

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

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