



Flow of Debate

For those not familiar with Model UN or MUN conference debate, below is a brief summary of how debate flows throughout the day.

Roll Call

The Chairperson will announce each country's name. After delegates hear their country, they should answer "present."

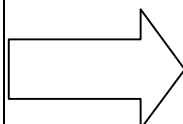
Debate

Formal Debate

Informal Debate

Formal debate revolves around a **speakers list**. The Chair begins by asking all delegates interested in addressing the other members to raise their placards. The Chair then chooses delegates to be placed on the speakers list. A country may only be on the speakers list once, but delegates may add their country to the end after their speech.

Informal debate involves discussion outside of the speakers list. During **moderated caucuses**, the Chair calls on delegates one-by-one so that each can address the committee in short speeches. During **unmoderated caucuses**, the committee breaks for a temporary recess so that delegates may meet with each other and discuss ideas.



1a. When the session begins, speeches focus on stating country positions and offering recommendations for action.



1b. After several countries state their positions, the committee breaks for caucuses (often in blocs) to develop regional positions.

2a. After blocs have met, speeches focus on describing bloc positions to the entire body.



2b. Writing begins as countries work together to compose draft resolutions.

3a. Delegates now make statements describing their draft resolutions to the committee.



3b. Countries and groups meet to gather support for specific draft resolutions.

4a. Delegates try to gain more support through formal speeches and invite others to offer their ideas.



4b. Delegates finalize draft resolutions.

5a. Delegates make statements supporting or disagreeing with specific draft resolutions.



5b. Draft-resolution sponsors build greater support for their resolution and look to incorporate others' ideas through friendly amendments.

6a. Delegates state any amendments they have created.

Close of Debate

