

Rules of Decorum in Debate

1. Confine remarks to the merits of the Pending Question.
2. Refrain from attacking any member's motive.
3. Address all remarks to the moderator.
4. Avoid using members' names.
5. Refrain from speaking adversely on a prior action not pending.
6. Refrain from speaking against one's own motion.
7. Only read from a report, or cite a long quotation when there is no objection.
8. Either be seated or step back from the microphone when interrupted by the moderator.
9. Refrain from disturbing the Assembly.

Rules of Debate

1. Speakers are to alternate between "pro" and "con".
2. Speakers are to limit their remarks to two (2) minutes.
3. A speaker may only speak once on the Pending Question.
4. A motion to "move the previous Question," when passed by two thirds, closes debate.
5. Either a fixed time to end debate, or a ruling by the moderator that debate has ended, move the Assembly to a vote.
6. Debate may also be extended beyond its fixed time by a majority vote.