

General Flow of Debate - AUSMUN 2024

Roll Call

The chair will announce each delegate's name, and they will respond either “present,” or “present and voting.” “Present and voting” requires a delegate to vote.



Speakers List

The chair will now open the floor for a speakers list. A delegate who raises their placard will be called upon to set the duration and speaking time. The chair will then invite all interested delegates to raise their placards to join the speakers list. Once a delegate's name is added, they can lower their placard. Delegates can also join the speakers list later by sending a note to the chair.

During the speakers list, if any delegate has a question for the speaker regarding their speech, they can raise their placard. If chosen, they will say “Point of information.” At the chair's discretion, they will either accept or deny.



Moderated Caucus

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Unmoderated Caucus

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Working Paper & Draft Resolutions

Delegates will work together to create resolutions. You present these resolutions to the committee through writing a resolution paper and submitting it to the chair. Once delegates present their working paper, amendments may be made to the documents. Amendments are changes to draft resolutions.



Considering a Paper

After the presentation and question-answer period concludes, a motion can be made to enter the voting procedure.



Voting Procedure

In the voting procedure, a roll call will be called for each delegation. Once your delegation is called, you will respond either “yay” (Yes), “nay” (no), or “obstain” (no answer). After the conclusion of the roll call, the chair will let the committee know if the paper passes or not.



Closing Debate

Once all papers have been considered and time has expired, the chair will now smile upon a motion to close debate. Once a delegate motions to close debate the chair will conduct a majority vote and close debate.