

ROBERTS RULES MOTIONS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF A MEMBER OR ASSEMBLY

TOPIC	Motion/RONR	CONTENT
ADDITIONAL HELPFUL ROBERT'S RULES:		
YOUR RIGHTS	RONR 62:3, 39:4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Chair must recognize any member who seeks the floor when entitled to it. - After a member has properly made a motion that is not dilatory, the chair must either state the question on it, or else rule it out of order for a specified valid reason, require the wording to be clarified or submitted in writing, or declare that it is not before the assembly for lack of a required second - The Chair cannot hurry through the proceeds so quickly as to deprive the members of their rights to debate and to introduce secondary motions. - Never adopt not recognizing members/ruling that motions are not in order to merely speed up business - Give the maker of the motion the benefit of the doubt.
Point of Order	RONR 23:12	<p>When a member thinks that the rules are being violated, he can make a Point of Order (raise promptly). MEMBER: I rise to a point of order. (or just "Point of Order!") <i>Chair: State your point of order</i> MEMBER: I make the point of order that... <i>Chair: The point of order is well taken/not well taken....</i></p>
Appeal	RONR 24:9	<p>Any two members by moving and seconding an Appeal immediately after the chair has made such a ruling, can require him to submit the matter to the vote of the assembly. MEMBER: I appeal from the decision of the chair. (Second.) <i>Chair: The decision of the chair is appealed from. The question is "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?"...Those in favor of sustaining the the chair's decision say aye....those opposed say no...."</i></p>
Putting to the Assembly	RONR 62:8-9	<p>If Chair ignores, repeat three times, then put the point of order/appeal to the assembly. MEMBER: Is the point of order.....well taken? OR Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?</p>
Question of Privilege	RONR 19:8	<p>MEMBER: Mr Chairman, I rise to a question of privilege affecting the assembly. <i>Chair - State your question.</i> MEMBER: I ask (air conditioning be turned down, mics turned up, etc) MEMBER: Second. <i>Chair - It is moved and seconded that ... [Pause] Mr. _____</i> MEMBER: <i>Chair: Is there any further debate?</i> <i>Chair: The question is on the motion that Those in favor, say aye [Pause] Those opposed no.....</i></p>
Parliamentary Inquiry	RONR 33:3	<p>MEMBER: Mr Chairman, I rise to a parliamentary inquiry. <i>Chair: The member will state the inquiry.</i> MEMBER: <ask question></p>
Point of Information	RONR 33:6	<p>MEMBER: Mr Chairman, I have a request for information. OR I would like to ask the member a question. <i>Chair: The member will state his question.</i> MEMBER: <Ask question></p>
Division		<p>If a vote is unclear, call for "Division" - do not have to be recognized and will lead to a standing vote</p>
Limit/Extend Debate	RONR 15:2	<p>MEMBER: Mr Chairman, NAME. [Recognized] MEMBER: I motion to limit debate to 1 minute per person.</p>
End Debate	RONR 16	<p>MEMBER: Mr Chairman, NAME. [Recognized] MEMBER: I move the previous question. (Second)</p>
DELAYS	RONR 17, 14	<p>VOTE NO ON LAY ON THE TABLE, POSTPONE, etc.</p>
Confine Remarks / Questions	RONR 43:20	<p>MEMBER: I rise to a point of order. (or just "Point of Order!") <i>Chair: State your point of order</i> MEMBER: I make the point of order that the member's remarks/question has nothing to do with the motion and are not germane to the question. <i>Chair: The point of order is well taken/not well taken....</i></p>
If Member continues breaches	RONR 61: 10-18	<p>Includes- questions motives of members whom mentions by name, speaking on irrelevant matters, etc. MEMBER: Mr Chairman , I call the member to order. CHAIR: The chair finds the point well taken, (to the offender): The member shall be seated. If they continue, the chair can, after repeated warnings, put it to the vote of the assembly and remove.</p>
Regarding Customs	RONR 2:25	<p>I will read a shortened version of Robert's Rule 2:25. "Sometimes, a group gets into the habit of doing something in the same way over and over again until it becomes an established custom. It comes to be followed practically as if it were a written rule. No matter how long established a custom is, however, it can never conflict with a written rule - and if the conflict is pointed out, the written rule must be followed unless it is amended to incorporate the custom."</p>