

PROPOSED REVISED RULES FOR THE 2020 1ST
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA QUADRENNIAL
CONVENTION

FINAL

1. These Revised Rules for the 2020 1st Congressional District of Virginia Quadrennial Convention shall hereinafter be referred to as the “Rules”.
2. Pursuant to Article XII, Temporary Emergency Provisions of the State Party Plan an Official Committee may hold its Quadrennial Convention using several alternative methods. The 2020 1st Congressional District of Virginia Quadrennial Convention (hereinafter the “Convention”) shall be conducted as an Unassembled Convention, as defined as Article XII of the RPV State Party Plan, at Caroline County High School in Milford, Virginia on June 13, 2020 as per the official call.
3. This Convention shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with, in their order of precedence: Article XII of the RPV State Party Plan, 1st Congressional District By-Laws, these Rules, and otherwise in accordance with current authorized edition by Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised (11th Edition).
4. The purposes of this Quadrennial Convention are to:
 - a. Elect the 1st Congressional District Committee Chairman;
 - b. Elect 3 members to the Republican Party of Virginia’s State Central Committee;
 - c. Elect one Republican candidate for Elector for President and Vice President of the United States to be voted for at the election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020;
 - d. Elect 3 Delegates and 3 Alternates to the Republican National Convention to be held in Charlotte, NC (or its alternate site) for the purpose of nominating a candidate for President.
5. No proxies may vote at any time.
6. No absentee ballots.
7. Candidates, delegates, and event organizers will conform, to the greatest extent possible, with the health safety guidelines in place by the Virginia Department of Health as of the day of the event.
8. Candidates will be allowed to place campaign signage at the Convention. However, no signage will be allowed the voting lane area. Candidates must remove all campaign material immediately after voting has closed.
9. Candidates are allowed to be present at the Convention site, but will not be able to give speeches or hand out literature.
10. No Candidate or their volunteers may campaign beyond the credentials checkpoint. No candidate or his/her volunteer may approach vehicles or act in any way that will impede the flow of traffic. What is considered an impediment to traffic will be at the sole discretion of the Teller Committee.

DELEGATES

11. All delegates and alternates shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Convention.
12. The Credentials Committee shall prepare a report itemizing the proper certification of each delegation (hereinafter the “Delegation Report”). The Credentials Committee shall present the Delegation Report to the 1st District Committee for vote. Once the 1st District Committee approves the Delegation Report, it is FINAL. Therefore, no questions or challenges can be raised regarding the Delegation Report after it is approved by the 1st District Committee.
13. The final Report shall be called the “Delegate Roster”.
14. The Teller/Logistics Committee will then take the Delegate Roster and print an appropriate number of ballots. Said ballots shall be printed on color paper, but not white or yellow.

VOTING

15. Delegates may vote anytime during the hours of 10:00am – 2:00pm. Any delegates in line to vote at 2:00pm will be able to vote.
16. Delegates volunteering at the Convention will proceed to the Teller Committee table to receive their ballot. The process set forth in Rule 21(a)-(d).
17. At 2:01pm, a member or volunteer for the Credentials Committee (hereinafter “Credentials Representative”) shall close the vehicle entrance to the voting area.
18. Any delegates arriving after 2:00pm will be denied entrance to the voting area. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS.
19. Stage 1: Entry of delegates into polling location:
 - a. Delegate(s) will show a picture ID to the poll volunteer.
 - b. Name(s) will be checked against the Delegate Roster and marked as present.
 - c. The poll volunteer will circle the name of the Delegate’s unit on the ballot.
 - d. The Delegate will then be handed their ballot.
 - e. Driver of the vehicle will be informed which voting lane is assigned for his/her Unit and directed to move forward to that lane. If delegates from more than one unit arrive in the same vehicle, the vehicle will be directed to the lane of the driver’s unit. (*See*, Para. 21(d) for how to cast vote).
20. Stage 2: Designated lanes by Unit for voting:
 - a. Driver of vehicle will drive to their respective voting lane. The driver of the vehicle will pull forward into their designated lane and continue to the end of the lane.
 - b. Delegate(s) in the vehicle will complete their ballot(s). If the Delegate has a question about the voting process, a member of the Teller Committee will be available to answer their question(s).
21. Stage 3: Voting:
 - a. Once Delegate(s) have voted the ballot(s), driver will hold hand up to signify that they are ready to cast their vote(s).
 - b. If ballot is damaged it will be spoiled and the Delegate(s) will be handed a new ballot. What is considered a damaged ballot is at the sole discretion of the Teller Committee.

- c. The Delegate(s) will show their ballot(s) and ID to the Teller Representative who will check off the name of the Delegate on the unit's Delegate Roster to indicate they have voted. The Teller Representative will also check to ensure that the name of the correct unit is circled on the ballot. If not, the Teller Representative will ask again to see the Delegate's approved identification and properly mark the unit name on the ballot consistent with these Rules.
- d. The Delegate(s) will place their ballot into the box designated specifically for their unit. If a vehicle has delegates from multiple units, the poll volunteer will ensure that each ballot is cast in the appropriate unit ballot box.
- e. The driver of the vehicle will then proceed forward and follow the signs to exit the voting area.

22. Security of Ballots:

- a. All ballots cast will have the Delegate's unit circled where it is printed down the right side of the ballot.
- b. Every unit will have a designated ballot box for their ballots. These boxes will be sealed so that the ballot will be able to fit in unfolded. Said Ballot Box will be secured and maintained by the Teller Representative until the time to vote has expired. After voting is completed, the Teller Representative shall turn over the Ballot Box(es) to the Teller Committee tables.
- c. When the time to vote has expired, the boxes will be taken directly to the Teller Committee tables and given to the assigned counting team. Each individual who has handled the box will print and sign their name and annotate the time on the outside of the box (legibly) to establish chain of custody. The Teller Committee member who receives the ballot box will also print and sign their name and indicate the time on the box for chain of custody purposes. The spreadsheet for that unit will also be provided to reconcile the number of ballots in the box with the number of Delegates marked as having voted.

23. Counting of Ballots:

- a. There will be five teams assigned to count the individual unit votes. The Chair of the Teller Committee along with two other Teller Committee members will validate counts and produce the final spreadsheet with results.
- b. Each counting team will have assigned units for which they are responsible. Those teams will tabulate the raw counts of votes for each unit of responsibility, annotating the totals for each candidate in each race (hereinafter "Unit Spreadsheet").
- c. Once all the ballots for that unit have been counted and tabulated, the ballot box for that unit (containing the ballots), the marked Delegate Rosters that recorded the Delegates that cast votes, and Unit Spreadsheets will be surrendered to the Teller Committee Chair for input into the final, comprehensive tabulation of votes.
- d. Once all units have been counted and all results input for the final weighted vote counts, the results will be reviewed by the Teller Committee Chair and the other two members of the validation team and the final results provided to the 1st District Committee Chair.
- e. Candidates or one of their representatives may observe the process for counting the ballots. To avoid crowding around the counting table, the Chair of the Teller Committee will

designate the area where representatives may observe the process. The designated area will observe the social distancing guidelines of at least 6 feet.

24. The Chairman of the Teller Committee shall account for all the ballots (those cast, spoiled, and unused) at the conclusion of the Convention. The Chairman of the Teller Committee shall then prepare a report, which should include the following information:
 - a. The number of ballots printed. To ensure that an accurate accounting of the ballots is performed, the Logistics Committee will provide the Teller Committee the receipt for the ballots indicating how many ballots were printed. The Teller Committee will take possession of the ballots from the Logistics Committee and verify that number prior to the start of voting;
 - b. The number of ballots cast in total for the Convention;
 - c. The number of spoiled ballots;
 - d. The number of unused ballots after the time to vote has expired; and
 - e. If there is a discrepancy between the number of ballots printed and the combined total of ballots cast, spoiled and unused, then the Chairman of the Teller Committee shall include an explanation for the discrepancy.
25. When the counting is complete and the results of the election have been determined, the Chairman of the Teller Committee will provide the results to the 1st District Chairman for certification. The election results will be certified by the 1st District Chairman and the Secretary, and the 1st District Chairman will publish the results.
26. Each Unit shall have the number of votes as specified by the RPV's corrected Convention Call dated February 7, 2020 and certified by the Credentials Committee.
27. Delegations shall vote according to the full vote rule as defined in the RPV Party Plan.
28. No Delegate may change his or her vote after it has been collected by the Teller Representative.
29. Ballots cast in a unit cannot exceed the number of Delegates certified for that unit. Any issues will be resolved by the Teller Committee Chair in consultation with the Credentials Committee Chair.
30. For the State Central Committee election, Delegates shall be instructed to indicate a maximum of three names from the list of nominated candidates.
31. For the National Convention Delegates election, convention Delegates shall be instructed to indicate a maximum of three names from the list of nominated candidates.
32. For the National Convention Delegate Alternates election, convention Delegates shall be instructed to indicate that a maximum of three names from the list of nominated candidates.
33. Ballots which are over voted will not be counted for the position over voted.
34. Upon the conclusion of the convention, ballots shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container and preserved and secured by the Teller Committee for at least thirty (30) days in the event of any challenge to the results.

NOMINATIONS

35. Candidates for the offices to be filled by election at this Convention shall have filed according to the dates and requirements of the official Call to this Convention.
36. Nominations Committee shall resolve any issue related to a candidate's eligibility to appear on the Convention ballot.
37. The Nominations Committee shall provide a report to the 1st District Committee detailing each office being presented for election and the names of each candidate deemed eligible for nomination. This report shall serve as the official nomination for each candidate and no further nomination will be required. There will be no nominations from the floor.

BALLOTING AND ELECTIONS

38. The three candidates receiving the highest number of weighted votes for State Central Committee Representatives for the 1st District from the ballots cast shall be declared elected.
39. The three candidates receiving the highest number of weighted votes for Delegates to the Republican National Convention from the ballots cast shall be declared elected.
40. The three candidates receiving the highest number of weighted votes for Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention from the ballots cast shall be declared elected.
41. If any of the three (3) candidates elected as Delegates also pre-filed for the position of Alternate Delegate, their name shall be removed from consideration in the count of the weighted votes for Alternate Delegate.
42. In the event of a tie for the third position on any ballot, the Chair of the Teller Committee will write the candidates' names on a piece of paper and will draw a name out of a container.

RESOLUTIONS

43. No resolutions shall be considered at this Convention.

RULES

44. The Rules Committee, with consultation of the Convention Chairman, shall resolve any issues with the execution, interpretation or clarification of the rules.