



# SD20 Endorsing Convention RULES

## Rule 1. Parliamentary

This convention shall be governed by the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the Constitution of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District, the Constitution of the Goodhue County BPOU, the statutes of the State of Minnesota, the official call of this convention, and the rules adopted by this convention. Any points not thereby covered shall be governed by ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER, newly revised 12<sup>th</sup> Edition.

## Rule 2. Order of Business

The order of business for the convention shall be as set forth in the agenda. The convention agenda will be adopted upon a majority vote of the Delegates. The order of the agenda may be altered at the discretion of the Chair.

## Rule 3. Guest Speakers

The Convention Chair may recognize candidates and guest speakers at various times throughout the convention. Guest and candidate speakers may address the convention for a single period of time, not to exceed ten (10) minutes each. The time limit on this rule may be amended by a simple majority vote on those seated Delegates present and voting at the time of consideration.

## Rule 4. Seating of Delegates and Alternates

The permanent voting roll of this convention shall be composed of:

- A. The Delegates from each precinct who were duly elected at the February 27th, 2024 Precinct Caucuses in Wabasha, Dakota, Goodhue, Olmsted and Winona County.
- B. If any Delegate to this convention is absent, then a duly elected Alternate shall be seated in the absent Delegate's place. Cross Seating is permissible within the House District and the county BPOU. If the Delegate becomes present at any time the alternate will be replaced with the Delegate.

## Rule 5. Quorum

A quorum shall be declared after the initial report of the Credential Committee and shall not be questioned again during the course of the convention.

- A. A final report of the Credential Committee shall be reported after the Alternates have been seated.
- B. The final Credentials report shall be amended if additional Delegates arrive or leave, upon reporting such activity to the Credential Committee.

## Rule 6. Closing of Registration

Registration to be seated as a Delegate or Alternate to the 2024 SD20 Endorsing Convention shall close at 7:00PM April 26, 2024.

## Rule 7. Unit Rule

No Delegate shall be required to vote under a unit rule. (Unit rule definition = precinct or district would caucus and vote on the question. The precinct would then cast 100% of the votes in their precinct for the winner of the caucus vote).

## Rule 8. Addressing the Convention

A Delegate wishing to speak shall rise and address the Chair. When recognized by the Chair, the Delegate shall state his or her name, precinct, and the purpose for which he or she rises.

## Rule 9. Distribution of Printed Material

Any literature, slates, or other candidate/organization material must contain a legal disclosure specifying which entity it originated from.

## **Rule 10. Debate**

Debate upon any motion or subject shall be limited to two (2) minutes by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak a second time upon the same subject until all others wishing to be recognized on the question have been heard. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice about the same question. The second time a person speaks on the same subject, no more than one (1) minute will be allowed.

## **Rule 11. Nominations**

The Nominations Committee shall cease accepting nominations at the beginning of their meeting seven (7) days prior to the start of the Convention. No nominations will be accepted from the floor. The Nominations Committee shall report the names of all persons who appeared before them, along with their qualification status based upon the guidelines provided to them by the joint approval of all BPOU Chairs included in the district being considered.

## **Rule 12. Voting**

Voting shall be by acclamation subject to the following:

- A. Balloting for any contested race shall be by secret written ballot.
- B. The resolution ballot will prevail unless 10% or more of the voting Delegates and seated Alternates mark their ballots for discussion.
- C. On matters other than election:
  1. A rising vote shall be taken if requested by any Delegate or at the discretion of the Chair.
  2. A roll call vote by Precinct shall be taken if requested by (10) or more Delegates.
  3. A secret ballot may be moved by any Delegate on any question and voted up or down.
  4. If there is a dispute as to the vote of any precinct, the Convention Chair shall appoint a judge and two (2) tellers to canvass the vote of said precinct, and judge said report the same to the convention.
- D. Each candidate is allowed an observer during ballot counting.
- E. No electronic devices are used when ballots are collected or being counted.

## **Rule 13. Appointments**

The Convention Committees, Parliamentarian, Secretary, Tellers and Sergeant-at-Arms shall be appointed by the Convention Chair.

## **Rule 14. Smoking**

No smoking will be allowed in the building or on the grounds. This rule will be enforced by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

## **Rule 15. Video Recording**

Video is allowed except for the purpose of voter intimidation or doxing. If an individual requests to not be on camera, the request must be honored. Video can be used for security purposes. Any video (BPOU or private) can be sequestered for legal purposes.

## **Rule 16. Amendments to Rules**

Once adopted, these rules shall not be amended or suspended except by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the seated Delegates present and voting at this convention.

*Respectfully submitted: SD 20 Convention Rules Committee*