

**2023 National FFA
Parliamentary Procedure LDE**

Preliminary AM

Main Motion: I move that the chapter greenhands plant a community garden.

Required Motions:

Refer	Subsidiary
Lay on the Table	Subsidiary
Suspend the Rules	Incidental
Parliamentary Inquiry	Incidental
Raise a Question of Privilege	Privileged

Oral Questions:

Refer

Question	Answer	Reference
What are some reasons the assembly would refer a motion to a committee? (8pts)	...generally used to send a pending question to a relatively small group of selected persons—a committee—so that the question may be carefully investigated and put into better condition for the assembly to consider	13:01
A member has moved “to refer the main question to a committee.” What should the Chair do? (8pts)	Either take suggestions or amendments to complete the required details OR put the motion to a vote in its simplest form	13:10

Lay on the Table

Question	Answer	Reference
When adopting the motion to <i>Lay on the Table</i> , a majority has the power to halt consideration of a question immediately without debate. What are the two reasons that Robert’s says justifies this action? (8pts)	when something else of immediate urgency has arisen or when something else needs to be addressed before consideration of the pending question is resumed	17:1
When is the motion to <i>Lay on the Table</i> , not in order? (8pts)	In ordinary assemblies, the motion to Lay on the Table is not in order if the evident intent is to kill or avoid dealing with a measure.	17:2

Suspend the Rules

Question	Answer	Reference
The Bylaws require a ballot vote for officers, but there is only one candidate for each office. What vote does it take to suspend the rules and take the vote by voice? (8pts)	However, a rule in the bylaws requiring that a vote—such as, for example, on the election of officers—be taken by (secret) <i>ballot</i> cannot be suspended so as to violate the secrecy of the members' votes unless the bylaws so provide.	25:7
Is there any way that Suspend the Rules can be renewed during the current meeting? (8pts)	Yes. By unanimous consent of the members or for a different purpose.	25:6

Parliamentary Inquiry

Question	Answer	Reference
Under what circumstances can a Parliamentary Inquiry interrupt a speaker? (8pts)	If it requires immediate attention	33:2 #3
Whose responsibility is it to reply to a Parliamentary Inquiry (8pts)	Chair	33:3

Raise a Question of Privilege

Question	Answer	Reference
List the individual subsidiary and privileged motions which Raise a Question of Privilege take precedence over. List the motions in order, but you may start either with either the lowest ranking or the highest-ranking motion. (16pts)	Postpone Indefinitely Amend Commit Postpone Definitely Limit or Extend Limits of Debate Previous Question Lay on the Table Call for the Orders of the Day	19:6(1), ranking motions

Chair

Question	Answer	Reference
In respect to voting, what is the basic requirement for approval of an action or choice by an assembly? (10pts)	...the basic requirement for approval of an action or choice by a deliberative assembly, except where a rule provides otherwise, is a <i>majority vote</i> .	44:1
Sometimes votes require a two-thirds vote as a compromise between the rights of the individual and the rights of the assembly. Can you give me 3 examples? (10pts)	a) suspends or modifies a rule of order previously adopted; b) prevents the introduction of a question for consideration; c) closes, limits, or extends the limits of debate; (d) closes nominations or the polls, or otherwise limits the freedom of nominating or voting; or (e) takes away membership.	44:4

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Preliminary PM

Main Motion: I move that the chapter volunteer one weekend a month at the local food bank.

Required Motions:

Refer	Subsidiary
Limit Debate	Subsidiary
Object to the Consideration of the Question	Incidental
Request for Information	Incidental
Recess	Privileged

Oral Questions:

Refer

Question	Answer	Reference
List the individual subsidiary and privileged motions which Refer yields to. List the motions in order, but you may start either with either the lowest ranking or the highest ranking motion. (16pts)	Postpone Definitely Limit or Extend Limits of Debate Previous Question Call for the Orders of the Day Raise a Questions of Privilege Recess Adjourn Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn	ranking motions

Limit Debate

Question	Answer	Reference
A motion is adopted that debate on the motion be closed at 4:00 p.m. What subsidiary motions would be out of order? (8pts)	Commit, Postpone to a Certain Time	15:11, 15:19 (b)
What does the term “exhausted” mean when applied to a motion limiting or extending the limits of debate, and how does that occur? (8pts)	It is used to describe when an Order limiting or extending the limits of debate finally ceases to be in force. This occurs when: (1) when all of the questions on which it was imposed have been voted on; (2) when those questions affected by the order and not yet voted on have been either referred to a committee or postponed indefinitely; or (3) at the conclusion of the session in which the order was adopted	15:18

Object to the Consideration of the Question

Question	Answer	Reference
A member has moved to recess until 2:30, and no other motion is pending. Another member	Rule the motion to object to the consideration out of order; Recess is an	26:2(2)

moved to object to the consideration of the question. What should the Chair do? (8pts)	incidental main motion, and OCQ does not apply.	
A member has moved an Objection to the Consideration of the Question on a recommendation from an officer. The objection was not sustained. What happens next? (8pts)	If the objection is not sustained, consideration of the main motion proceeds as if no objection had been made.	26:5

Request for Information

Question	Answer	Reference
List the subsidiary motions that can be applied to Request for Information. (8pts)	There are none	33:2(2)
How does a Request for Information differ from a Parliamentary Inquiry? (8pts)	A <i>Request for Information</i> is a request for information relevant to the business at hand but not related to parliamentary procedure. Parliamentary Inquiries are related to parliamentary procedure.	33:6

Recess

Question	Answer	Reference
What happens at the conclusion of a recess? (8pts)	business will immediately be resumed at exactly the point where it was interrupted	20:1
You were asked to demonstrate Recess as a privileged motion. When is Recess not privileged? (8pts)	A motion to recess that is made when no question is pending (whether the recess is to begin immediately or at a future time) is a main motion	20:3

Chair

Question	Answer	Reference
Define the difference between an original main motion and an incidental main motion. (10 pts)	An <i>original main motion</i> is a main motion that introduces a substantive question as a new subject. An <i>incidental main motion</i> is a main motion that is incidental to or relates to the business of the assembly, or its past or future action.	10:3-4
Robert's lists six improper amendments. Name 4 of them. (10 pts)	1) One that is not germane to the question to be amended. 2) One that merely makes the adoption of the amended question equivalent to a rejection of the original motion. 3) One that would cause the question as amended to not be in order. 4) One that proposes to change one of the forms of amendment listed in 12:8 into another form. 5) One that would have the effect of converting one parliamentary motion into another. 6) One that strikes out the word "Resolved" or other enacting words.	

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Semi-Finals

Scenario: Motion Adopted at the Previous Meeting: That the chapter purchase a new trailer for chapter events.

Main Motion: I move that the chapter join a highway clean-up program.

Required Motions:

Postpone Definitely	Subsidiary
Amend	Subsidiary
Division of the Assembly	Incidental
Withdraw	Incidental
Rescind	Privileged

Oral Questions:

Postpone Definitely

Question	Answer	Reference
A motion is pending to postpone an item indefinitely. Your friend moves to strike out "indefinitely" and insert "until 2:00 p.m." Is this in order? Why or why not? (8pts)	No. An amendment that would have the effect of converting one parliamentary form into another is improper.	12:22(5)
What could be done to still accomplish the friend's goal? (8pts)	A motion to postpone definitely would be in order.	Ranking motions

Amend

Question	Answer	Reference
Is a motion to amend in order if it would change the intention of the main motion? Explain your answer. (8pts)	Yes. An amendment cannot introduce an independent question; but an amendment can be hostile to, or even defeat, the spirit of the original motion and still be germane.	12:16
When a lengthy resolution is accompanied by a preamble, which portion of the resolution is opened for debate and amendment first? (8pts)	The resolving clauses are opened first	

Division of the Assembly

Question	Answer	Reference
Explain the dilatory use of Division of the Assembly. (8pts)	When it is clear that there has been a full vote and there can be no reasonable doubt as to which side is in the majority, a call for a Division is dilatory, and the chair should not allow the individual member's right of demanding a Division to be abused to the annoyance of the assembly.	29:07
Robert's says that "A voice vote retaken by a show of hands is not a <i>Division of the Assembly</i> ." What are his reasons for this? (8pts)	in large assemblies it may be less accurate than a rising vote, and since—even in a small meeting—the rising vote may be more effective in causing a maximum number of members to vote.	29:2

Withdraw

Question	Answer	Reference
Can a request for permission to withdraw a motion be reconsidered? What rules apply? (8pts)	Only a negative vote can be reconsidered.	33:2(8)
When can a motion to withdraw a motion be made without obtaining permission of the assembly for the withdrawal? (8pts)	Before a motion has been stated by the chair, it is the property of its mover, who can withdraw it or modify it without asking the consent of anyone. Thus, in the brief interval between the making of a motion and the time when the chair places it before the assembly by stating it, the maker can withdraw it	33:12

Rescind

Question	Answer	Reference
We know that there are time limits on the motion to Reconsider. Tell me about the time limits on the motion to Rescind. (8pts)	In contrast to the case of the motion to <i>Reconsider</i> , there is no time limit on making these motions after the adoption of the measure to which they are applied, and they can be moved by any member, regardless of how he voted on the original question.	35:3
There are 3 times that a motion cannot be rescinded. What are they? (8pts)	a) When it has previously been moved to reconsider the vote on the main motion, and the question can be reached by calling up the motion to <i>Reconsider</i>. b) When something has been done, as a result of the vote on the main motion, that is impossible to undo. c) When a resignation has been acted upon, or a person has been elected to or expelled from membership or office, and the person was present or has been officially notified of	35:6

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Chair

Question	Answer	Reference
The previous meeting was adjourned to meet "at the call of the chair." But the chair didn't call a meeting, and the current meeting starts now. How do we adjourn the previous meeting? (10 pts)	Adjournment of the previous session becomes final retrospectively as of the date the last meeting adjourned, and the chair's authority to call an adjourned meeting expires	22:8
What is an executive session? (10 pts)	An <i>executive session</i> in general parliamentary usage has come to mean any meeting of a deliberative assembly, or a portion of a meeting, at which the proceedings are secret.	9:24

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Finals

Scenario: Motion Postponed at the Previous Meeting and made a special order: I move that the chapter host a conference for the officers of student organizations.

Main Motion: I move that our chapter conduct a monthly Fire Safety program.

Required Motions:

Previous Question	Subsidiary
Postpone Indefinitely	Subsidiary
Point of Order	Incidental
Appeal	Incidental
Call for the Orders of the Day	Privileged

Oral Questions

Previous Question

Question	Answer	Reference
Robert's says that "The <i>Previous Question</i> is the motion used to bring the assembly to an immediate vote on one or more pending questions." I know how to move the Previous Question on one question. How do I move it on more pending questions. (8pts)	In practice, this motion usually is made in an unqualified form, such as "I move the previous question," and then it applies only to the immediately pending question. In its qualified form, however, it can be applied to include consecutively any series beginning with the immediately pending question.	16:5(2)
Can you explain interruption of the order for the Previous Question? (8pts)	If a question or series of questions (including motions on which the <i>Previous Question</i> has been ordered) <i>ceases to be the pending business</i> before all of the motions affected by the order have been voted on, <i>execution</i> of the order is said to be <i>interrupted</i> .	16:10

Postpone Indefinitely

Question	Answer	Reference
We postponed a question indefinitely; how long is it dead for? (8pts)	Its adoption kills the main motion (for the duration of the session) and avoids a direct vote on the question.	11:1
I moved to postpone a motion indefinitely and the motion was later referred to a committee. What happens to my motion to postpone indefinitely? (8pts)	It is ignored and does not go to the committee, the adoption of <i>Commit</i> indicates that the assembly is not in favor of postponing indefinitely	11:4

Point of Order

Question	Answer	Reference
If a member is uncertain if there has been a breach of the rules, what can he do? (8pts)	Raise a Parliamentary Inquiry	23:4
What does Robert's say about raising points of order on minor irregularities? (8pts)	In ordinary meetings it is undesirable to raise points of order on minor irregularities of a purely technical character, if it is clear that no one's rights are being infringed upon and no real harm is being done to the proper transaction of business.	23:4

Appeal

Question	Answer	Reference
It says in Robert's that an appeal can be applied to any ruling by the presiding officer, with two exceptions. What are they? (8pts)	a) if a point of order is raised while an appeal is pending, there is no appeal from the chair's decision on this point of order, although the correctness of the ruling can be brought up later by a motion covering the case; and b) when the chair rules on a question about which there cannot possibly be two reasonable opinions, an appeal would be dilatory and is not allowed.	24:3(2)
Robert's says an appeal is applicable only to a <i>ruling</i> by the chair. Explain this limitation. (8pts)	No appeal can be made from the chair's response to a parliamentary inquiry or other query, since such a reply is an <i>opinion</i> rendered by the chair, not a ruling on a question that has actually arisen. The chair's judgment as to the more numerous side in a vote, or whether there are two thirds in the affirmative, also is not a ruling and is not subject to appeal	24:6-7

Call for the Orders of the Day

Question	Answer	Reference
There are three instances listed in RONR when a call for the orders of the day is in order. Please name them! Which of those can interrupt pending business? (16 pts)	1. when the agenda, program, or order of business is being varied from; 2. when a general order that is in order at the time is not being taken up; 3. when the time for considering a special order has arrived or passed and it is not being taken up. (Only this one can interrupt pending business.)	18:4 2)

Chair Question

Question	Answer	Reference
I am the Parliamentarian for FFA, and when we began the meeting of the Delegates, we adopted three reports that Roberts Rules of Order requires to be adopted in order to form a convention or house of delegates. Name them and the voting requirement to adopt each? (20 pts)	1. The Credentials Committee Majority 2. The Committee on Standing Rules-Two-Thirds 3. The Program Committee-Majority	59:11, 59:26 59:58