediately.							
§	PURPOSE	YOU SAY	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§23	Enforce rules	Point of Order	Yes	No	No	No	None
§24	Object to the Chair's decision	I appeal from the decision of the Chair	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
§25	Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules and...	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§26	Avoid main motion altogether	I object to the consideration of the question	Yes	No	No	No	3/4
§27	Divide motion	I move to divide the question	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§33	Question about correct procedure	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None
§33	Request for information about a proposal	Will the speaker yield for a question? [If asking a question of the person who has the floor] Inquiry [If nobody else has the floor]	Yes (If person who has floor yields)	No	No	No	None

Motions That Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly. No order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else is pending.							
§	PURPOSE	YOU SAY	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§34	Take matter from table	I move to take from the table...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§37	Reconsider motion	I move to reconsider...	No	Yes	Varies	No	Majority