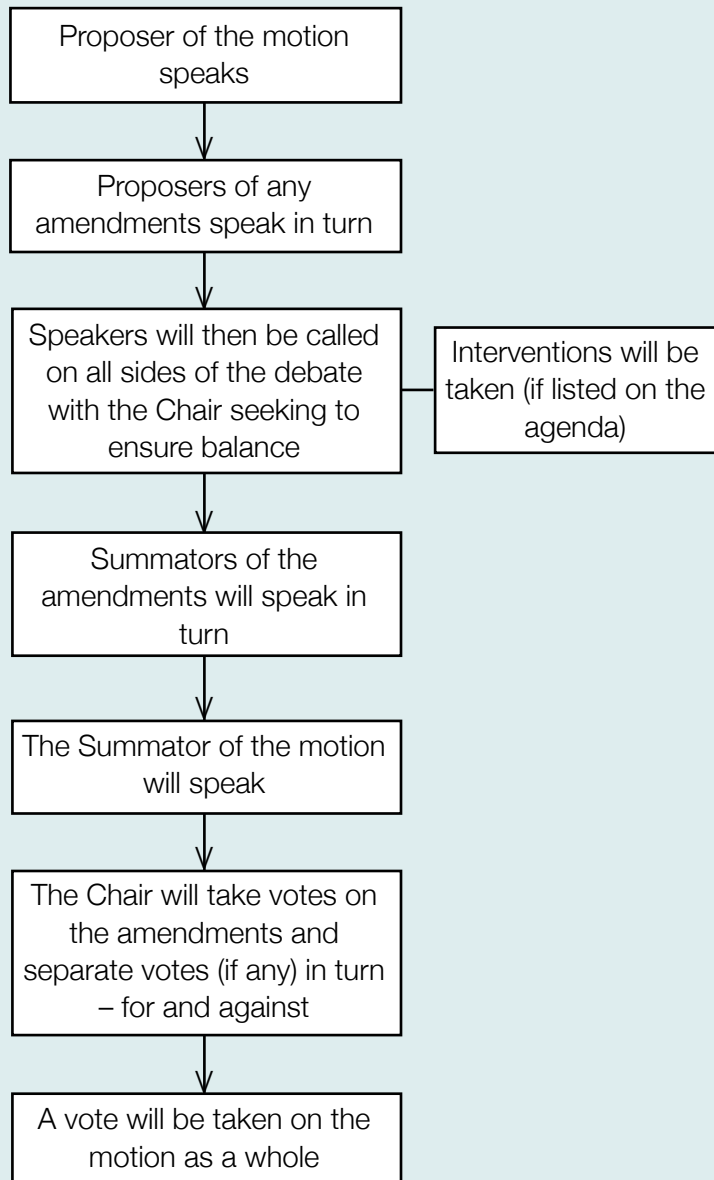


How conference debates are run

Policy and business motions: generally, conference will consider a motion in the following way:



Voting: decisions on the motion, on amendments and separate votes are by simple majority of those voting.

Separate vote: any voting representative can submit a request for a separate vote – for procedure and deadlines see the guide on conference standing orders. When a separate vote is taken, the Chair shall ask conference to vote on whether to delete or retain the specified words or section.

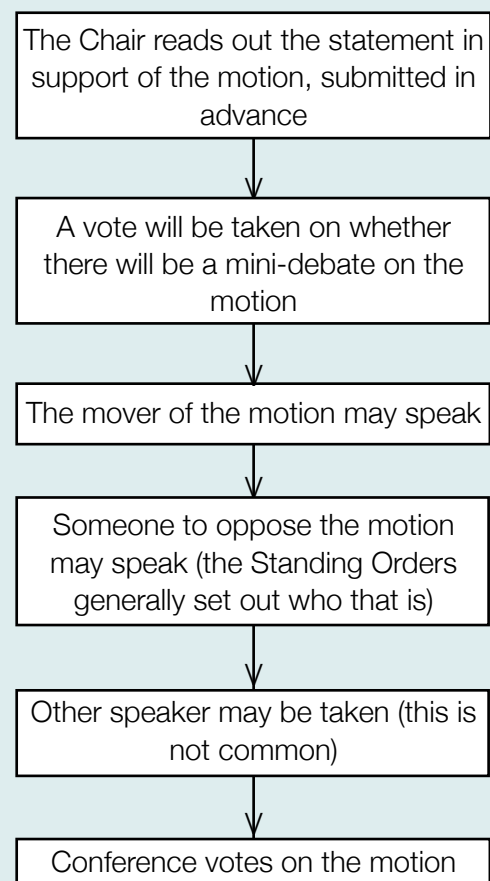
Counted vote: the Chair of the session may decide that a vote is so close that it needs to be counted. Alternatively, if any voting representative wants a counted vote, they may request one from the floor; if fifty other voting representatives stand and show their voting cards in support, a count will be taken.

Procedural motions concern the procedure by which conference operates. They are:

- Reference Back (to stop debate and send the motion to a specified body for more work);
- Next Business (to stop debate and move to the next item of business on the agenda);
- Suspension of Standing Orders (to lift one or more of the rules governing the operation of conference).

They may be submitted by voting representatives in writing at the Speaker's Table together with a statement of reasons of 75 words or less.

They generally work in the following way (there are some exceptions – see Standing Orders for specific guidance):



Voting: decisions on procedural motions are made by simple majority of those voting, except for the suspension of standing orders, which requires the support of two-thirds of those voting.