

THE NSNA PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE USER'S GUIDE

To do this:	You say this:	May you interrupt the speaker?	Do you need a second?	Is it debatable?	Can it be amended?	What vote is needed?	Can it be reconsidered?
Adjourn Meeting	" I move that we adjourn"	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Call an Intermission	" I move that we recess for..."	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
Complain about Heat, Noise, Etc. (Privilege)	" I rise to a question of privilege"	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote	No (Usually)
Return to the Agenda	" I call for the orders of the day..."	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote	No
Temporarily suspend consideration of an issue	" I move to table the motion "	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
End Debate and Amendments	" I move the previous question"	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No ¹
Limit or extend debate	" I move to limit (or extend) debate for - min"	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3	Yes
Postpone discussion for a certain time ²	" I move to postpone the discussion until..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Give closer study of something	" I move to refer the matter to committee"	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes ³
Amend a motion	" I move to amend the motion by..."	No	Yes	Yes ⁴	Yes	Majority	Yes
Postpone Indefinitely	" I move to postpone indefinitely..."	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Yes ⁵
Introduce Business	" I move that..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes

THE MOTIONS LISTED ABOVE ARE IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE...BELOW THERE IS NO ORDER...

Protest breach of rules or conduct	" I rise to a point of order"	Yes	No	No	No	No vote ⁶	No
Vote on a ruling of the chair	" I appeal from the chair's decision"	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority ⁷	Yes
Suspend rules temporarily	" I move to suspend the rules so that..."	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
Avoid considering an improper matter	" I object to consideration of this motion"	Yes	No	No	No	2/3 ⁸	- ⁹
Verify a voice vote by having members stand	" I call for a division" or "Division"	Yes	No	No	No	No vote	No
Request information	" Point of information"	Yes	No	No	No	No vote	No
Take up a matter previously tabled	" I move to take from the table..."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Reconsider a hasty action ¹⁰	" I move to reconsider the vote on..."	Yes	Yes	- ¹¹	No	Majority	No

Key:

1) Unless vote on question is not yet taken

2) Within the House of Delegates Meeting

3) Unless the committee has already taken up the subject

4) Only if the motion to be amended is debatable

5) An affirmative vote only

6) Except in doubtful cases

7) A majority vote in negative needed to reverse ruling of chair.

8) A 2/3 vote in negative needed to prevent consideration of main motion

9) Only if the main question or motion was not, in fact, considered

10) Action can only be instituted by a delegate who voted for the prevailing side

11) Only if motion to be reconsidered is debatable