

Key MUN Debate Terms/Phrases:

To begin debate on a resolution:

- **Chair:** *The House will now come to order. The (next) resolution to be debated is on the question of _____, submitted by (name of delegation). The Chair sets a reading time of ____ minutes for this resolution.*
- **Chair:** *The House will now come to order. The Chair now sets an open debate time of ____ minutes on this resolution, meaning delegates in favor or against the resolution may request the floor whenever it is open. Delegate of _____, you now have the floor.*

To begin a For/Against speech:

Delegate: *Honorable Chair, fellow delegates, and most esteemed guests – the delegate of (country) believes...*

At the end of a speech:

- **Chair:** *Thank you. Is the delegate open to points of information?*
Delegate: *This delegate is open to any and all / no / (a certain number of) points of information (pertaining to my speech).
OR The delegate yields the floor to points of information.*
Chair: *That is in order. The delegate of _____ has opened himself/herself to (____) points of information. Are there any in the House at this time? The delegates of _____, _____, and _____ you have been recognized in that order. (Usually, the Chair will allow the speaker to answer a maximum of three points. After that, the delegate is asked to yield the floor).*
- If the Chair determines that debate is flowing and wishes to give the speaker an opportunity to answer more POIs: *The floor is now open to further points of Information. Are there any at this time?*
- After the Chair has asked for points of information, but upon seeing that there are no placards raised:
Chair: *Seeing as there are none, will the delegate yield the floor back to the Chair or to another delegate?*
- **Delegate:** *The delegate yields the floor back to the Chair OR The delegate yields the floor to the delegate of _____ . (A delegate may yield to a specific delegate once only).*

When answering points of information:

- **Delegate,** to the Chair: *Could the esteemed delegate pleaserephrase/repeat the question?speak louder?*
Chair: *That is in order. Would the delegate please rephrase the question in a more audible manner?*
- **Delegate,** (who wishes to ask a second POI) to the Chair: *Follow-up requested.* A follow-up question or series of questions from the same questioner are usually not in order; however, Chairs may allow follow-ups in the interest of debate.
- If the delegate at the podium has no idea how to answer a question:
Delegate, to the delegate who asked the question: *The delegate will respond in note-form.*

Yielding the floor:

- If the delegate yields the floor back to the Chair:
Chair: *That is in order. The floor is now open. Are there any delegates that wish to take the floor (present a For/Against speech)? The delegate of _____, you have been recognized.*
- If the delegate yields the floor to another delegate:
Chair: *That is in order. The delegate of _____, you have been recognized.*

When a delegate would like to get the attention of the Chair – that is, ask a question or propose an amendment:

- If you wish to ask a question about debate procedure or what is in order (appropriate), wait for the speaker to finish and then raise your placard and say: **Delegate,** to the Chair: *Point of information to the Chair.*
- If you have submitted an amendment via note to the Chair, wait for the Chair to announce that the floor is open. Then delegates with an amendment should raise their placard (as per a speech) but when called upon should say: **Delegate:** *This delegate has submitted an amendment. Chair:* *That is in order...*

When the speaker at the podium is too quiet for you to hear, or you have a non-urgent question for the Chair:

- **Delegate:** Raise your placard and call out to the Chair from your seat: *Point of Personal Privilege.* (For all other points, you may not interrupt; instead, raise your placard and wait for the Chair to formally call on you before you speak.)
- If you have a question that is not urgent, it is preferable to contact the Co-Chair via note with your question.