

2020 NDP State Convention Revised Rules
(as unanimously approved by Rules Committee 6/4/20)

1. Each credentialed Delegate is allowed one vote on any question coming before the Convention.
2. Delegates shall refrain from loud conversation during the Convention Call. All delegates shall be kept on “mute” unless recognized.
3. The Convention shall be one session, recessing from meeting to meeting within the session.
4. Quorum for the Convention is a majority (one more than 50%) of the total delegates elected (per Bylaw 1.2). The Credentials Committee Chair shall report the number of certified Delegates present. Once established, quorum shall be considered to be valid throughout the session.
5. There shall be no non-public methods of voting used at the Convention. Voting shall be by voice vote, virtual show of hands, roll call vote, or signed written ballot as provided herein. No electronic methods of tabulation shall be used, and any signed written ballots used shall be preserved by the NDP for audit and inspection if necessary.
6. In the event of a roll call vote, the Convention Chair shall call on each delegate, by county and legislative district, to announce the delegates vote.
7. Election of State Convention Officers shall be by voice vote or virtual show of hands. If no candidate receives a majority of the vote, the candidate with the lowest vote total shall be dropped and another vote will be held. This process will be repeated until a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.
8. Nominations for State Party Officers and National Committee positions may be made by the Nominating Committee or may be accepted from the floor of the Convention.
9. Election of State Party Officers and Congressional District Officers shall be by signed written ballot using ranked choice voting, unless there is only one nominee, in which case voice vote or virtual show of hands shall suffice. If no candidate receives a majority of the vote, the candidate with the lowest vote total shall be dropped and the ranked choice process kicks in. The dropped candidate’s votes shall be reallocated based on the second-choice votes on those ballots. If that process does not result in a candidate receiving a majority of the vote, the candidate remaining with the lowest vote total shall be dropped, and the dropped candidate’s votes shall be reallocated based on the next remaining ranking on those ballots. This process will be repeated until a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.
10. In the event a candidate for State Party Officer is ineligible for election due to gender balance requirements or due to having been elected to another State Party Officer

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position, that candidate's votes shall be automatically reallocated based on the second-choice votes on those ballots.

11. Election of State Central Committee members shall be by signed written ballot, unless there is only one nominee, in which case voice vote or virtual show of hands shall suffice. A separate election shall be conducted for each gender, unless one or more candidates are non-binary gender, in which case a single election shall be held, with the delegate or alternate positions awarded to the highest vote-getting candidates in order, alternating by gender except in the case of a non-binary gender candidate, until all delegate or alternate positions are filled. In the event of a tie, a coin toss shall determine the result.

12. Election of District-Level Delegates and Alternates to National Convention shall take place during the Congressional District Caucuses. Delegates will caucus by their presidential preference to elect the number of District-Level Delegates and Alternates allocated to their candidate based off the results of the May 12th Presidential Primary. The current Congressional District Chair shall chair this caucus.
 - a. A separate election shall be conducted for each gender, unless one or more candidates are non-binary gender, in which case a single election shall be held.
 - b. Voting shall be by signed ballot with a printed name of the voter. Each member of the Caucus (Delegates and Alternates serving in place of Delegates) shall be allowed to cast the number of votes equal to the number of delegate positions available. Multiple votes for one candidate on the same ballot (cumulative voting) will not be permitted.
 - c. The District-Level Delegate positions will be awarded to the top vote-getters in order until the positions are filled.
 - d. If allocated, the District-Level Alternate position will be awarded to the next highest vote-getter after the Delegates are elected.
 - e. Any ballot with more than the permitted number of votes shall be disqualified in its entirety. Ballots with under-voting will be counted. Unsigned ballots or ballots which cannot be identified by member shall be preserved but shall be disqualified.
 - f. All ballots shall be preserved for inspection by delivery to the custody of the Convention Secretary immediately at the conclusion of the Congressional District Caucuses.

13. Election of Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates to National Convention shall take place following the selection of District-Level Delegates and Alternates. PLEO Delegates shall be allocated amongst presidential preferences based off the results of the May 12th Presidential Primary and elected by the full convention body.
 - a. Prior to conducting the election, the Chair shall announce that per our National Delegate Selection Plan, priority of consideration should be given to big city mayors and statewide elected officials (to be given equal

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consideration), state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county, and local elected officials and party leaders, in that order.

- b. The Chair shall then read a list of the candidates who are big city mayors and statewide elected officials, Legislative leaders, members of the Legislature, other state, county, or local elected officials, state party leaders, and county party leaders by name and title.
 - c. If more than three (3) accepted candidates are available, an election shall be conducted by Roll Call vote, with each delegate entitled to three (3) votes and the three candidates with highest vote totals being elected. If only three (3) accepted candidates exist, the convention may elect via voice vote or virtual show of hands.
 - d. A separate election shall be conducted for each gender, unless one or more candidates are non-gender binary, in which case a single election shall be held.
14. Election of At-Large Delegates to National Convention shall take place following the selection of PLEO Delegates. At-Large Delegates shall be allocated amongst presidential preferences based off the results of the May 12th Presidential Primary and elected by the full convention body.
- a. Prior to conducting the election, the Chair shall explain the affirmative action goals and describe the composition of the entire National Convention Delegation named so far, so as to encourage Convention Delegates to vote for a Delegation which reflects the affirmative action goals.
 - b. At-Large Delegates shall be allocated between binary genders as necessary to balance the gender of the entire National Convention Delegation.
 - c. If more than five (5) accepted candidates are available, an election shall be conducted by Roll Call vote, with each delegate entitled to five (5) votes and the five candidates with highest vote totals being elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted. If only five (5) accepted candidates exist, the convention may elect via voice vote or virtual show of hands.
 - d. A separate election shall be conducted for each gender, unless one or more candidates are non-binary gender, in which case a single election shall be held.
15. All signed written ballots provided for under these Rules shall be counted by at least three members of NDP staff no earlier than the day following the deadline established for returning such ballots. All results from such counting shall be embargoed until State Convention, and may not be shared with any other individual until the Convention Call. Any candidate for State Party Officer, State Central Committee member, or District-Level Delegate to National Convention shall be permitted to review and audit such ballots after the vote count is publicly announced and in the presence of NDP representatives upon written request.
16. Before addressing the Convention, a Delegate shall await recognition by the Chair, and when recognized, state their name and legislative district, and then state their motion or other matter. Debate on any issue shall be limited to five (5) minutes per

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speaker, and no Delegate shall speak twice to the same question unless the Convention grants permission by general consent, and then only if all others who wish to speak have been heard (per Bylaw 1.4.6).

17. Main motions must be sent immediately to the Convention Secretary for recording. Amendments to any motion may be made orally but must thereafter be submitted in writing to the Secretary and must be germane to the issue.
18. The rules contained in *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern the Convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the NDP applicable to State Conventions and these standing rules.
19. These Rules, except for those provisions contained in the NDP Constitution & Bylaws or the NDP Delegate Selection Plan (DSP), may be suspended or amended by a two-thirds vote.
20. The entire minutes of the Convention shall be submitted for review to the State Central Committee (SCC) at the first regular meeting of the SCC following Convention.
21. All records of votes, motions, and other business of the convention shall be preserved by the Convention Secretary and shall be turned over to the State Secretary for permanent records retention.

Note: These rules shall be in addition to the NDP Constitution & Bylaws, including the Rules of Order contained in Bylaw 1.4