



Secondary Schools' United Nations Symposium 2010

Quick Reference Guide to Rules of Procedure

Rule	No.	Speakers for / against	Vote majority	Comments
Censure	11	0 / 1	2 / 3	1 st censure – no speaking for current and next session 2 nd censure – no speaking for remainder of the conference
Quorum	13	N/A	N/A	¼ of committee needed for debate; ½ for substantive votes
Set Agenda	16	2 / 2	1 / 2	Determines the next topic to be discussed
Caucus	18	N/A	1 / 2	Suspends all rules; delegates informally circulate and discuss
Moderated Caucus	18	N/A	1 / 2	Chair recognizes speakers in random order for a set time
Tabling of Topic	19	2 / 2	1 / 2	Puts the current topic aside without voting on resolutions
Reintroduce Topic	19	1 / 1	2 / 3	Reintroduces a tabled topic
Close Speakers' List	20	0 / 1	2 / 3	No more speakers may be added to the Secondary Speakers' List
Close Debate	21	0 / 2	2 / 3	Moves committee immediately into voting procedure
Recess	22	N/A	1 / 2	Suspends meeting until next session; not in order in final 15 minutes of committee session
Adjournment	23	N/A	1 / 2	Adjourns meeting until remainder of the conference
Speaking Time	25	N/A	1 / 2	Limits the time for delegates' substantive speeches
Yield to the Chair	26	N/A	N/A	Balance of speaking time is forfeited; committee moves on
Yield to Comments	26	N/A	N/A	Two delegates may make 30 second comments
Yield to Delegates	26	N/A	N/A	Another delegate may speak for the balance of speaking time
Yield to Questions	26	N/A	N/A	Delegate may answer questions for balance of time; only time spent answering is counted against remaining time
Change Default Yield	26	N/A	2 / 3	Changes default yield to that suggested by motion
Right of Reply	27	N/A	N/A	Used when a delegate's person/country has been insulted and may not interrupt a speaker; a Right of Reply to a Right of Reply is not in order
Point of Personal Privilege	28	N/A	N/A	Used when a delegate's ability to participate in proceedings is impaired; may interrupt a speaker
Point of Order	29	N/A	N/A	Used to inform of improper procedure; may interrupt a speaker
Point of Parliamentary Inquiry	30	N/A	N/A	Used to seek clarification of Parliamentary procedure; may not interrupt a speaker
Introduction	33	N/A	N/A	Used by sponsors to introduce a draft resolution; accepted at chair's discretion
Q & A Period	34	N/A	1 / 2	Sponsors of a draft resolution may answer questions about it
Competence	35	1 / 1	2 / 3	Draft resolution or amendment is immediately discarded
Roll Call Vote	39	N/A	N/A	Voting is done by roll call; accepted at chair's discretion
Division of Question	41	2 / 2	1 / 2	Operative clauses are divided into groupings as specified in motion, and voted on separately
Important Question	42	1 / 1	1 / 1	Draft resolutions designated as an important question require a 2/3 majority to pass; may only pertain to certain topics

Diagram Detailing General Flow of Debate at SSUNS 2010

Numbers in parentheses are references to the official Rules of Procedure

