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Differences in Model UN and Model Arab League Rules

In Model UN, there's no set standard of parliamentary procedure. Different conferences may have the same procedure or it may be radically different. To ensure that you and your team are using correct parliamentary procedure in the Model Arab League, please refer to the Parliamentary Procedure Handbook, located on the MAL website at: <http://www.ncusar.org/modelarableague>.

That being said, here is a quick guide as to some of the most common differences between MUN and MAL procedure.

Understanding parliamentary procedure is key to ensuring that you and your team can successfully achieve your goals at conference. Speaking opportunities, introducing resolutions, Q and A sessions are all methods of directing your committee to where you want to go. Parliamentary procedure is the map that shows you how to get to your final destination. Understanding the rules and taking advantage of them are what separates the good delegates from the great ones.

More information on MAL parliamentary procedure can be found here: <http://ncusar.org/modelarableague/current-participants/parli-pro/>.



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MUN	MAL
Point of Information to clarify procedure or current substantive question. Takes precedent over Point of Inquiry	Point of Parliamentary Inquiry to clarify rules of procedure. Does not take precedent over any other point
Point of Inquiry may be used to question a speaker immediately following a formal speech but before the speaker has yielded the floor. Questions are asked through the Chair	No parallel motion. A speaker in speaker's list may choose to Yield to Points of Information if they wish to entertain questions, and Moderated Caucuses may be requested in the form of a Question-and-Answer Session (as well as round-robin, straw-poll votes, or popcorn style debate)
Closure of Debate entertains up to two speakers against. (Against if one; Against-Against if two)	Motion to Close Debate entertains up to two speakers on both sides, with at least as many speakers opposed as speakers in favor, alternating so that the final speaker is opposed. (Against if one; For-Against or Against-Against if two; Against-For-Against if three; For-Against-For-Against if four). Substantive speeches on the resolution itself are out of order
Limits on Debate allows a limit to be set on the amount of time a proposal will be debated or the number of times each delegation may speak on a proposal	Motion to Limit Debate narrows the topic of discussion to a particular issue, resolution or amendment so that speaking on any other topic is out of order until either Motion to Expand Debate or Motion to Close Debate are made
Both Moderated Caucuses and Unmoderated Caucuses require simple majority	Both Moderated Caucuses and Unmoderated Caucuses require 2/3 majority and simple majority respectively
Some conferences may allow sponsorship to be added to an introduced resolution with approval of all sponsors and the Chair	Sponsors may not be added unless all sponsors remove themselves or enough that the resolution cannot stand , at which point the Chair will ask for those willing to sponsor the language and anyone raising their placard shall be a sponsor
After Introducing a resolution, anyone but the sponsors may move for a Q&A Period of specified length with the author (Chair may request a time limit per question depending on conference rules). Debate is not allowed in the Q&A, questions should not show bias for or against the resolution	After Limiting Debate to a resolution, anyone may move for Author's Rights . The sponsors may divide this time into a speech on the overview of the resolution or a Q&A session at their discretion. Debate is not allowed in the Q&A, questions should not show bias for or against the resolution
Motion to Table Debate moves on to the next item on the agenda without voting on any of the substantive issues on the floor for this item. Motion to Take X off the Table brings	No specific motion to table, but Motion to Expand Debate automatically tables all issues and resolutions on the floor in that limitation. Move to Limit Debate back to the topic to

back a tabled item to debate	reopen anything tabled
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