

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Chart of Precedence

	Interrupt	Second	Debate	Vote	Amend	Reconsider	Further Rules and Explanation
Privileged Motions							
<i>Deal with special matters of immediate importance</i>							
(9) Adjourn	No	Yes	No	Maj.	No	No	
Subsidiary Motions							
<i>Assist in the handling or disposing of the main motion</i>							
(8) Lay on the Table	No	Yes	No	Maj.	No	No	
(7) Previous Question	No	Yes	No	2/3	No	Yes	May be applied to higher-ranking motions.
(6) Limit or Extend Debate	No	Yes	No	2/3	Yes		
(5) Postpone Definitely	No	Yes	Yes	→	Yes	Yes	Majority vote unless it has been amended to be made a special order at which time it requires a 2/3 vote.
(4) Refer to a Committee/Commit	No	Yes	Yes	Maj.	Yes	Yes	
(3) Amend	No	Yes	Usually	Maj.	Yes	Yes	Can amend by adding, striking out, inserting, or striking out and inserting. May be applied to a higher ranking motion where permitted.
(2) Postpone indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	Maj.	No	→	Only the affirmative vote may be reconsidered.
Main Motions							
<i>Bring business before the assembly for consideration and action</i>							
(1) Main motion	No	Yes	Yes	Maj.	Yes	Yes	
Incidental Motions							
<i>Deal with questions of procedure arising out of other motions (Have no rank or precedence)</i>							
Request for Information (Point of Information)	Yes	No	No	→	No	No	No vote, usually the chair responds or the request may be directed to another member through the chair.
Withdraw a Motion	*	*	No	Maj.*	No	→	Only the negative vote may be reconsidered
Objection to the Consideration of a Question	Yes	No	No	Neg. 2/3	No	→	Must be proposed before debate begins or a subsidiary motion is proposed. Only the negative vote may be reconsidered.
Point of Order	Yes	No	No	→	No	No	Usually the chair makes the decision. It may be referred back to the assembly at which time a majority vote is taken.
Parliamentary Inquiry	Yes	No	No	→	No	No	Usually the chair makes the decision.
Appeal	Yes	Yes	→	→	No	Yes	Debatable unless it is related to indecorum, rules of speaking, priority of business, or undebatable pending question. Majority/tie vote sustains chair.
Division of the Assembly	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	
Motions that Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly							
<i>None of these motions (except reconsider) are in order when there is business pending</i>							
Reconsider	No	Yes	→	Maj.	No	No	May only be made by member who voted on the prevailing side. Debatable when applied to a debatable motion. May only be made the same day.
Rescind	No	Yes	Yes	→	Yes	→	Majority vote if prior notice given, otherwise 2/3. Only negative vote may be reconsidered.
Take from the Table	No	Yes	No	Maj.	No	No	

*Refer to *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* for rules.