GSIS MUN - Guidelines

***These guidelines, including time, may be revised in-session at the discretion of the chair.***

1. Bring a resolution to the floor Approx. time

* Motion for a resolution to be brought to the floor from the docket

*Name/country, then: “Bhutan moves to bring resolution X to the floor”*

* Pro and con speakers (on bringing resolution to floor) 1 min each
* Placard vote (simple majority)

2. Preliminary debate

* Author’s rights (opening statement on resolution) 2 min
* Technical questions 2 min
* 2 pro, 2 con speakers 1 min each

(for debate of early resolutions at least)

3. Open Floor Debate

* Speakers list (move to be added) 1 min each

*“Bhutan moves to be added to the speaker’s list”*

**If you are recognized to speak:**

A. Come to the front of the room for author’s rights or pro/con, or just stand during open floor debate.

B. State your name and country.

C. Make whatever statements you wish. Refer to yourself and other countries by country name. (*“Bhutan disagrees with Madagascar on one crucial point…”)*

D. If you wish to ask the sponsor or another nation a question, ask the chair in this way:

1. “Will the sponsor yield to a question?” (one only, and you don’t get to

say anything else)

2. “Will the sponsor yield to a series of questions?” (two only, and you don’t

get to say anything else)

3. “Will the sponsor yield to a series of questions and may I reserve my

right to speak?” (two only, and you get to speak with whatever

time is remaining after the questions)

E. When you’re finished, yield your time in one of these ways:

1. “I yield my time to the chair.”

2. “I yield my time to .” (name a country)

3. “I yield my time to questions.”

**Amendments to the resolution:**

* Amendments – 1 friendly, 1 unfriendly amendment per resolution
  + Friendly amendments (signed by all authors) – automatically accepted
  + Unfriendly amendments (5 signatories minimum):
    - Accepted at discretion of chair
    - If accepted, two pro/two con speakers 1 min each
    - Vote (2/3 majority, placard)

**Points:**

* “*Point of personal privilege”* (you can’t hear, etc.)—may interrupt speaker
* “*Point of order”* (chair has skipped a step or made a mistake)—may interrupt speaker
* *“Point of inquiry”* (ask the CHAIR a question) – do not interrupt

**Motions**

* Motions for *caucus* accepted
  + Unmoderated caucus (get up and move around)
    - For the purpose of
  + Moderated caucus (informal debate with chair presiding)
    - Length of overall caucus (5 or 10 mins)
    - Speaker’s time (30 seconds, etc.)
    - No formal motions during this time
  + After return to formal debate:
    - *“I move to extend moderated caucus for X minutes”*
* Motion for closure of debate (2/3 majority, placard)
  + Also known as “previous question”
  + 1 or 2 con speaker(s) 1 min each
  + Discretion of chair

4. Voting Procedures

* Author’s rights 1-2 mins
* In-seat caucus 1 min
* Roll call vote (simple majority)

5. Voter’s rights

* If you voted “yes” or “no” with rights, you may address the floor. Note: use rights sparingly.

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| GSMUN Parliamentary Procedure | | | | | | | | |
| **Points and Motions** |  | **Description/Notes** |  | **Interrupt Speaker?** |  | **Debatable?** |  | **Vote Required** |
| **Points** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Point of Personal Privilege* |  | speaker's volume, noise, distractions, etc. |  | Y (If necessary) |  |  |  |  |
| *Point of Order* |  | something is wrong with procedure |  | Y |  |  |  |  |
| *Point of (Parliamentary) Inquiry* |  | ask a question about procedure |  | N |  |  |  |  |
| *Point of Information* |  | ask questions of chair or of delegates who hold floor |  | N (made only if a speaker yields to questions, directed through chair) | | | | |
| **Motions** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Caucus* |  | include length of time and purpose |  | N |  | N |  | majority |
| *Recess* |  | include time to reconvene |  | N |  | N |  | majority |
| *Closure of Debate (Previous Question)* |  | halt debate and move to vote on resolution |  | N |  | 2 Con |  | 2/3 maj. |
| *Limit or Extend Debate* |  | increase or decrease time limits |  | N |  | 1 Pro/1 Con |  | majority |
| *Roll-call Vote* |  | vote one at a time, out loud, instead of by placards |  | N |  | N |  | chair's decision |
| **Voting Responses** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes, No, Pass (once), Yes with rights, No with rights, **No Abstentions** | | | | | | | | |
| Rights: must be used to explain a vote--specifically, why a vote might seem out of character | | | | | | | | |
| Pass: nations may pass once, must vote on second round (no abstentions) | | | | | | | | |