

Table of Parliamentary Motions

Following is the National Forensic League's motion chart, annotated (non-shaded) to show motions used most often.

Table of Most Frequently Used Parliamentary Motions Adapted for use in National Forensic League Congressional Debate							Second Required?	Debatable?	Amendable?	Required Vote	May Interrupt?
Type	Motion	Purpose									
Privileged	24. Fix time for reassembling	To arrange time of next meeting	Yes	Yes-T	Yes-T	Majority	Yes				
	23. Adjourn	To dismiss the meeting	Yes	No	Yes-T	Majority	No				
	22. Recess	To dismiss the meeting for a specific length of time	Yes	Yes	Yes-T	Majority	No				
	21. Rise to a question of privilege	To make a personal request during debate	No	No	No	Decision of the Chair	Yes				
	20. Call for orders of the day	To force consideration of a postponed motion	No	No	No	Decision of the Chair	Yes				
Incidental	19. Appeal a decision of the chair	To reverse a decision	Yes	No	No	Majority	Yes				
	18. Rise to a point of order or parliamentary procedure	To correct a parliamentary error or ask a question	No	No	No	Decision of the Chair	Yes				
	17. Division of the chamber	To verify a voice vote	No	No	No	Decision of the Chair	Yes				
	16. Object to the consideration of a question	To suppress action	No	No	No	2/3	Yes				
	15. Divide a motion	To consider its parts separately	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No				
	14. Leave to modify or withdraw a motion	To modify or withdraw a motion	No	No	No	Majority	No				
	13. Suspend the rules	To take action contrary to standing rules	Yes	No	No	2/3	No				
Subsidiary	12. Rescind	To repeal previous action	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3	No				
	11. Reconsider	To consider a defeated motion again	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	No				
	10. Take from the table	To consider tabled motion	Yes	No	No	Majority	No				
	9. Lay on the table	To defer action	Yes	No	No	Majority	No				
	8. Previous question	To force an immediate vote	Yes	No	No	2/3	No				
	7. Limit or extend debate	To modify freedom of debate	Yes	Yes	Yes-T	2/3	No				
	6. Postpone to a certain time	To defer action	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes				
	5. Refer to a committee *	For further study	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes				
	4. Amend an amendment °	To modify an amendment	1/3	Yes	No	Majority	No				
	3. Amend °	To modify a motion	1/3	Yes	Yes	Majority	No				
2. Postpone indefinitely	To suppress action	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	No					
Main	1. Main motion	To introduce a business	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No				

* No. 5 should include:

1. How appointed?
2. The number
3. Report when or to what standing committee

T = Time

° Nos. 3 and 4 by:

1. Adding (inserting)
2. Striking (deleting)
3. Substituting