

# Robert's Rules of Order Motions Chart

Based on *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (10th Edition)*

**Part 1, Main Motions.** These motions are listed in order of precedence. A motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion. § indicates the section from Robert's Rules.

| §   | PURPOSE:                                       | YOU SAY:   | INTERRUPT? | 2ND? | DEBATE? | AMEND? | VOTE?    |
|-----|--|--|------------|------|---------|--------|----------|
| §21 | Close meeting                                  | I move to adjourn                                | No         | Yes  | No      | No     | Majority |
| §20 | Take break                                     | I move to recess for ...                         | No         | Yes  | No      | Yes    | Majority |
| §19 | Register complaint (noise, temperature, etc.)  | I rise to a question of privilege                | Yes        | No   | No      | No     | None     |
| §18 | Make follow agenda                             | I call for the orders of the day                 | Yes        | No   | No      | No     | None     |
| §17 | Lay aside temporarily                          | I move to lay the question on the table          | No         | Yes  | No      | No     | Majority |
| §16 | Close debate                                   | I move the previous question                     | No         | Yes  | No      | No     | 2/3      |
| §15 | Limit or extend debate                         | I move that debate be limited to ...             | No         | Yes  | No      | Yes    | 2/3      |
| §14 | Postpone to a certain time                     | I move to postpone the motion to ...             | No         | Yes  | Yes     | Yes    | Majority |
| §13 | Refer to committee                             | I move to refer the motion to ...                | No         | Yes  | Yes     | Yes    | Majority |
| §12 | Modify wording of motion                       | I move to amend the motion by ...                | No         | Yes  | Yes     | Yes    | Majority |
| §11 | Kill main motion                               | I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely | No         | Yes  | Yes     | No     | Majority |
| §10 | Bring business before assembly (a main motion) | I move that [or "to"] ...                        | No         | Yes  | Yes     | Yes    | Majority |

**Part 2, Incidental Motions.** No order of precedence. These motions arise incidentally and are decided immediately.

| §   | PURPOSE:                     | YOU SAY:                                      | INTERRUPT? | 2ND? | DEBATE? | AMEND? | VOTE?    |
|-----|------------------------------|---|------------|------|---------|--------|----------|
| §23 | Enforce rules                | Point of Order                                | Yes        | No   | No      | No     | None     |
| §24 | Submit matter to assembly    | I appeal from the decision of the chair       | Yes        | Yes  | Varies  | No     | Majority |
| §25 | Suspend rules                | I move to suspend the rules                   | No         | Yes  | No      | No     | 2/3      |
| §26 | Avoid main motion altogether | I object to the consideration of the question | Yes        | No   | No      | No     | 2/3      |
| §27 | Divide motion                | I move to divide the question                 | No         | Yes  | No      | Yes    | Majority |
| §29 | Demand a rising vote         | I move for a rising vote                      | Yes        | No   | No      | No     | None     |
| §33 | Parliamentary law question   | Parliamentary inquiry                         | Yes        | No   | No      | No     | None     |
| §33 | Request for information      | Point of information                          | Yes        | No   | No      | No     | None     |

**Part 3, Motions That Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly.**

No order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else is pending.

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|-----|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|------|---------|--------|-----------------------------|
| §34 | Take matter from table | I move to take from the table ... | No         | Yes  | No      | No     | Majority                    |
| §35 | Cancel previous action | I move to rescind ...             | No         | Yes  | Yes     | Yes    | 2/3 or Majority with notice |
| §37 | Reconsider motion      | I move to reconsider ...          | No         | Yes  | Varies  | No     | Majority                    |