

# Member Rights And Responsibilities

As Defined In Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 12th Ed.

Every member has the following **RIGHTS**, including **SIX BASIC RIGHTS**:

1	<b>To attend meetings</b>	<b>1:4</b>
2	<b>To make motions</b>	<b>1:4</b>
3	<b>To speak in debate</b>	<b>1:4</b>
4	<b>To vote</b>	<b>1:4</b>
5	<b>To make nominations</b>	<b>1:4</b>
6	<b>To give advanced notice of a motion</b>	<b>1:4</b>
7	To be given a copy of the bylaws	<b>2:13</b>
8	To be recognized in preference to other members (To speak first on one's own motion)	<b>3:33(1)</b>
9	To modify/withdraw their motion before it has been stated by the chair	<b>4:19</b>
10	To demand a "Division of the Assembly" (Recount)	<b>6:17(7)</b>
11	To require the assembly to conform to its adopted agenda via "Orders of the Day"	<b>18:1</b>
12	<b>To call on enforcement of the rules via "Point of Order"</b>	<b>23:1</b>
13	To demand separate consideration of items from a single motion via "Divide the Question"	<b>27:10</b>
14	<b>To request information via a "Parliamentary Inquiry" or "Point of Information"</b>	<b>33:1</b>
15	To abstain from voting	<b>45:3</b>
16	To vote on a personal matter	<b>45:4</b>
17	To change their vote up to the moment results are announced (Except by ballot)	<b>45:8</b>
18	To demand a ballot vote for disciplinary motions	<b>61:17</b>
19	To protect their good name	<b>63:5</b>
20	To due process in disciplinary hearings	<b>63:5</b>

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Every member has the following **OBLIGATIONS** and **RESPONSIBILITIES**:

1	To become familiar with the contents of the rules	2:13
2	To obtain the floor before making a motion or speaking in debate	3:30
3	To refrain from criticizing a ruling of the chair unless the member has appealed from the ruling	24:2
4	To refrain from debating a matter that is not pending	43:4
5	To confine remarks to the merits of the pending question	43:20
6	To refrain from attacking or questioning the motives of other members	43:21
7	To address all remarks to or through the chair	43:22
8	To refrain from referring to members by name	43:23
9	To refrain from speaking adversely on a prior action not pending	43:24
10	To refrain from speaking against the member's own motion	43:25
11	To read from reports, quotations, or documents only with permission of the assembly	43:26
12	To be seated during an interruption from the chair	43:27
13	To refrain from disturbing the assembly	43:28
14	To abstain from voting on a personal matter	45:4

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What a member **CANNOT DO**:

1	<b>Attack other members and/or their motives</b>	43:21
2	Address each other directly	43:22
3	Degrade each other	43:23
4	<b>Speak without being assigned the floor</b>	3:30
5	Give away their debate time	43:10
6	Speak more than twice on a topic	43:12
7	<b>Interrupt others</b>	42:18
8	Explain their vote (Which is debate)	45:7
9	<b>Cannot read documents to assembly without permission of assembly</b>	43:26