





Robert's Rules of Order Motions Chart Modified for WSFS

Based on Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised and the WSFS Business Meeting Standing Rules

Main I	Motions. These motions a	are listed in order of precedence. A mot	ion can be introd	uced if it is	higher on the chart that	an the pendin	g motion.
§	PURPOSE	YOU SAY	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§21	Close the meeting	I move to adjourn (sine die at the end of the last meeting)	No	Yes	Yes Only if nothing pending	No	Majority
§20	Take a break	I move to recess [for X minutes, until YY:YY, etc.]	No	Yes	Yes Only if nothing pending	Yes	Majority
§19	Register complaint about rights	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None
§17	Lay aside temporarily	I move to lay the question on the table	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§16	Close debate	I move the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§15	Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§14	Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion until .	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§13	Refer to committee	I move to refer the motion to	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§12	Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§11	Postpone the motion indefinitely	I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	2/3
§10	Bring business before the assembly (a main motion)	I move that [or "to"]	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority





Incidental Motions. No order of precedence. These motions arise incidentally and are decided immediately.								
§	PURPOSE	YOU SAY	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?	
§23	Enforce rules	Point of Order	Yes	No	No	No	None	
§24	Object to the Chair's decision	I appeal from the decision of the Chair	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	
§25	Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules and	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	
§26	Avoid main motion altogether	I object to the consideration of the question	Yes	No	No	No	3/4	
§27	Divide motion	I move to divide the question	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	
§33	Question about correct procedure	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None	
§33	Request for information	Point of information	Yes	No	No	No	None	

Motions That Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly. No order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else is pending.									
§	PURPOSE	YOU SAY	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?		
§34	Take matter from table	I move to take from the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority		
§37	Reconsider motion	I move to reconsider	No	Yes	Varies	No	Majority		