



## **Nebraska Democratic Party Revised County and State Convention Timeline**

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Sent to SCC Members and County Chairs on 4/7/2020**

The following timeline and forms are for the revised process of the Nebraska Democratic Party's County and State Conventions along with the selection of the National Delegates.

The State Executive Committee (SEC) was granted powers by the State Central Committee (SCC) to approve the revised rules for the County and State Conventions.

The revised rules are outlined here (\*note: we will hyperlink to the Rules doc when we publish these) and will be voted on by the SEC on April 6, 2020. The rules will then be shared with the SCC and County Chairs as well as published online for the public.

As a reminder, to abide by our Constitution and Bylaws, the following must happen over the next several months. We wrote the revised rules to ensure we are accomplishing these tasks while keeping everyone's health at the forefront of our decisions.

- Must elect and report a national delegation by June 20, 2020.

- Must publish county convention dates and times 7 days prior to each convention.
- Must elect officers of County and State Parties (including CD Chairs/Associate Chairs) at county and state conventions.
- Must elect SCC members.
- For Douglas County only, they also must elect County Central Committee Members. Douglas is the only County Party that elects a County Central Committee at County Convention.
- Rules and Platform Committee reports can be postponed to the Special State Convention we plan on holding during the Big Blue Weekend in late August or September 2020.

## Forms:

### County Convention Registration:

<https://forms.gle/DffrifZExzAsZeJX8>

### Declaration of Candidacy for County and State Party Leadership:

<https://forms.gle/P5G6SiYgV5XV4fkV7>

### Declaration of Candidacy for National Delegate:

<https://forms.gle/dXBXYgLz26XLJSpw5>

## Dates and Deadlines:

**March 30:** Conference call with ASDC and DNC to discuss our plans and see any red flags other states have experienced.

**April 1:** Send DNC our revised rules.

**April 5:** Send SEC revised rules for review on the call.

**April 6:** NDP State Executive Committee meets to vote on revised rules.

**April 7:** Send SCC and County Chairs the rules that the SEC confirms.

**April 8:** NDP hosts a training call for County Chairs to update them on the new rules and process.

**April 9:** NDP posts forms online for people to register for County Conventions and declare their candidacy for County and State Party Leadership positions.

- Register for County Convention: <https://forms.gle/DffrifZExzAsZeJX8>
- Declaration for Party Leadership: <https://forms.gle/P5G6SiYgV5XV4fkV>

**April 15:** County convention dates and times due to the NDP. We will then publish the dates and times on the NDP website by April 20.

**April 24:** NDP posts the form online for people to register for a National Convention Delegate.

- All deadlines related to the national delegate process remain the same as previously published in the Delegate Selection Plan.
- National Delegate Form: <https://forms.gle/mcATwnc9spUybVN88>

**May 1:** Deadline to register for county convention and to declare candidacy for all county and state party leadership positions is May 1, 5pm CT.

- Register for County Convention: <https://forms.gle/DffrifZExzAsZeJX8>
- Declaration for Party Leadership: <https://forms.gle/P5G6SiYgV5XV4fkV>
- Party leadership positions and terms include:
  - County Officers: term runs May 2020-May 2022
  - State Party Officers
    - State Chair, First Associate Chair, Second Associate Chair: term runs December 2020-December 2022
    - DNC Committeeman and Committeewoman: term runs August 2020-June 2024
    - CD Chair and Associate Chair: term runs June 2020-June 2022

- State Central Committee Member: term runs June 2020-June 2022

**May 12:** Nebraska Primary

- Since we know more Nebraskans will be voting by mail, we do not expect to have results for all races the night of May 12. We expect we will have results by May 15 given previous recounts, etc but we do not know this for sure.
- We need the Presidential results by county so counties know how their delegates to State Convention are allocated and we need the Presidential results by CD for the allocation of national convention delegates at State Convention.

**May 17-24:** Small County Conventions (89 of them) held via phone. We will first take suggestions from County Chairs on when their meetings are and use this schedule to host the other meetings.

- The NDP was already planning 25 county conventions.
- Weekend conventions time windows are 9am-8pm.
- Weekday conventions time windows are 5-8pm.

**May 17:** Ballots sent to the four large County Convention Delegates.

- Large Counties include Douglas, Hall, Lancaster and Sarpy. We can email them to delegates which they will then need to print, fill out, sign and scan back in.
- We can offer the option of mailing as well (for people who do not have access to a printer).

**May 26:** Deadline to file for National Delegate, 5pm CT.

- All deadlines related to the national delegate process remain the same as previously published in the Delegate Selection Plan.
- National Delegate Form: <https://forms.gle/mcATwnc9spUybVN88>

**May 27:** Large County Ballots must be returned to the NDP.

- Ballots can be scanned and emailed back, photo taken and emailed back, or mailed back.
- The NDP will be able to verify on the backend that only one ballot per delegate is recorded.
- Any delegates whose ballots are not received by the 27th will be contacted by NDP staff and given until 5 pm on the 28th to return their ballot.
- Ballots will be counted by at least 3 NDP staff, and no ballots will be counted until the day following the submission deadline. All results will be embargoed and not shared with anyone until the county convention call.

**May 30-31:** Large County Conventions held via phone and on May 30 and May 31. They can request one of those two dates, but we will suggest this schedule.

- Douglas and Hall, May 30 (one will be at 10am-1pm and the other one at 3-6pm)
- Lancaster and Sarpy, May 31 (one will be at 10am-1pm and the other one at 3-6pm)

**June 2:** Ballots sent to State Convention Delegates.

- We can email them to delegates which they will then need to print, fill out, sign and scan back in.
- We can offer the option of mailing ballots as well for people who do not have access to a printer.

**June 9:** State Convention Ballots must be returned to the NDP.

- Ballots can be scanned and emailed back, photo taken and emailed back, or mailed back.
- The NDP will be able to verify on the backend that only one ballot per delegate is recorded.
- Any delegates whose ballots are not received by the 9th will be contacted by NDP staff and given until 5 pm on the 10th to return their ballot

- Ballots will be counted by at least 3 NDP staff, and no ballots will be counted until the day following the submission deadline. All results will be embargoed and not shared with anyone until the state convention call.

**June 13:** CD Caucuses, Committee on Credentials, and Committee on Presidential/Vice-Presidential Electors Phone Meetings, 5-7pm via phone.

- Committee on Credentials, 5pm
- CD Caucuses, 6pm
- Committee on Presidential/Vice-Presidential Electors, 7pm

**June 14:** State Convention, 1-6pm via phone.

- Most of the votes will take place on paper ballots the week before. The agenda will include reading the vote results of Party Officers, SCC Members, and District-Level National Convention Delegates. On the call, we will elect Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) National Delegates and At-Large National Delegates to reflect diversity goals (1-5pm).
- National Delegate meeting, for elected national delegates only (5-6pm).

**June 19:** Send the DNC our delegate names and the Rules, Platform and Credentials Committee names.

**August 17-20:** National Convention (which may change and/or be shortened by the DNC).

**Late August or September:** Big Blue Weekend to include Morrison Exon Dinner, Blue Bench Training, Regional Rural Caucus Meeting and a Special State Convention.

- We will reconvene the State Convention Delegates to vote on the Platform and any Rules Committee Reports.