

NORTHWEST MODEL UNITED NATIONS

RULES OF PROCEDURE SHORT FORM AND EXPLANATION

** These Are the Only Points or Motions Accepted During Voting Procedure **

Motion	Purpose	Debate	Vote	Explanation
** Point of Order **	Correct an error in procedure	None	None	Delegates should cite a rule to correct an error made by the committee staff only
Point of Information	Ask a question regarding procedure	None	None	Question directed at the dais; Used to clarify or request information
** Appeal of the Chair **	Challenge a decision of the Chair	None	2/3	Questions the Chair's ruling; should follow a Point of Order
Suspension of the Meeting	Recess meeting	None	Majority	Used to go into caucus or to break for a given time (such as lunch/dinner, or a break until next day)
Adjournment of the Meeting	End meeting	None	Majority	Used only on Sunday; ends the committee for the year
Adjournment of the Debate	End debate without a substantive vote	2 pro/2 con	Majority	Tables the topic; requires a <u>roll call vote</u> .
Decision of Competence	Declare committee unable to consider issue or resolution	None	Majority	Used to declare that the issue or topic is outside of the powers or mandate of the committee (and move to another topic)
Closure of Debate	Move to immediate vote on this topic	2 con	2/3	Ends all discussion on current topic and moves committee immediately into voting
Declare an Important Question (GA Plenary only)	Require all substantive actions to obtain a 2/3 majority to pass;	2 pro/2 con	Majority	See GA Plenary long form rules for explanation
** Division of the Question **	Consider operative clause(s) separately from rest of draft resolutions; highlights importance of clause. <i>Part I:</i> Procedural vote on the matter of whether or not the motion should even be considered (all members of committee may vote); <i>Part II:</i> Substantive vote to accept/reject separated operative clause(s) if separation is approved by procedural vote in Part I.	2 pro/2 con None	Majority Majority	Voted on in order of most to least destructive (this determination made by Director/President). If <i>Part II</i> passes: operative clause(s) are passed as an annex to resolution (Please refer to Voting Procedure handout) If <i>Part II</i> fails: operative clause(s) discarded completely
** Adopt By Acclamation **	Pass a draft resolution without a placard or roll call vote	None	None	Chair asks for objections to passage; if there are no objections, document passes (if objected to, placard or roll call vote used.)
** Roll Call Vote **	Vote by roll call, rather than show of placards	None	None	Automatically granted once requested (used to highlight important vote and to record each member's vote individually)
Reconsideration	Re-open debate on a topic previously tabled through Adjournment of Debate	2 con	2/3	If passed, un-tables topic. Must be made by a member which voted in favor of the initial motion for Adjournment of Debate
Set the Speakers' Time	Set or change the speakers' time limit	2 pro/2 con	Majority	First thing done after opening Speakers List and adjusted as needed by delegates
Close the Speakers' List (also re-open the list)	No additional speakers added to speakers' list on topic (also to remove this restriction)	None	Majority	Prevents new speakers from being added to list (also applies to re-opening list);
Adoption of the Agenda	Approval of the agenda order	None	Majority	Determines the order in which the topics will be discussed

All points and motions are listed in their order of precedence, with those listed higher on this list taking precedence over those listed lower. If there are multiple motions of the same type they will be considered and voted upon in the order they were received, unless otherwise stated here.