

PACMUN 2015

RULES OF PROCEDURE



Dais' Discretion

Below are listed the official Rules of Procedure for PACMUN 2015. While these rules will generally be followed, they are executed and interpreted at the discretion of the Dais. If the Dais feels that official procedure must be broken in order to improve committee experience, the rules may be infringed upon. If a delegate feels a Dais has wrongfully breached the rules of procedure, he or she is welcome to diplomatically address this via a "Point of Order."

Debate

| Motion | Description | Votes Required/Responses |
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| Roll Call | Taken by Dais at start of committee session. Used to determine presence of member states, quorum, 2/3rds majority and simple majority. | <p>“Present”: Acknowledges presence. Allows for abstention during voting bloc.</p> <p>“Present and Voting”: Acknowledges presence. Requires casting of vote in voting bloc.</p> |
| Motion to Open Debate | Opens debate in first committee session. | Simple Majority |
| Motion to Open the Primary Speaker’s List | Opens General Speaker’s List to set Agenda. Exhaustion of GSL closes debate. | Simple Majority |
| Motion to Set the Agenda | Sets the order of topic discussion to either “1-2” or “2-1.” | Simple Majority |
| Motion to Open the Secondary Speaker’s List | Opens the Secondary Speakers List for discussion on current topic. Exhaustion of SSL moves committee into voting bloc. | Simple Majority |
| Motion for a Moderated Caucus | Suspends formal debate to move into caucus moderated by Dais. Caucus purpose, length and speaking time must be specified. If passed, the delegate who proposed the caucus can opt to speak first or last. | Simple Majority |
| Motion for an Unmoderated Caucus | Suspends formal debate to move into caucus not moderated by Dais. Caucus length must be specified. | Simple Majority |
| Motion to Table Debate | Ends debate on a topic and reverts back to GSL | 2/3rds Majority |
| Motion to Close the Speaker’s List | Prevents addition of further countries to speaker’s list. | 2/3rds Majority |
| Motion to Introduce a Working Paper/Amendment | Allows sponsors to read working paper or amendment. Followed by 5 min Q&A Session (can be extended at discretion of Dais). | Simple Majority |
| Motion to Recess | Suspends debate at end of committee session. | Simple Majority |

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| Motion to Adjourn | Permanently closes debate for the conference. | Simple Majority |
| Motion to Set Speaking Time | Sets speaking time of speaker's list to time specified by delegate. | Simple Majority |
| Motion to Add Comments | Adds two 30-second comments after completion of formal speech. | Simple Majority |
| Motion to Introduce Party to Dispute | Requests a Non-Present Member State to appear. | Simple Majority |
| Motion for a Round Table | Gives each present member state, in alphabetical order, 30 seconds to speak on topic specified by delegate. | Simple Majority |
| Motion for Entertainment | Allows brief break in committee session to have fun and relax. | Dais' Discretion |

Voting

| Motion | Description | Votes Required/Responses |
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| Motion to Move into Voting Bloc | Ends debate on topic and moves committee into voting bloc. | Simple Majority (1 For, 1 Against) |
| Motion to Vote by Acclamation | Asks if any parties dissent to resolution. Otherwise, resolution is adopted unanimously. | Unanimous |
| Motion to Vote by Placard | Makes committee vote via substantive voting procedure. Default voting process. | Default Voting Method |
| Motion for a Roll Call Vote | Calls upon each country to individually cast vote. 2 rounds of voting separated by speaking time to clarify country policies. | Simple Majority "Yes": Delegate assents to adoption of resolution. "No": Delegate dissents to adoption of resolution. "Yes, with rights": (first round only). Delegate will specify why he or she went against policy to vote for resolution |

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| | | "No, with rights": (first rounds only). Delegate will specify why he or she went against policy to vote against resolution. |
| Motion to Divide the Question | Votes on each individual clause of a resolution separately. Does not conflict with passage of Acclamation, Placard, or Role Call Vote. | Simple Majority |

Points

| Motion | Description | Usage |
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| Right to Reply | Allows delegate to respond to a personal attack from another delegate. Rationale must be sent to Dais before motion is made. | Submit written rationale to Dais beforehand. Wait for dais to respond before making motion. |
| Point of Inquiry | Allows a delegate to ask Dais to clarify a rule or procedure. Does not supersede a speaker. | Raise placard when Dais requests points or motions. |
| Point of Order | Used to indicate a violation of procedure. | Raise placard after observed transgression of procedure. Does not interrupt a speaker. |
| Point of Personal Privilege | Used to indicate a delegate's personal discomfort or need (e.g. raising the temperature). Supersedes all speakers. | Raise placard and say "Point of Personal Privilege." |

Yields

| Motion | Description | Usage |
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| Yield To the Chair | Forfeits remaining speaking time and returns floor control to chair. | Say "The delegate yields his/her time to the chair." |
| Yield to Questions | Allows other delegates to question the speaker's statement. | Say "The delegate yields his/her time to questions." |
| Yield to Another Delegate | Yields remaining speaking time to another delegate. | Say "The delegate yields his/her time to the delegate of 'x.'" |