



MeDMUN Parliamentary Procedure Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is a moderated caucus?**

A moderated caucus is a caucus in which the moderator will recognize delegates wishing to speak. A moderated caucus must have a specific time limit and a specific topic. Once recognized, delegates can speak for the allotted time, but may not ask questions to another delegate and their speech must remain relevant to the topic of the moderated caucus.

- **Why and when should a moderated causes be called?**

A moderated caucus should be called so that delegates can quickly get an understanding for how a room feels on a certain subject. Delegates should also use moderated caucuses if they are further down the speaker's list and wish to be able to make a point. A moderated caucus is also effective if used when debate is very general. Calling a moderated caucus on specific topic forces the committee to focus and begin to think of specific solutions.

- **How does the amendment process work at MeDMUN?**

MeDMUN does **not allow** friendly or unfriendly amendments. After resolutions have been written and motioned to the floor, delegates may write amendments to specific resolutions. The delegate must then motion the amendment to the floor, which requires being recognized by the chair and one-third of the bodies support. Then, after debate has been closed, and a committee has entered voting procedure, delegates will vote on amendments in the order in which they were brought to the floor. An amendment can be passed with a simple majority, similar to how resolutions are approved.

- **Why is MeDMUN parliamentary procedure different than other conferences?**

We use a paired down parliamentary procedure because MeDMUN is a conference that wishes to promote debate, document writing and participation. We believe that overtly complicated parliamentary procedures used by many conferences inhibits the participation of first-time and seasoned delegates, and constrains the flow of debate as well. We want to create a parliamentary procedure that is intuitive and built to allow for the maximum participation.