

MeDMUN Rules of Procedure and Motions



At MeDMUN, committees will be run according to several simple motions and procedures. Delegates should use these rules not to manipulate the committee, but to create the best resolution and further debate.

Terms to Know:
<i>Unmoderated Caucus:</i> A period of debate in which delegates are free to talk to whomever they want.
<i>Moderated Caucus:</i> A period in which delegates are allowed to speak only upon recognition by the chair. The chair also can help direct the debate in a more substantive direction.
<i>Abstentions:</i> Effectively a no vote, the vote does not count towards or against a motion. If your nation opposes a resolution or amendment, vote against it!
<i>Pre-ambulatory:</i> abbreviated as “pre-amb”, these comprise the first portion of the resolution and are past actions taken on a subject, recognition of treaties and past statements made by government officials.
<i>Operative:</i> abbreviated as “op”, these phrases make up the second portion of the resolutions. These are actions that you would like to take on the subject.

General Motions:

1) I would like to motion for...

A caucus, a moderated debate, voting procedure, an open to debate

2) I would like to bring ____ to the floor

A resolution, an amendment

3) Point of Inquiry:

To the chair, to the speaker

4) Point of Order: used to correct the chair if you feel they made an error, or to ask someone speak up, ect.

5) Point of Personal Privilege: allows a person to be added or stricken from the speakers list.

Motions in Voting:

1) I motion to divide the question:

Dividing the question allows for a delegate to divide out unwanted pre-ambulatory or operative phrases of amendments. This allows for delegates to keep parts of amendments they like, while eliminating those they do not.

Rules of Procedure Quick Sheet

Motion	Votes Required	Interrupt
For A Caucus	Simple majority	No
For A Moderated Caucus	Simple majority	No
For Voting Procedure	Simple majority	No
To Bring resolution to the floor	One-Third	No
To Bring amendment to the floor	One-Third	No
For a Point of inquiry	None	No
For a Point of order	None	Yes
To Divide the Question*	Simple majority	No
Open Debate	Simple majority	No
Close Debate	Simple majority	No
Point of Personal Privilege	None	No
Yield to Chair/Questions/ Other delegate	None	No
Appeal a Chair's Decision	2/3rds Majority	Must be submitted in writing

* Can only occur in voting procedure

Preamble Phrases

A pre-amb start with a pre-amb word or phrase (see list below) and end with a comma and the word and

APPROVING of the efforts made by Turkey to care for Syrian refugees, and

Here is a list of common phrases:

Affirming	Expecting	Noting with deep concern
Alarmed by	Expressing its appreciation	Noting with regret
Approving	Expressing its satisfaction	Noting with satisfaction
Aware of	Fulfilling	Noting further
Bearing in mind	Fully alarmed	Noting with approval
Believing	Fully believing	Observing
Confident	Further deploring	Reaffirming
Contemplating	Further recalling	Realizing
Convinced	Guided by	Recalling
Declaring	Having adopted	Recognizing
Deeply concerned	Having considered	Referring
Deeply conscious	Having devoted attention	Seeking
Deeply convinced	Having examined	Taking into account
Deeply disturbed	Having heard	Taking into consideration
Deeply regretting	Having Received	Taking note
Desiring	Having studied	Viewing with appreciation
Emphasizing	Keeping in mind	Welcoming

Operative Phrases

An op starts with an op word or phrases and ends with a semicolon. Each op should be numbered, and the last op ends with a period.

Here is a list of common phrases:

Accepts	Designates	Proclaims
Affirms	Draws the attention	Reaffirms
Approves	Emphasizes	Recommends
Authorizes	Encourages	Regrets
Calls	Expresses its appreciation	Reminds
Calls upon	Expresses its hope	Requests
Condemns	Further proclaims	Solemnly affirms
Confirms	Further reminds	Strongly condemns
Congratulates	Further recommends	Supports
Considers	Further requests	Takes note of
Declares accordingly	Further resolves	Transmits
Deplores	Notes	Trusts

- 1) *AUTHORIZES an allocation of funds to the World Health Organization to help combat the spread of Ebola;*
- 2) *CONFIRMS that the United States will send 100 aid workers equipped to handle the Ebola outbreak.*