



Delegate Guide to:

**SPECIALIZED  
BODY  
COMMITTEES**

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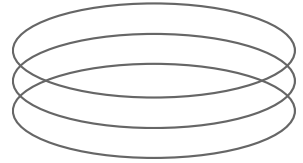
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# INTROCUCTION: WHAT IS SPEC?

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Welcome to Specialized Body (Spec Bod)! Delegates seeking a unique committee experience that allows them to explore an area of interest in-depth may be a great fit for this committee.

Spec Bod is similar to a General Assembly committee in that debate typically culminates in the writing of a final document that details long-term solutions to the overarching problems discussed by the committee. While this always takes the shape of a Resolution in General Assembly, in Spec Bod this may take the shape of a Resolution, a Constitution, a Treaty, or even just a plan of action.

Spec Bod is similar to a Crisis committee in that delegates may be representing a person rather than a country and in that delegates have to respond to issues as they evolve. Like a Crisis committee, Spec Bod will have Crisis Updates that delegates will have to respond to rapidly through directives, which can be described as short-form resolutions that take direct action on an issue. Because directives are more immediate than Resolutions, delegates are updated on the impact of their actions throughout the committee. However, Spec Bod differs from Crisis in that delegates do not have crisis arcs and do not write private notes in Spec Bod. Thus, all action that takes place in a Spec Bod committee happens publicly.

Each Spec Bod may be different in its procedure and may follow different conventions in accordance with its unique topic. Thus, it is important for delegates in these committees to pay close attention to their background guide to understand what to expect.

# PUBLIC DIRECTIVES

You'll notice that public directives look very similar to resolutions you might see in General Assembly. Some key differences are that directives will...

- ...be much shorter than a resolution. We are looking for around 1 page or less (unless directives are merged)
- ...not have preambulatory clauses. They will only have operative clauses
- ...take direct action on an issue. This means the committee does not have to seek permission from a higher authority to do something (assuming said action is realistically within the scope of their power/the topic)
- ...take effect immediately.

## Directive Example

Directive: Rule of Law

Sponsor: Maximin Isnard

Signatories: Charles-Louis Antiboul, Léger-Félicité Sonthonax, Jean-Baptiste Drouet, Jean-Paul Marat, and Stanislas-Marie Maillard

1. Establishes an oversight committee with the purpose of dictating military movements
  - a. This committee will have the purpose of ensuring orderly operations on domestic operations, including the discipline of subordinate soldiers, ensuring security, and handling protests
  - b. This body will consist of 12 members of the National Convention, with the members being established via a system based on the political makeup of the body at large
2. Establish a clear no quartering mandate within domestic grounds by our soldiers
3. Establish a central budget for the military, in addition to the state at large

# **FLOW OF DEBATE SHORT-FORM**



- Roll Call
- Introductions + Housekeeping
- Debate Opened
- Crisis Update
- Substantive Debate
  - Moderated Caucuses
  - Unmoderated Caucuses
  - Round Robins
  - Public Directives
  - Voting Bloc
- Debate Closed or Adjourned

# FLOW OF DEBATE

## IN-DEPTH



Committee will be called to order. Roll Call will be done and the Dais and Crisis Staff will introduce themselves and go over housekeeping.

Committee will begin with a Crisis Update from the Crisis Staff. Crisis Staff will take a few questions from delegates regarding the first update as well as the scope of committee, then they will depart to Backroom.

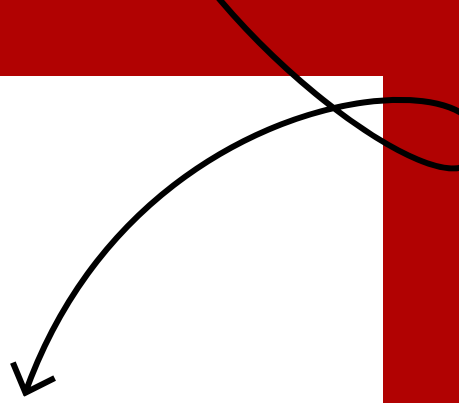
Debate will open. In Spec Bod, there will be no setting the agenda, whiteboard session, nor Speakers' List. Thus, delegates may immediately motion for Moderated Caucuses to discuss the first Crisis Update as well as any overarching issues presented in the Background Guide. Delegates may also motion for Unmoderated Caucuses and **Round Robins** at any point.

### Round Robins

A Round Robin is a type of Moderated Caucus in which every delegate present gives a speech on a specified topic for a specified speaking time in order of seating arrangement (the delegate who motions will decide whether the Round Robin goes in clockwise or reverse-clockwise order). Round Robins are highly recommended at the beginning of committee or after significant Crisis Updates to give each delegate an opportunity to voice their thoughts on the Crisis Update.

# FLOW OF DEBATE

## IN-DEPTH



Spec Bod takes place entirely in substantive debate, and delegates may begin working on public directives and as soon as the crisis update is delivered. **There is to be no writing of directives during voting bloc.**

Delegates will move in and out of voting bloc multiple times throughout committee as directive cycles will be fairly quick. Delegates motion to enter voting bloc and present directives, and have the option of including for-and-against speeches or Q&A periods following each directive presentation to their motions.

The Chair will determine when delegates are permitted to begin writing the culminating document of committee, as well as when these are due. Delegates may vote for how they would like this document to be presented before debate closes.

Note: This is a basic flow of debate typical for Specialized Body committees, however, each committee is subject to its own rules at the discretion of the chair. Elements of the flow of debate may differ in accordance with the committee topic, and any deviation from general conventions will be specified in the Background Guide.

# THANKS!

We hope this guide has been helpful and can't wait to welcome you to NVMUN!

## QUESTIONS?

Feel free to reach out to us at [unlvmun@unlv.edu](mailto:unlvmun@unlv.edu) with any questions about the material covered in this guide.