

WASMUN Short Form Rules

Motion	Purpose	Explanation	Debate ¹	Vote ²
Point of Personal Privilege	Delegates can inform the Dais of committee environment hindering their ability to participate	Dais will take note of the situation and take immediate action to fix the situation, or communicate with the secretariat	None	None
Point of Order	Correct an error in procedure committed by Dais	Director will rule immediately on whether there was an error, and explain the ruling to the committee	None	None
Point of Information	Ask a question about substance or procedure	Dais will immediately answer the question, and may request a member of the secretariat to come give more information if necessary	None	None
Suspension of the Meeting: a. Unmoderated Caucus b. Moderated Caucus c. Q&A Session	Recess meeting for informal debate or long breaks.	Motions must include: a. Time for caucus b. Time for caucus, speakers time, purpose c. Time for caucus, members to answer questions* *All delegates called upon to answer questions must have already agreed to the motion ahead of time.	None	Majority
Adjournment of the Meeting	End the meeting for the entirety of the conference	End the meeting for the conference, only used on Sunday at the end of the last session	None	Majority
Postponement of Debate	End debate on a topic without moving into voting bloc, move on to the next topic	No work or discussion of a postponed topic may occur until the topic is reopened, including Dais edits on working papers	2 pro/2 con	2/3 Majority
Resumption of Debate	Re-open a topic previously postponed	Committee resumes where it left off, with the same speakers list; delegates may resume work on previously started working papers for the topic	2 pro/2 con	2/3 Majority
Closure of Debate	End debate on a topic and move into voting bloc	Moves committee immediately into voting bloc. Only papers which have been passed as draft resolutions and amendments which have passed procedure and been approved may be voted on.	2 pro/2 con	2/3 Majority
Adoption of the Agenda	Approval of the agenda order	Determines the order in which the topics will be discussed by the body	None	Majority
Change the Speakers' Time	Used to change the length of formal speeches. May not exceed 120 seconds.	Used to increase or decrease the time limit of formal speeches. Default time set at 90 seconds.	None	Majority
Close the Speakers' List	Used to stop speakers from being added to the speakers list.	One of the tactics used to enter voting bloc. If there are no other speakers on the speakers list, the body directly enters voting bloc.	None	Majority
Proposal of an Amendment a. Friendly b. Unfriendly	Change, delete, or add to a draft resolution's operative clauses	a. Already approved by all sponsors and circulated to the committee before voting bloc b. Submitted in writing, objected to by at least 1 sponsor, requires signatures of at least 1/3 of the committee, voted on before voting on the resolution as a whole	None	a. None b. None, requires signatures of 1/3 of the body
Division of the Question (Requires Procedural and Substantive Votes)	I. Procedural vote on whether to consider dividing the question II. Substantive Vote to approve/reject the operative clause(s) divided out, if part I passes	Only one division of the question per resolution may pass. Divisions are meant to highlight clauses- the Dais has the discretion to reject a motion to divide the question if delegates have already expressed it will be used to eliminate a clause.	None	Majority
Voting Motions³: a. Vote by Acclamation b. Vote by Roll Call	a. Pass a draft resolution without vote b. Pass a draft resolution with recorded vote from each delegate	a. Dais will call for objections 3 times. A delegate may object by raising a placard if they plan to vote no on the draft resolution, not if they plan to vote yes or abstain. b. No debate or vote required. This motion passes automatically unless the Dais must reject in the interest of time.	None	a. Unanimous (call for objections) b. None

¹ Debate refers to the required number of delegates to speak for and against the proposed motion.

² Voting refers to whether or not delegates need to vote on the motion itself.

³ If no other motions are received, delegates will by default go into "Vote by Placard"