

2024 NDP State Convention Rules
(as approved by Rules Committee 11/18/2023)

1. Delegates shall wear the badge issued to them upon registration and the badge shall be in plain sight at all times. Each credentialed Delegate is allowed one vote on any question coming before the Convention.
2. Delegates shall refrain from loud conversation during the Convention. Aisles and platforms must be kept clear.
3. Delegates shall be seated in their respective counties or legislative districts at all times during the convention. Alternates, non-voting guests, and press shall be seated in a separate section.
4. The Convention shall be one session, recessing from meeting to meeting within the session.
5. 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.
6. There shall be no non-public methods of voting used at the Convention. Voting shall be by voice vote, division of the house (standing or show of hands), roll call vote (by county or legislative district delegation), 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.
7. In the event of a roll call vote, if a county has multiple legislative districts, each district delegation chair shall announce the district delegation's vote to the county chair. The county chair or district delegation chair shall announce the county's vote by legislative district to the Convention Chair when called upon to do so.
8. Election of State Convention Officers shall be by voice vote or division of the house. 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.
9. Nominations for State Party Officer positions may be made by the Nominating Committee or may be accepted from the floor of the Convention. Candidates shall be limited to one nominating speech of two (2) minutes. Two seconding speeches of one (1) minute each for each nominee are permitted. Candidate speeches shall be limited to no more than five (5) minutes each. All such speeches shall be strictly timed.
10. Election of State Party Officers and Congressional District Officers shall be by roll call vote, unless there is only one nominee, in which case voice vote shall suffice. If no candidate receives a majority of the vote, the candidate with the lowest vote total

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shall be dropped and another roll call vote will be held. This process will be repeated until a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.

11. Election of State Central Committee members shall be by roll call vote, unless there is only one nominee, in which case voice vote 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 14th Presidential Primary. The current Congressional District Chair shall chair this caucus.
 - a. Each candidate (or a surrogate) will be permitted one (1) minute to address the Caucus.
 - b. 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.
 - c. 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.
 - d. The District-Level Delegate positions will be awarded to the top vote-getters in order until the positions are filled.
 - e. If allocated, the District-Level Alternate position will be awarded to the next highest vote-getter after the Delegates are elected.
 - f. 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. A committee appointed by the Congressional District Chair shall count ballots, determine whether any ballots are disqualified, and announce results. Any such decision may be appealed to the current National Committeepersons, whose combined decision shall be final.
 - g. 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

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Alternates. PLEO Delegates shall be allocated amongst presidential preferences based off the results of the May 14th 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 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 14th 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.
 - 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. Before addressing the Convention, a Delegate shall move to the nearest microphone, 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 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).

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16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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, and the DSP.