

Rules of Order

1. The President, or in the President's absence a Vice-President, shall take the Chair at the annual general meeting and all regular and special meetings.
2. No question of a sectarian nature shall be discussed at a meeting.
3. When a delegate wishes to speak, the delegate shall first be recognized by the Chair, and shall confine all remarks to the question at issue.
4. A delegate shall not speak more than once upon a subject until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so.
5. If a delegate is called to order, the delegate shall withdraw until the question of order has been settled.
6. Should a delegate persist in disruptive conduct, the Chair will be compelled to name the delegate and submit the delegate's conduct to the judgment of the meeting. In such cases, the delegate whose conduct is in question should explain and then withdraw, and the meeting will determine what course to pursue in the matter.
7. When question is put, the Chair after announcing the question shall ask: "Are you ready for the question?". If no delegate wishes to speak, the question shall be put.
8. Questions may be decided by a show of hands or a standing vote, but a roll call vote may be demanded by thirty per cent (30%) of the delegates present. In a roll call vote, each delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

9. Two (2) delegates may appeal the decision of the Chair. The presiding Chair shall vacate the Chair and appoint another Officer to be the acting Chair. The Appellant shall briefly state the reasons for the motion of appeal, followed by an explanation by the presiding Chair for the ruling. Without further debate, the acting Chair shall put the question thus: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?". After the vote, the presiding Chair shall return to the chair.
10. In case of any tie vote, the Chair shall cast the deciding vote.
11. When the previous question is moved, no discussion or amendment of either Motion is permitted. If the majority vote that "the question be now put," the original Motion has to be put without debate. If the Motion to put the question is defeated, discussion will continue on the original Motion.
12. A Motion may be reconsidered provided the mover of the Motion to reconsider voted with the majority, and Notice of Motion is given for consideration at the next meeting, and said Notice of Motion is supported by two-thirds (2/3's) of the delegates qualified to vote.
13. In all matters not regulated by these Rules of Order, Bourinot's Rules of Order shall govern.
14. If a delegate to the Labour Council has a complaint or grievance against an Officer or delegate to the Council and no procedure for redress of the complaint or grievance is set out in the Council's Constitution, the delegate shall have the right to submit the case with all relevant material to a mediator appointed by the Canadian Labour Congress.