



# Columbia Model Congress Rules of Procedure

## Debate Structure

### 1) Structured Debate

Primary Speeches – 1 pro/1 con (3 min. each)

Secondary Speeches – 1 pro/1 con (1 min. each)

Speakers may yield extra time to the Chair or to questions.

### 2) Moderated Caucus – (set time)

Speaker series

### 3) Amendments (within Moderated Caucus)

Structured Debate – 1 pro/1 con (1 min. each)

An amendment may only be debated during general debate and only if it is seconded and deemed unfriendly by the sponsor of the bill. The amendment must be submitted in writing to the chair before it can be considered.

<u>Precedence of Motions</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Debatable</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Point of Personal Privilege	No	No	Chair
Point of Order	No	No	Chair
Point of Parliamentary Inquiry	No	No	Chair
Point of Information, Follow Up	No	No	Chair
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Point of Inquiry, Follow Up	No	No	Chair
Point of Inquiry	No	No	Chair
Appeal Decision of the Chair	Yes	App./Chair	2/3
Motion to Suspend Rule	Yes	1 pro/1con	2/3
Motion for a Caucus	Yes	No	Majority
Motion to Amend	Yes	Yes	Majority
Motion to Lay on Table	Yes	No	2/3
Motion to Take from Table	Yes	No	Majority
Motion for the Previous Question	Yes	1 con	2/3
Motion to Divide a Question	Yes	1 pro/1 con	Majority
Motion to Consider Bill/Resolution	Yes	No	None
Motion to Recess	Yes	No	Majority
Motion to Adjourn	Yes	No	Majority