

NWMUN 2009 RULES SHORT FORM AND EXPLANATION

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

| Motion | Purpose | Debate | Vote | Explanation |
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| ** Point of Order | Correct an error in procedure | None | None | Should refer to a specific NWMUN Rule |
| 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; usually follows 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 full 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 destructive to least destructive. 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 |
| ** Vote 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, motion voted upon via placard or roll call vote) |
| ** 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 | No new speakers can be added (also applies to re-opening list) list on topic; |
| Adoption of the Agenda | Approval of the agenda order | None | Majority | Determines the order by 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. Please direct all inquiries or clarifications to the Director-General.