

NOVICE PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE COMPETITIVE EVENT

DEDUCTIONS FOR PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE ERRORS

The table below shows the recommended deductions that judges can use for parliamentary procedure errors. It is taken from the *Parliamentary Procedure Judging Guide* by **Shane Dunbar and Dr. James Connors**. If a parliamentary procedure error is made and a point of order is called at the time of the infraction and promptly ruled on by the chair correctly, points should not be deducted. The last column can be used to indicate if the suggested point deduction is modified by judges for the event. “Members” are the team members other than the chair.

Parliamentary Procedure Errors	Suggested Point Deduction	Modified Point Deduction
VIOLATIONS RELATED TO USING A MOTION IMPROPERLY		
<i>Postpone Indefinitely</i> (when qualified. e.g., a time is given)	15	
<i>Parliamentary Inquiry</i> (when used to ask another member a question)	15	
<i>Raise a Question of Privilege</i> (when used to ask a question of another member or ask a question related to parliamentary procedure)	15	
VIOLATIONS RELATED TO THE CHAIR		
Improper use of the gavel	5	
Referring to him/herself in the first person (e.g., “I”)	5	
Failing to announce results of vote	5	
Not obtaining a second before stating or putting the motion	10	
Not calling for a negative vote	10	
Failing to call for debate on a debatable motion	15	
Ignoring a member requesting the floor	10	
Taking a hand vote after a <i>Division of the Assembly</i> has been called	10	
Taking a voice vote on a motion that requires a two-thirds vote	10	
Failing to take a vote on a motion	15	
Taking an incorrect vote (e.g., majority when two-thirds required or vice versa)	15	
Stating a personal opinion	20	
Not giving preference in recognition to maker of motion if he/she has not debated	10	
Not giving preference in recognition to member who has not debated	10	
Not alternating debate between those opposed and those in favor of a motion (if known)	5	
Neglecting to notify members to be seated after taking a standing (rising) vote	5	
Arbitrarily stopping debate	15	
Not completing all steps in the announcement of the vote	15	

VIOLATIONS RELATED TO AMENDMENTS		
“Adding” words to middle (instead of end) of motions	5	
Striking words that result in incomplete wording for main motion	5	
Inserting “not” to make the motion a negatively worded motion	5	
Making an amendment that is not germane	10	
Amending a non-amendable motion	20	
Making a third-degree (tertiary) amendment	20	
VIOLATIONS RELATED TO MOTIONS		
Chair not restating the motion as it was moved by a member	5	
Member incorrectly stating a motion (e.g., “I motion that...”, using incorrect postpone, etc.)	5	
Chair restating motion before it receives a second	10	
Taking up a motion out of the order of precedence	20	
Member makes an assigned motion in the wrong class (e.g., the assigned <u>privileged</u> motion to <i>Recess</i> is made when no question is pending. It is therefore classified as an incidental <u>main motion</u>)	20	
Member calling out “Question” from his/her seat to stop debate	10	
Member not including special committee size and method of appointing members when making the motion to <i>Commit or Refer</i>	15	
VIOLATIONS RELATED TO DEBATE BY MEMBERS		
Not getting recognized before debating (discussing) a motion	5	
Not addressing debate through the chair	5	
Addressing other members by name	5	
Debating more than two (2) times on a single motion	10	
Debating against a motion they moved	10	
Debating a non-debatable motion	20	
Debate not germane	15	
Debating a motion after it is adopted (e.g., debating an amendment after it is adopted while the main motion it is applied to is immediately pending)	15	