

SPECIAL RULES

RULE 1. Chair. The District Party Chair (Chair) shall have general direction of the meeting and shall be authorized to take such action as necessary to maintain order. The Chair, with the guidance of the appointed Parliamentarian, shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any delegate. Order of priority of Rules shall be (1) the North Carolina Democratic Party Plan of Organization, (2) the Rules adopted by the delegates of the Convention, (3) guidelines contained in "Resolution on North Carolina Democratic Party County and District Conventions in Response to COVID-19 State of Emergency" as adopted by the State Executive Council, and (4) Robert's Rules of Order. Courteous respect for one another will be the standing order of the day.

RULE 2. Obtaining Recognition. When any delegate wants to speak in debate, the delegate shall indicate so by sending a message in Chat or *9 on phone for "Recognition by Chair." The person covering this area will review with the delegate the purpose for recognition, and as appropriate, will refer to the Chair by stating, "Madam Chair, there is a question from a delegate," and await recognition by the Chair. The Chair shall inquire of the delegate the purpose for which the delegate seeks recognition. If the delegate's purpose in seeking recognition is in order, the Chair will recognize the delegate, and the delegate shall state their name and county.

RULE 3. Credentialed Voting. Credentialed delegates are those whose names appear on the official delegates' list submitted by the counties and who have registered prior to the Convention call to order. The Chair may take raised hand votes, or voice votes [delegates on phones will vote using *9] for any and all votes. If a raised hand vote is used, any call for Division must be sanctioned by delegates from twenty-five (25) percent of the counties present.

RULE 4. Quorum. A quorum shall exist any time there is at least one credentialed delegate present from 4 out of the 6 counties in the District. The Chair/designee shall call a Roll Call for each of the county chairs/designee to indicate their presence. When called, the county representative shall state their name and county of representation.

If the presence of a quorum is questioned, the District Secretary, and/or assistants shall call the roll of precincts to determine if a quorum exists. Once a quorum has been established, no further quorum call needs to be recognized for one (1) hour. If a quorum exists when the body begins debate on a subject, it is presumed to exist until that item is completed.

RULE 5. Limitations on Speaking & Debate. All members will be muted until recognized by the Chair. No member shall speak in debate more than once on the same motion. Debate on a motion is limited to two (2) minutes per person. The Chair will attempt to alternate between

members in favor or opposed to a motion. A "Point of Order" should be made only if the Party Plan of Organization, Rules of the Day, or Robert's Rules of Order are being violated by the Chair

or another member. A "Question or Point of Personal Privilege" should be made only if it concerns the rights of the assembly or the individual's ability to hear, participate, etc. and is urgent in nature. Neither "Point of Order" or "Question or Point of Personal Privilege" shall be used to debate a matter that is before the body.

RULE 6. Nominations. Nominations for office shall be taken from the body with nominating speeches limited to two (2) minutes. Nominations do not require a second. In response to the nomination, each candidate may have up to two (2) minutes to respond to the nomination. Only nominations for Chair, Vice-Chairs, and Secretary made in accordance with section 3.06 of the Plan of Organization shall be in order. If only one nomination is made, a motion to elect by acclamation will be in order.

RULE 7. Nominations. Elections. If two or more nominations are made for an office, the election shall be conducted in accordance with the State Executive Council Resolution and with weighted vote requirements in Section 5.02 of the Plan of Organization.

RULE 8. Resolutions. Resolutions submitted by counties will be considered for approval as a package. Per communication from NCDP regarding this special redistricting change of districts, the resolution package [all resolutions from all counties submitted] may be sent up to the state level if there is no objection." Should there be any objection to this, there needs to be a vote of at least 75% of the voting delegation to remove any resolution for debate.