

Standing Orders – Rules of Debate

- a. The Proposer of a Resolution or of an Amendment thereto may speak for **2** minutes, but no more than **2** minutes.
- b. A delegate speaking to a Resolution or of an Amendment must not exceed **1** minute.
- c. The Proposer of a Resolution or an Amendment may speak a second time for **1** minute before a vote is taken, but no other delegate may speak a second time to the same Resolution or Amendment.
- d. The Chairman may at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed call on the proposer for a reply, and when that has been given a vote must be taken.
- e. A delegate may, with the consent of the Chairman, move *“that the question be now put”*, after which when the proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
- f. Where the AGM considers it appropriate, a vote may be by secret ballot.
- g. A speaker to the Annual Report or to any other general discussion shall not exceed **1** minute to any one topic.
- h. Any motion seeking additions or amendments to the Constitution or Rules must have a majority equal to two-thirds (66%) of those present, entitled to vote and voting.
- i. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter on the Agenda except by the consent of a majority equal to two-thirds of those present, entitled to vote and voting.
- j. The Chairman may change the order of items on the agenda with the support of a simple majority of those present, entitled to vote and voting.