

PRINCIPAL RULES GOVERNING MOTIONS

Order of precedence	Can interrupt speaker?	Requires a second?	Debatable?	Amendable?
I. PRIVILEGED MOTIONS				
1. Adjourn.....	no	yes	no	no
2. Recess.....	no	yes	no	yes ¹
3. Question of Privilege.....	yes	no	no	no
II. SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS				
4. Postpone Temporarily (Lay on the table).....	no	yes	no	no
5. Vote Immediately (Previous question).....	no	yes	no	no
6. Limit Debate.....	no	yes	no	yes ¹
7. Postpone Definitely.....	no	yes	yes ¹	yes ¹
8. Refer to Committee.....	no	yes	yes ¹	yes ¹
9. Amend.....	no	yes	yes	yes
10. Postpone Indefinitely.....	no	yes	yes	no
III. MAIN MOTIONS				
11. (a) A General Main Motion.....	no	yes	yes	yes
(b) Specific Main Motions				
Reconsider.....	yes	yes	yes	no
Rescind.....	no	yes	yes	no
Resume Consideration.....	no	yes	no	no
Create Orders.....	no	yes	yes ¹	yes ¹
INCIDENTAL MOTIONS*				
Appeal.....	yes	yes	yes	no
Point of Order.....	yes	no	no	no
Parliamentary Inquiry.....	yes	no	no	no
Withdraw a Motion.....	no	no	no	no
Suspend Rules.....	no	yes	no	no
Object to Consideration.....	yes	no	no	no
Division of a Question.....	no	no	no	no
Division of Assembly.....	yes	no	no	no

*No order of precedence among themselves. Each motion decided immediately.

Vote required?	Applies to what motions?	Can have what motions applied to it (in addition to withdraw)?	Can be renewed at same meeting or convention?
majority.....	no other motion.....	no other motion.....	yes ²
majority.....	no other motion.....	amend ¹	yes ²
no vote.....	no other motion.....	no other motion.....	yes ²
majority.....	main, amend, appeal.....	no other motion.....	yes ²
two-thirds.....	debatable motions.....	no other motion.....	yes ²
two-thirds.....	debatable motions.....	amend ¹	yes ²
majority.....	main motion.....	amend, ¹ vote immediately, limit debate.....	yes ²
majority.....	main, amend.....	vote immediately, limit debate.....	yes ²
majority.....	variable in form.....	subsidiary motions, reconsider.....	no
majority.....	main motion.....	vote immediately, limit debate.....	no
majority.....	no motion.....	specific main, subsidiary, object to consideration.....	no
majority.....	main, amend.....	vote immediately, limit debate, postpone definitely.....	no
majority.....	main motion.....	all subsidiary motions.....	no
majority.....	main, amend, appeal.....	no other motion.....	yes ²
majority.....	main motion.....	amend.....	yes ²
tie or majority.....	decisions of chair.....	reconsider, limit debate, vote immediately, postpone temporarily or definitely.....	no
no vote.....	any error.....	no other motion.....	no
no vote.....	no motion.....	no other motion.....	no
no vote.....	all motions.....	none.....	yes ²
two-thirds.....	no motion.....	no other motion.....	no
two-thirds neg.....	main motion.....	no other motion.....	yes ²
no vote.....	main, amend.....	no other motion.....	no
no vote.....	voice votes.....	no other motion.....	no

¹ Restricted

² After change in parliamentary situation.