

Robert's Rules of Order



A Parliamentary Cheat Sheet

Action	What to Say	Can Interrupt the speaker?	Need a Second?	Can be Debated?	Can be Amended ?	Votes Needed
Introduce main motion	<i>"I move to..."</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend a motion	<i>"I move to amend the motion by II (add or strike words or both)"</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Move item to committee	<i>"I move that we refer the matter to committee."</i>	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Postpone item	<i>"I move to postpone the matter until..."</i>	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
End debate	<i>"I move the previous question."</i>	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Object to procedure	<i>"Point of order."</i>	Yes	No	No	No	Chair decision
Recess the meeting	<i>"I move that we recess until..."</i>	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Adjourn the meeting	<i>"I move to adjourn the meeting."</i>	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Request information	<i>"Point of information."</i>	Yes	No	No	No	No vote
Overrule the chair's ruling	<i>"I move to overrule the chair's ruling."</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority

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Extend the allotted time	<i>"I move to extend the time by ____ minutes."</i>	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
Enforce the rules or point out incorrect procedure	<i>"Point of order."</i>	Yes	No	No	No	No vote
Table a Motion	<i>"I move to table..."</i>	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Verify voice vote with count	<i>"I call for a division."</i>	No	No	No	No	No vote
Object to considering some undiplomatic matter	<i>"I object to consideration of this matter..."</i>	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
Take up a previously tabled item	<i>"I move to take from the table..."</i>	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Reconsider something already disposed of	<i>"I move to reconsider our action to..."</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Consider something out of its scheduled order	<i>"I move to suspend the rules and consider..."</i>	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Close the meeting for executive session	<i>"I move to go into executive session."</i>	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Personal preference - noise, room temperature, distractions	<i>"Point of privilege"</i>	Yes	No	No	No	No vote