

DEBATE VOCABULARY

Terms	Definition
Dais	The moderators in control of the committee who direct the procedures, content, and voting of the committee.
Chair	A member of the dais who moderates debate, keeps time, rules on points and motions, and enforces the rules of procedure.
Director	A member of the dais who monitors the substantive content of debate, edits and approves resolutions, and keeps members informed of committee happenings.
Rapporteur	A member of the dais who keeps track of who is present in committee and who is speaking, keeps time and runs voting procedures.
Placard	A piece of cardstock with a country's name on it that a delegate raises in the air to signal to the Chair that he or she wishes to speak.
Agenda	The order in which the issues before a committee will be discussed.
Chair	A member of the dais that moderates debate, keeps time, rules on points and motions, and enforces the rules of procedure.
Formal Debate	The "default" type of debate at a Model UN conference, in which delegates speak for a certain time in an order based on a speakers list.
Moderated Caucus	A type of caucus in which delegates remain seated and the Chair calls on them one at a time to speak for a short period of time, enabling a freer exchange of opinions than would be possible in formal debate.
Motion	A request made by a delegate that the committee as a whole do something.
Placard	A piece of cardstock with a country's name on it that a delegate raises in the air to signal to the Chair that he or she wishes to speak.
Point of Personal Privilege	A request raised by a delegate to address any personal discomfort (e.g. can't hear).
Point of Order	A request raised by a delegate to address a procedural matter.
Point of Inquiry	A request made by a delegate to address any clarification of procedure needed by the delegate.
Point of Information	A request made by a delegate to ask questions in relation to speeches and working papers.
Speakers List	A list that determines the order in which delegates will speak.
Unmoderated Caucus	A type of caucus in which delegates leave their seats to mingle and speak freely. Enables the free sharing of ideas to an extent not possible in formal debate or even a moderated caucus.
Yield to Chair	A request made by delegate to give remaining time back to the Chair.
Yield to Questions	A request made by delegate to give remaining time to other delegates for points of information.
Yield to another Delegate	A request made by delegate to give remaining time to another delegate who is prepared to speak.

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