



Points and Procedures

The basic phrases and etiquette of an MUN Committee

Roll Call:

Countries may respond as:

- Present (means when voting commences at the end of committee, you have the choice of abstaining)
- Present and Voting (cannot abstain in voting bloc; sometimes, but not in our case, Chairs will give you more points for responding with this)

Motion to Open Debate:

Someone must motion to open debate so the committee can commence.

Establish Speaker's List

Motion to Open Speaker's List (delegate that motions may speak first)

- This is used to create an ordered list from which speeches will be presented from each country

Establish Speaking Time

Motion to Change the Speaking time (If delegate wants to change default speaking time)

- Chairs will not always be willing to change the speaking time for speeches, but it is worth a shot to try if you want them to be shorter or longer.

Once delegates present any other speaking times, the rest of the committee will vote on which time they prefer.

General Debate

- No comments or yields except to the chair
- Speeches are made for policy; they should not include detailed solutions
- Speeches should address the history and causes of the issue and the countries' policies
- Committee will go back and forth between the Speaker's list, informal (unmoderated), and moderated caucuses until the Speaker's list is exhausted(finished) or committee decides to move into substantive debate

Informal (Unmoderated Caucus) during General Debate

Motion to move into Informal/Unmoderated Caucus

- Make sure to specify a time
- Used to discuss general country policies rather than solutions

- Not formal speeches, but walking around and talking one on one with other delegates
- Make alliances and friends that will support you
- Try to express yourself as much as possible (You will get points for doing so) but remain diplomatic and not over-dominating
- Can motion to extend the Informal Caucus (Specify Extension Time) if you feel you have more to discuss with other delegates

Substantive Debate

Motion to move into Substantive Debate

- Use this time of debate to focus on and discuss possible solutions for the issue
- Caucuses, resolution writing, amendment writing, speeches, and comments according to Speaker's list allowed

Motion to Change the Speaking Time

Motion to Change the Number of Comments (by how many?)

Informal (Unmoderated Caucus) during Substantive Debate

Motion to move into an Unmoderated Caucus

- Make sure to specify a time
- Discuss possible solutions and form blocs
- Use this time to write your resolutions and amendments

Motion to extend the caucus (Specify the Extension Time)

Comments

- Comments may be only made during Substantive Debate speeches
- Make sure you specify time of how long comments should go
- There are no comments on comments.
- They should relate back to the previous speech and its content

Motion to Change Speaking Time for Comments

Motion to the Change Number of Comments

Yields

Delegates may yield time to the chair, questions, or another delegate

- DO NOT yield to another delegate unless you are a sucker
- If you can get other delegates to yield time to you, you are doing well
- DO yield to the chair if you made controversial points in your speech
- There are no comments after a yield has been made

Moderated Caucus

Motion to Move into Moderated Caucus

- Short (around 30 seconds) speeches to convince the other delegates that your policy is the best
 - Best and least stressful way to get points
- Specify amount of time per speech and total time of caucus
- Can motion to extend the Moderated Caucus

Resolution and Amendments

- These formal proposals should reflect your work and effort in committee
- Try to write or dominate your resolution since only major players get up to speak in formal caucus
- Amendments should alter any operative clauses in a resolution
 - May be friendly (Amending your own resolution)
 - Or Unfriendly (Amending another's resolution)
- Explains the solutions your bloc has come up with

Motion for Submission of Proposal or Motion to Approach the Dais

Formal Caucus

Motion to Move into Formal Caucus

- Two speakers needed for and against this procedure
- All resolutions presented at this time
- Sponsoring countries (not all) from each resolution to the committee
- Time is often yield to questions about the resolution

Voting Bloc

Motion to move into Voting Bloc

- Two speakers for and against voting bloc

Delegates may vote yes, no, or abstain (Only if you voted present during roll call)

- Vote by raise of placards
- Motion for a Roll Call Vote
- More than one resolution may be passed
- Delegates should not vote unless the resolution directly defies their country policy

Motion For Reconsideration

- To revote for a resolution

Motion to move out of Voting Bloc

15) Moving onto the Next Topic

Motion to Close Debate

Points and Motions

Point of Personal Privilege	When a delegate has a question about personal comfort. You can ask questions such as going to the bathroom, or Shift the A/C system, or Can't hear the speaking delegate
Point Of Inquiry	Just a question you may be thinking that you want to address to the chair
Point of Parliamentary Inquiry (or Procedure)	When a delegate has a question about the committee procedures
Point of Order	When a delegate believes the chair has made an error in running the committee

Video:

Still confused? Here is a video created by another school that outlines the process of the conference. Some of their ideas may be a little different, but the general outline of the day is quite similar. Please feel free to watch this if you want to see how this day will play out:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sdpzBdejQcg>