

Henry M. Robert, *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* (10th ed. 2000)  
 Chart of Ranking Motions, from highest to lowest in order of precedence

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Can it Interrupt?</b>	<b>Second Required?</b>	<b>Is Debate Allowed?</b>	<b>Can it be Amended?</b>	<b>Required Vote?</b>	<b>Can it be Reconsidered?</b>
Fix the Time to which to Adjourn	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	Yes
Adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Recess	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
Raise a Question of Privilege	Yes	No	No	No	Chair Handles	No
Call for the Orders of the Day	Yes	No	No	No	Chair Handles	No
Lay on the Table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	Negative Vote Only
Previous Question (Close Debate)	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes
Limit or Extend Debate	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3	Yes
Postpone Definitely (to a certain time)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Commit or Refer	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Amend	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Postpone Indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Affirmative Vote Only
Main Motion	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes

Alice Sturgis, *The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* (4th ed. 2001)

Chart of Ranking Motions, from highest to lowest in order of precedence

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Can it Interrupt?</b>	<b>Second Required?</b>	<b>Is Debate Allowed?</b>	<b>Can it be Amended?</b>	<b>Required Vote?</b>	<b>Can it be Reconsidered?</b>
Adjourn	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Recess	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Question of Privilege	Yes	No	No	No	Chair Handles	No
Postpone Temporarily (Table)	No	Yes	No	No	Majority if to postpone, 2/3 if to suppress	No
Close Debate	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
Limit or Extend Debate	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3	No
Postpone to a certain time	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Refer to a committee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Amend	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Main Motion	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes

George Demeter, *Demeter's Manual of Parliamentary Law & Procedure* (Blue Book ed. 1969)  
 Chart of Ranking Motions, from highest to lowest in order of precedence

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Can it Interrupt?</b>	<b>Second Required?</b>	<b>Is Debate Allowed?</b>	<b>Can it be Amended?</b>	<b>Required Vote?</b>	<b>Can it be Reconsidered?</b>
Fix the Time to which to Adjourn	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	Yes
Adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Recess	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
Raise a Question of Privilege	Yes	No	No	No	Chair Handles	No
Call for the Orders of the Day	Yes	No	No	No	Chair Handles	No
Lay on the Table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Previous Question (Close Debate)	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes
Limit or Extend Debate	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3	Yes
Postpone Definitely (to a certain time)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Commit or Refer	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Amend	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Postpone Indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Affirmative Vote Only
Main Motion	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes

Floyd M. Riddick & Miriam H. Butcher, *Riddick's Rules of Procedure* (1985)  
 Chart of Ranking Motions, from highest to lowest in order of precedence

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Can it Interrupt?</b>	<b>Second Required?</b>	<b>Is Debate Allowed?</b>	<b>Can it be Amended?</b>	<b>Required Vote?</b>	<b>Can it be Reconsidered?</b>
Adjourn	No	No	No	Yes	Majority	Yes
Recess	No	No	No	Yes	Majority	No
Table	No	No	No	No	Majority	Yes
Close Debate	No	No	No	No	2/3	Affirmative Vote Only
Limit or Extend Debate	No	No	No	Yes	2/3	Yes
Postpone	No	No	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Refer to a Committee	No	No	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Amend	No	No	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Main Motion	No	No	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes

Richard B. Johnson *et al.*, *Town Meeting Time* (3d ed. 2001)

Chart of Ranking Motions, from highest to lowest in order of precedence

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Can it Interrupt?</b>	<b>Second Required?</b>	<b>Is Debate Allowed?</b>	<b>Can it be Amended?</b>	<b>Required Vote?</b>	<b>Can it be Reconsidered?</b>
Dissolve (adjourn sine die)	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Adjourn to a fixed time or Recess	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Point of No Quorum	No	No	No	No	Chair Handles	No
Fix the Time to (or at) which to Adjourn	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Question of Privilege	Yes	No	No	No	Chair Handles	No
Lay on the Table	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes
Previous Question (Close Debate)	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
Limit or Extend Debate	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes
Postpone to a time certain	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Commit or Refer	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Amend	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Postpone Indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Yes
Main Motion	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes

Donald A. Tortorice, *The Modern Rules of Order* (3d ed. 2007)

Chart of Ranking Motions, from highest to lowest in order of precedence

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Can it Interrupt?</b>	<b>Second Required?</b>	<b>Is Debate Allowed?</b>	<b>Can it be Amended?</b>	<b>Required Vote?</b>	<b>Can it be Reconsidered?</b>
Point of Privilege	Yes	No	No	No	Chair Handles	No
Point of Procedure	Yes	No	No	No	Chair Handles	No
Appeal	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	No
Recess	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Withdraw	Yes	No	No	No	Chair Handles	No
Postpone	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Refer	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Amend	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Limit, Extend, or Close Debate	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3	No
Count the Vote	No	Yes	No	No	Chair Handles	No
Main Motion	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Adjourn (only in order if agenda complete)	No	No	No	No	Chair Handles	No

Ray E. Keese, *Modern Parliamentary Procedure* (1994)

Chart of Ranking Motions, from highest to lowest in order of precedence

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Can it Interrupt?</b>	<b>Second Required?</b>	<b>Is Debate Allowed?</b>	<b>Can it be Amended?</b>	<b>Required Vote?</b>	<b>Can it be Reconsidered?</b>
Adjourn	No	No	No	No	Majority	No
Recess	No	No	No	Yes	Majority	No
Close Debate	No	No	No	No	2/3	No
Limit or Extend Debate	No	No	No	Yes	2/3	No
Postpone	No	No	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Refer	No	No	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Amend	No	No	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Main Motion	No	No	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes

Dr. James E. Davis, *Rules of Order* (1992)

Chart of Ranking Motions, from highest to lowest in order of precedence

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Can it Interrupt?</b>	<b>Second Required?</b>	<b>Is Debate Allowed?</b>	<b>Can it be Amended?</b>	<b>Required Vote?</b>	<b>Can it be Reconsidered?</b>
Adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Recess	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Postpone Temporarily (Table)	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Vote Immediately (Close Debate)	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
Limit or Extend Debate	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3	No
Postpone Definitely (to a certain time)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Refer for Decision	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Refer for Report	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Amend	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Main Motion	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes

Roswell L. Atwood, *Atwood's Rules for Meetings* (1956)

Chart of Ranking Motions, from highest to lowest in order of precedence

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Can it Interrupt?</b>	<b>Second Required?</b>	<b>Is Debate Allowed?</b>	<b>Can it be Amended?</b>	<b>Required Vote?</b>	<b>Can it be Reconsidered?</b>
Adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Recess	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
Table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Appeal	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	Yes
Stop Debate	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes
Limit or Extend Debate	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3	Yes
Postpone to a certain day	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Refer to a committee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Amend an Amendment	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Yes
Amend	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Postpone Indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Yes
Main Motion	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes

Hugh Cannon, *Cannon's Concise Guide to Rules of Order* (1992)

Chart of Ranking Motions, from highest to lowest in order of precedence

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Can it Interrupt?</b>	<b>Second Required?</b>	<b>Is Debate Allowed?</b>	<b>Can it be Amended?</b>	<b>Required Vote?</b>	<b>Can it be Reconsidered?</b>
Adjourn (including Recess)	No	No	No	No (recess admendable as to time of reconvening)	Majority	No
Request to Assembly (includes Question of Privilege)	Yes	No	No	No	Majority	No
Close Debate	No	No	No	No	2/3	No
Postpone	No	No	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Refer	No	No	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Amend	No	No	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Main Motion	No	No	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes

Paul Mason, *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* (2000)

Chart of Ranking Motions, from highest to lowest in order of precedence

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Can it Interrupt?</b>	<b>Second Required?</b>	<b>Is Debate Allowed?</b>	<b>Can it be Amended?</b>	<b>Required Vote?</b>	<b>Can it be Reconsidered?</b>
Call of the House if no quorum present	No	No	No	No	Majority	No
Make Motion to Reconsider	No	No	No	No	Chair Handles	No
Adjourn	No	No	No	No	Majority	No
Recess	No	No	No	Yes	Majority	No
Question of Privilege	Yes	No	No	No	Chair Handles	No
Appeal	No	No	Yes	No	Majority	No
Point of Order	Yes	No	No	No	Chair Handles	No
Parliamentary Inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	Chair Handles	No
Orders of the Day	No	No	No	No	Chair Handles	No
Request for Leave to Withdraw	No	No	No	No	Majority	No
Suspension of Rules	No	No	No	No	Majority	No
Objection to Consideration	No	No	No	No	Majority	No
Manner or Order of Consideration of Questions	No	No	No	Yes	Majority	No
Motions relating to voting	No	No	No	Yes	Majority	No
Motions related to nominations & elections	No	No	No	Yes	Majority	No
Division of a Question	No	No	No	Yes	Majority	No
Lay on the Table (Postpone Temporarily)	No	No	No	No	Majority	No
Previous Question (Vote Immediately)	No	No	No	No	Majority	No
Close, Limit or Extend Debate	No	No	No	Yes	Majority	No
Postpone Definitely (to a certain time)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Refer or Commit	No	No	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Amend	No	No	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Postpone Indefinitely	No	No	Yes	No	Majority	No
Main Motion	No	No	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes