

Parliamentary Procedure Resources

RESOURCES

“Dunbar’s Parliamentary Procedure Competitive Events Handbook” available from <http://pzen.northwest.net/>

“Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised” available from <http://robertsrules.com/>

SPECIAL DIRECTIONS FOR MOTIONS

An alternate main motion not pertaining to the assigned main motion may be used to facilitate the correct demonstration of the motion, “Call for the orders of the day,” should that privileged motion be designated as one to be demonstrated by the officials in charge. If an alternative main motion is used, the member will NOT be given credit for an additional motion.

Take from the Table: If the officials in charge designate ‘Take from the Table’ as a motion to be demonstrated, you should assume that you would take from the table a motion that was laid on the table earlier in the present meeting. Example: “I move to take from the table the motion to hold an FFA hayride.” The original main motion, assigned on the card, cannot be taken from the table. The motion should not be used unless it is a required motion.

Reconsider: If the officials in charge designate ‘Reconsider’ as a motion to be demonstrated, you should assume that you would reconsider a motion you did earlier in the present meeting. Example: “I move to reconsider the motion adopted earlier to hold an FFA hayride.” This motion should not be used unless it is a required motion. Unrealistic or canned debate on the motion to reconsider may be penalized at the judge’s discretion.

Rescind: If the officials in charge designate ‘Rescind’ as a motion to be demonstrated, you should assume that you would rescind a motion adopted at the last meeting. Example: “I move to rescind the motion that was adopted at our last meeting to hold an FFA hayride.” This motion should not be used unless it is a required motion. Unrealistic or canned debate on the motion to rescind may be penalized at the judges’ discretion.

Call for the Orders of the Day: If the event officials designate Call for the Orders of the Day as a motion to be demonstrated, you may use an alternative main motion not pertaining to the assigned main motion to facilitate the correct demonstration of the motion. If an alternative main motion is used, the member will not be given credit for an additional motion.



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GUIDELINES FOR SCORING DEBATE

Characteristics of effective debate include a) completeness of thought, b) logical reasoning, c) clear statement of speaker's position, d) conviction of delivery and e) concise and effective statement of debate.

Debate will be scored as follows:

Excellent 16–20 points

Good 11–15 points

Average 6–10 points

Poor 0–5 points

An excellent debate would be extremely unusual and would be characterized by a truly stirring delivery and brilliant in terms of information provided and/or suggestions for action offered. Poor debate would be characterized by a lack of effective delivery, poor grammar, reasoning and substance. An example might be: "I think this is a good idea."

Most debate would fall in the range of 6-15 points. An example of a debate might be: "I think this is a very significant motion which should be adopted for the following reasons (new, informative and logically related)." Each debate should have a logical conclusion. Good debate would be characterized by effective delivery, substance, creative and visionary thought delivered in a convincing and compelling manner.

