

Deductions for Common Parliamentary Procedure Errors

The table below shows deductions that judges will use for parliamentary procedure errors. 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. "Members" are the team members other than the chair.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE ERRORS	Severity of Error	Point Deduction
Violations Related To Using A Motion Improperly		
Postpone Indefinitely (when qualified. e.g., a time is given)	****	20
Parliamentary Inquiry (when used to ask another member a question)	***	15
Raise a Question of Privilege (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 the results of the 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	**	10
Ignoring a member requesting the floor	**	10
Taking a hand vote after a Division of the Assembly 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 the maker of a motion if he/she has not debated and has risen for recognition by the chair.	**	10
Not giving preference in recognition to the 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	**	10
Not completing all steps in the announcement of the vote.	**	10

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE ERRORS	Severity of Error	Point Deduction
Violations Related To Amendments		
Adding words to the middle (instead of the end) of motions	*	5
Striking words that result in incomplete wording for the 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
Violations Related To Motions		
The chair did not restate 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 privileged motion to recess is made when no question is pending. It is therefore classified as an incidental main motion.)	****	20
Member calling out "Question" from his/her seat to stop debate.	***	15
Member not including special committee size and method of appointing members when making the motion to Commit or Refer	***	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 times on a single motion	****	20
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

Note: star ranking system* = least amount of deduction to **** = greatest amount of deduction