

2019 National FFA
Parliamentary Procedure LDE (#SuperBowlLDE)

Parliamentary Procedure – Preliminary Round

Morning

Main Motion: I move that the chapter host a school-wide leadership conference for the officers of all student organizations in the school.

Amend.....	Subsidiary
Limit Debate	Subsidiary
Suspend the Rules	Incidental
Parliamentary Inquiry	Incidental
Recess	Privileged

Individual Questions for this Round

Amend

1. If a motion requires a 2/3 vote for adoption and a member offers an amendment to the main motion, what vote is required to adopt the amendment?

A majority vote	6 pts	p. 133, l. 19-20
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2. If a main motion, a primary amendment, and a secondary amendment are pending, what subsidiary motions would be in order?

Refer to a Committee	2 pts	p. 131, l. 24-30
Postpone Definitely	2 pts	
Limit Debate	2 pts	
Previous Question	2 pts	
Lay on the Table	2 pts	

Limit Debate

1. An order limiting or extending the limits of debate is exhausted under what three circumstances:

- (i) When all questions on which it was imposed have been voted on (4 pts)
- (ii) When those questions affected by the order and not yet voted on have been either referred to a committee or postponed indefinitely (4 pts)
- (iii) At the conclusion of the session in which the order was adopted (4 pts)

See, p. 195, ln. 26-33

2. Assume an assembly adopts a motion "to limit debate on the main motion to twenty minutes." At the end of the twenty-minute debate period, would an amendment to the main motion be debatable?

No.

4 pts.

P. 194, ln. 24-28

Suspend the Rules

1. Under what circumstances, if any, would a motion to Suspend the Rules require greater than a 2/3 vote for adoption?

If the rule to be suspended protects a minority smaller than 1/3

8 pts.

P. 261, ln. 14-17

2. If a motion to Suspend the Rules is voted down, when, if ever, may the same motion be renewed?

It may be renewed at the next meeting following an adjournment.

8 pts.

P. 262, on. 28-33.

Parliamentary Inquiry

1. May a member raise a parliamentary inquiry while another member has the floor?

Yes.

4 pts.

P. 293, ln. 1-2

2. May a parliamentary inquiry be laid on the table?

No.

4 pts.

P. 292, ln. 34-35

3. Must the chair give an answer to a hypothetical parliamentary question?

No.

4 pts.

P. 294, ln. 1-2

4. Is the chair's response to a parliamentary inquiry subject to appeal?

No.

4 pts.

P. 294, ln. 11-12

Recess

1. A motion to take a recess yields to what other privileged motions?
Adjourn 5 pts. P. 231, ln. 11-13
Fix the Time to Which to adjourn 5 pts.
2. If the adopted agenda calls for a recess to be taken at 2:00 pm, what vote is required for a motion to postpone the recess until 2:30 pm?
2/3 vote 6 pts. P. 232, ln. 14-16

Question for the Chair

1. If a ruling by the chair is appealed, what vote is required to sustain the ruling of the chair?
A tie vote is the minimum vote required to sustain the ruling of the chair
8 pts., p. 258, ln. 14-18.
2. If the president leaves the chair in order to debate the merits of a pending secondary amendment, when should the president return to the chair?
The president should not return to the chair until the main motion has been disposed of. 8 pts. P. 395, ln. 15-17

Parliamentary Procedure – Preliminary Round

Afternoon Round

Main Motion: I move that the chapter send the chapter officer team and five additional members to the 2020 Washington Leadership Conference.

Postpone Indefinitely Subsidiary

Previous Question Subsidiary

Withdraw a Motion Incidental

Point of Order Incidental

Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn Privileged

Individual Questions for this Round

Postpone Indefinitely

1. Assume a convention consists of one business meeting on each of three consecutive days. If a main motion is postponed indefinitely at the first meeting on the first day, when, if ever, may that main motion be renewed?

The main motion may not be renewed during that convention.

8 pts – p. 128, ln. 1-5.

Note: give credit if the student says the motion may be renewed at the next session.

2. What motions yield to a motion to postpone indefinitely?

Only a main motion yields to postpone indefinitely.

8 pts. – p. 126, ln. 15-19.

Previous Question

1. Under what three circumstances is an order for the Previous Question exhausted?

- (i) When all motions on which the Previous Question was ordered have been voted on
- (ii) When those not yet voted on have either been committed or postponed indefinitely
- (iii) At the end of the session in which the Previous Question was ordered

4 pts each – p. 204, ln. 17-23.

2. When, if ever, may the vote on a motion for the Previous Question be reconsidered?

An affirmative vote on a motion for the Previous Question may be reconsidered before any vote has been taken under the order for the Previous Question.

4 pts. – p. 201, ln. 3-5

Withdraw a Motion

1. If a main motion has been made, seconded, restated by the chair, and then withdrawn with permission of the assembly, what is the earliest time, if ever, that the same main motion may be renewed?

The motion can be made again at the same meeting

8 pts – p. 297, ln. 24-26.

2. What is the latest point at which a request to withdraw a main motion may be made?

The request can be made right up until voting on the main motion has begun.

8 pts. – p. 297 – ln. 8-12.

Point of Order

1. If the chair submits a point of order to the assembly for decision, how many times may each member debate the point of order?

One time

8 pts. – p. 254, ln. 257-58.

2. Assume a main motion and a primary amendment are pending. If a member obtains the floor and moves to postpone the main motion indefinitely, when, if ever, is it too late to raise a point of order?

After debate on the motion to postpone indefinitely has begun, it is too late to raise a point of order 8 pts. – p. 250, ln. 23-25.

Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn

1. Assume the assembly is debating an item under unfinished business on the agenda when a motion to fix the time for an adjourned meeting is adopted for 9:00 am the following morning, followed immediately by the adoption of a motion to adjourn. At what point on the agenda would the adjourned meeting begin when the adjourned meeting is called to order?

Unfinished Business (...business is taken up from the point at which the previous meeting adjourned. . .) 8 pts. – p. 244, ln. 31-34.

2. Which subsidiary motions, if any, may be applied to a pending privileged motion to Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn?

Amend and Previous Question

8 pts (4 pts each)
p. 243, ln. 16-20

Question for the Chair

Generally, points of order must be raised timely or the opportunity to raise the point of order is lost. However, it is never too late to raise a point of order for a continuing breach. Please identify four different types of continuing breaches:

4 pts each for any of the following (p. 251, ln. 9-23):

- (i) a main motion adopted in conflict with the bylaws of the assembly
- (ii) a main motion adopted in conflict with a main motion previously adopted and still in force
- (iii) any action taken in violation of applicable procedural law
- (iv) any action taken in violation of a fundamental principle of parliamentary law
- (v) any action taken in violation of a rule protecting absentees, a rule requiring a vote be taken by ballot, or a rule protecting individual members

Parliamentary Procedure – Semi-Final Round

Main Motion: I move that the chapter launch a social media campaign to promote the upcoming chapter banquet and the fall citrus fruit sale.

Refer to a Committee Subsidiary

Lay on the Table Subsidiary

Appeal Incidental

Divide the Question Incidental

Raise a Question of Privilege Privileged

Individual Questions for this Round

Refer to a Committee

1. Assume an assembly adopts a motion “to refer the resolution to a committee of five appointed by the president.” If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the committee after the president has appointed the original five members, how is the vacancy filled?

The president fills the vacancy. 8 pts – p. 177, ln. 19-33.

2. When, if ever, may an affirmative vote on the motion to refer to a committee be reconsidered?

An affirmative vote may be reconsidered up until the committee begins consideration of the question referred. 8 pts. – p. 171, ln. 6-10.

Lay on the Table

1. In an assembly that holds regular monthly meetings, if a motion is laid on the table at the October meeting, how long may it remain on the table before the motion dies?

Until the end of the next regular monthly meeting (the November meeting)
8 pts. – p. 214, ln. 19-24.

2. If a motion to Lay on the Table is defeated, when, if ever, may the motion be renewed?

The motion to lay on the table may be renewed
(i) when there has been material progress in business or debate (4 pts), or
(ii) if something urgent arises that was unknown when the first motion to lay on the table was defeated (4 pts)
p. 212, ln. 15-22.

Appeal

1. How many members need to be in agreement to exercise their right to bring an appeal from the decision of the chair to the assembly?
Two. One make the motion and another to second it
8 pts. - p. 256
2. If a pending appeal relates to whether an amendment to the main motion is germane, what subsidiary motions, if any, may be applied to the main motion while the appeal is pending?
Lay on the table 8 pts. – p. 257, ln. 12-19.

Divide the Question

1. Over what subsidiary motions does a motion to divide the question take precedence?
Postpone Indefinitely (4 pts)
Amend, if the motion is to divide the amendment (4 pts)
P. 271, ln. 11-24.
2. What subsidiary motions, if any, can be applied to a motion to divide the question?
Amend (4 pts)
Previous Question (4 pts)
p. 271, ln. 26-28.

Question of Privilege

1. If a member makes a main motion that is admitted by the chair as a question of privilege, may that main motion be debated?
Yes 8 pts. – P. 226, ln. 31-33.
2. If the chair submits the question of whether a motion constitutes a question of privilege to the assembly for decision, may members debate the question?

No 8 pts. – p. 226, ln. 31-32.

Question for the Chair

1. Assume a main motion and a motion for the previous question are pending. If a member moves to “lay the main motion on the table until the next meeting,” what would do with the motion?

Rule it out of order 8 pts – p. 210, ln. 11-14
2. Assume a main motion and a primary amendment are pending. If a member moves to “lay the main motion on the table until the next meeting,” what would you do with the motion?

Admit the motion as a motion to postpone definitely
8 pts. – p. 210, ln. 11-14

Parliamentary Procedure – Final Round

Scenario- The following motion was adopted earlier in the meeting, “I move that the chapter invite the school principal to address the next regular chapter meeting.”

Main Motion: I move that the chapter host a career fair for all students in the school to highlight career opportunities in agriculture.

Amend.....Subsidiary

Postpone DefinitelySubsidiary

Division of the Assembly Incidental

Object to the Consideration of a Question..... Incidental

ReconsiderBring a Question Again Before the Assembly

Individual Questions for this Round

Amend

1. Over what subsidiary motions does a secondary amendment to a main motion take precedence?

Postpone indefinitely (5 pts)

Amend (5 pts)

p. 131, ln. 24-30

2. When a lengthy resolution is accompanied by a preamble, which portion of the resolution is opened for debate and amendment first?

The resolving clauses are opened first

6 pts – p. 139, ln. 8-14.

Postpone Definitely

1. Assume an assembly holds regular meetings at 1:00 pm each Wednesday afternoon. If a main motion is pending at a regular meeting, how far into the future may the main motion be postponed?

No more than a week, to the next regular meeting

8 pts. – p. 183, ln. 11-17

2. If an assembly adopts a motion “that the resolution be postponed until the next regular meeting,” under what heading of business would the resolution be considered at the next regular meeting?

General orders and unfinished business

8 pts. - . 186, ln. 9-11.

Division of the Assembly

1. When does a member’s right to call for a division of the assembly begin?

At the moment the negative votes have been cast up until the announcement of the result of the vote is complete, or immediately thereafter.

8 pts. – p. 281, ln. 6-10

2. What vote is required if a member moves that the result of a division of the assembly be counted?

A majority vote is required.

8 pts. – p. 281, ln. 30-32.

Object

1. To what subsidiary motions, if any, does an Objection to the Consideration of a question yield?

Lay on the table

7 pts – p. 267, ln. 26-35

2. To what may an Objection to the Consideration of a Question be applied?

Original main motions

3 pts

Petitions

3 pts

Communications (not from a superior body)

3 pts

P. 268, ln. 1-4

Reconsider

1. Assume a resolution required a 3/4 vote for adoption. What vote would be required on a motion to reconsider the vote on the resolution?

A majority vote

8 pts – p. 320, ln. 32-35

2. Assume an assembly holds regular monthly meetings. Near the end of the October regular meeting, a member moves to reconsider the vote on a resolution taken earlier in the meeting, and then the meeting adjourns. For how long does the motion to reconsider remain pending after adjournment of the October meeting?

Until the end of the November regular meeting

8 pts – p. 321, ln. 9-27

Question for the Chair

1. If the predetermined time for consideration of a resolution has arrived but the chair believes the assembly would prefer to continue debating the pending motion, the chair can put the question of “shall the assembly proceed to the orders of the day?” How many members must vote against the motion in order to continue to debate on the pending motion?

2/3

7 pts – p. 223, 7-14

2. To what privileged motions, if any, does the raising of a question of privilege yield?

Recess (3 pts)

Adjourn (3 pts)

Fix the time to which to adjourn (3 pts)

p. 226, ln. 5-9