

Model Arab League – Quick Rules

PLENARY

2. Introduction of Delegates
 3. Election of the Vice-Chair, Rapporteur, Parliamentarian
 4. Call to Order and Roll Call: **“Present and Voting”**
 5. Any delegate may call **“I move for a 5 min. Suspension of the Meeting for the purpose of discussing possible changes to the agenda”** (Second, ½)
 6. Amending and Adopting the Council Agenda
 - a. Valid Points and motions are:
 - i. **Point of Order** (Interrupts)
 - ii. **Point of Parliamentary Inquiry** (Interrupts)
 - iii. **Point of Personal Privilege** (Interrupts)
 - iv. **Suspend the Meeting** (Second, ½)
 - v. **Appeal the Decision of the Chair** (Second, +2-2, ?)
 - vi. **Add, Delete, or Amend a Topic**, (+2-2, ½)
 - vii. **Change a Topic’s Assignment**: move topic to another council (Second, +2-2, ½)
 7. **“I move to Adopt the agenda (As is or As Amended)”**
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COUNCIL SESSIONS

1. Establishment of a General Speakers List for general remarks only
 2. **“I move to set the order of the Agenda to _____”** (Second, ½)
 - a. **“I move to change the order of the Agenda to _____”** (second, 2+2-, 2/3)
 3. **“I move to limit Debate to Topic _____”** (Second, ½)
 - a. Establish New Speaker’s List
 - b. **“I move to Introduce Draft Resolution before you”** (Second)
 - i. Chair must check resolutions for correct format, sponsors and signatories, and
 1. send for copies *before* they are introduced
 - ii. Chair will number resolutions in order of their introduction, Example: JD I/A
 - c. The Vice-Chair pass out the resolution
 - d. The Chair will read the Operative Clauses out loud
 4. **“I move to limit debate to Resolution _____”** (Second, ½)
 - a. Author’s Rights
 - b. Establish New Speaker’s List
 - c. **“I move to introduce Amendment _____”**
 - d. Read Amendment, Rapporteur writes on board
 - e. Is it friendly? If so, adopted; if not, debated
 5. **“I move to limit debate to Amendment _____”** (Second, ½)
 - a. Establish new Speakers List
 6. **“I move to close debate on this _____”** (Second, 2+2-, 2/3)
 - a. If passed, move directly into voting procedures on resolution or amendment
 - b. If passed on a topic, all resolutions and amendments are then voted upon
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YIELDING

1. **“Yield to _____”**: to yield to a delegate to answer a question or reinforce your statement
2. **“Yield to Points of Information”**: to ask you questions for the remainder of your time

3. **“Yield to the Chair”**: to end your speech; should be used as a last resort
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BREAKS IN DEBATE

1. **“I move to Suspend debate on _____”** (Second, 2+2-, ½): Tables discussion
 2. **“I move for a suspension of the rules for the purpose of a moderated caucus, ___ min, ___ sec speaking time”** (Second, 2/3)
 3. **“I move to suspend the meeting for ___ min for the purpose of _____”** (Second, ½)
 - a. Can only be for a maximum of 10 min unless SG approves
 4. **“I move to Close/Re-Open the Speaker’s List”** (Seconded, ½)
 - a. Used to stop people from being added to speaker’s list
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VOTING

1. **“I move to divide the Question”** (Second, 2+2-, ½) each division must not reference others
2. **“I move for a Roll-Call Vote”** (multiple Seconds) delegates may vote one of the following ways:
 - Yes
 - No
 - Abstain
 - Pass: Second round may only vote yes no or abstain
 - No with rights: only recognized if it doesn’t fail overwhelmingly
3. **“I move to Adopt by consent”** after voting procedure begins, chair calls “without objection” three times, if no delegate objects then the motion passes

For procedural matters, delegates must vote yes or no; motions for Roll-Call Votes are not in order

Delegates not registered on the roster (except for staff observers and/or judges) will be asked to leave during voting procedures

RESOLUTIONS

1. Prior to Introduction
 - a. Must have support of ¼ of the delegations (with a minimum of 1 Sponsor) with 3 minimum total Sponsors and Signatories
 - b. Formatted Correctly (Times New Roman, 12 font, single spaced, margins, intents, etc.)
 - c. Must be initialed by the Chair to be photocopied
 - d. Must give all photocopies to the chair, who will then pass them out after introduction
 2. Removal of Sponsorship
 - a. A note passed to the chair will inform removal of sponsorship
 - c. After introduction, a resolution can stay on the floor with minimum of one sponsor
 - b. If no sponsors, the Chair will ask if there is anyone who wants to pick it up
 - i. If not, it is dead
 - ii. If so, debate is continued
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AMENDMENTS

1. Present in writing
2. Have support of the delegations (with a minimum of 2)

3. A Chair may rule an amendment “out of order”

RIGHT OF REPLY

1. Recognized only if someone insults a delegate or their national dignity
 2. A delegate must submit the request and statement in writing to the chair
 3. The Chair will read the right of reply if deemed appropriate
 - a. Delegates are not allowed to reply to a Right of Reply
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REVOKING SPEAKING PRIVILEGES

1. Only recognized if there is unacceptable or disruptive behavior
 - a. To be used only as a “cool down” period
 2. The only acceptable way for the introduction of this is for the Chair to state **“As a result of recent behavior, I will now accept a motion to temporarily remove voting and speaking privileges for _____. Are there any motions on the floor?”** (Second, +2-2, 2/3)
 3. The Chair will also entertain a motion to reinstate the delegation (½)
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MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

1. **“I move to Amend the Speakers time to _____”** (Second, ½)
 2. **“I move for reconsideration”** (Second, +2-2, ½)
 - a. Used to bring a failed motion back to the table for discussion
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MISCELLANEOUS RULES

At the Chair’s discretion, the Rapporteur may place themselves on the speakers list

For ‘Two For and Two Against’: the Chair will call for 2 against first, then 2 in favor. If there is only 1 against only recognize 1 in favor; if there are none against do not recognize in favor. Two against may always be recognized regardless of the number in favor

Quorum is ½ of those initially present and voting. Discussion may continue without quorum, but voting cannot take place without quorum.

Simple Majority is ½ of those voting plus 1 voting “Yea”

Abstentions are considered ‘non-votes’ and should be subtracted from the total. For example, if the vote is 10 Yea, 9 Nay, and 3 Abstain, the vote passes just as if the countries abstaining were not present.

PROPER STATEMENTS FOR CHAIRS

1. **“Are there Any Points or Motions on the floor?”**
 - a. If No: **“Seeing none, the Chair will Recognize _____ for ___ min/Secs. _____, you have the floor”**
 - b. If Yes: **“_____ To What Point do you Rise?”**
 - i. Wait for response
 - ii. **“That is in order”**
2. **“This motion is dilatory at this time”**
 - a. If the motion made closely resembles a motion that recently failed
 - b. If the chair deems the motion purposely wasteful of time