

North Carolina 4th Congressional District Republican Party 2023 District Convention Rules

- RULE 1. OFFICERS: The Officers of the Convention shall be the Chairman, the Secretary, and the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Convention.
- RULE 2. QUALIFICATIONS: The Officers of the Convention, with the exception of the Convention Chairman, shall be registered Republican voters residing within a county of the NC 4th Congressional District Republican Party, or within the 4th Congressional District portion of a county containing multiple congressional districts.
- RULE 3. APPOINTMENT: Officers of the convention shall be appointed by the District or State Chairman.
- RULE 4. CONVENTION COMMITTEES: The Committees of the Convention shall be the Committee on Credentials and Registration, and the Committee on Rules - the Chairmen and members of which shall be appointed by the District Chairman.
- RULE 5. COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Each Convention Committee shall meet, upon call of the Chairman of the Committee, at such time and place as he shall deem appropriate.
- RULE 6. REGISTRATION: Delegates to the Convention shall register by emailing the Chairman or his designee of their intention to participate in the Convention prior to 7pm, November 27th, 2023. The registration shall include the Delegate's email address and phone number.
- RULE 7. REGISTRATION FEE: All persons desiring to register with the Convention shall pay such sums as reasonably established by the District Chairman, all of which fees shall be deposited in the Treasury of the Congressional District Republican Party.
- RULE 8. CONVENTION PLATFORM: The Convention will be held in person, with no virtual attendance or voting.
- RULE 9. DELEGATE IDENTIFICATION AND PARTICIPATION: All persons who shall register with the Convention shall be identified by their email address and phone number in order to participate in the Convention.
- RULE 10. ORDER OF BUSINESS: The order of business shall be as distributed to the Delegates prior to initiation of the Convention.
- RULE 11. QUORUM: Quorum for the transaction of any business including the election of Party Officers shall be the presence of one-half plus one of the voting strength of all Counties as certified by the Committee on Credentials and Registration who are present at the time at which the Convention is called to order.
- RULE 12. CREDENTIALS REPORT: The Committee on Credentials and Registration shall post at the place of registration a list of the names of the Delegates and Alternate Delegates accredited to the Convention from each County at least one hour before the hour set for the convening of the Convention.
- RULE 13. AMENDMENT OF CREDENTIALS:
- a. No motion to amend the Report of the Committee on Credentials and Registration shall be in order unless the motion, including the specific grounds for the amendment, shall have been presented to the Convention Chairman in writing at the time of the report of the Credentials Committee to the Convention.
 - b. Any Delegate duly reported by the Committee on Credentials and Registration may cast the vote therein allotted on all matters before the Convention unless the Report be amended to delete such Delegate. No challenged Delegate shall vote on the Report.
- RULE 14. RULES: The Committee on Rules shall make available to Delegates copies of any proposed Rules of the Convention via email no later than 24 hours prior to the opening of the Convention.

RULE 15. PRIOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS: All proposed resolutions shall be presented via email to the Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions no later than 2 days prior to the opening of the Convention. No resolution may be presented during the Convention unless it has been previously submitted to the Committee. Any resolution rejected by the Committee may then be considered on the Convention floor upon a 2/3 (two-thirds) vote of the delegates present and voting.

RULE 16. LIMITS ON DEBATE: If any contest shall develop over any matter other than the election of Officers, the Chairman of the Convention shall, in his discretion, allow each side an allotted time, not to exceed ten minutes, to present its position.

RULE 17. VOTING:

- a. Delegates shall be participating in the Convention when their votes are cast and recorded.
- b. There shall be no voting by proxy, substitution, or absentee ballot.
- c. No County shall cast more votes than the number of the Delegates from that County participating in the Convention at the time the vote is cast.

RULE 18. BALLOT PROCEDURE: All contested votes for an elected office shall be cast by secret ballot.

RULE 19. UNIT RULE: No delegation may be bound to vote as a unit.

RULE 20. NOMINATIONS: All nominees shall be subject to the vote of the Convention whether opposed or unopposed; however, unopposed candidates may be elected as a slate.

RULE 21. NOMINATING SPEECHES: Nominating speeches for all district officer positions shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) minutes. Nominations must be seconded (unless they come from committee), but no seconding speeches will be allowed. Each candidate may have a maximum of three (3) minutes to address the Convention following his nomination. Speeches will be made in order of nomination.

RULE 22. ELECTION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS:

- a. Per the NCGOP Plan of Organization, voting for District Officers shall be weighted by the percentage of registered Republicans in a County or portion of a County within the District as it relates to the total number of registered Republicans in the District, as provided by NCGOP. Voting within each County Delegation will be by secret ballot. Any County without a delegation will cast no votes and have no share recorded in the vote tally.
- b. Offices shall be filled in the order in which their duties are prescribed in the Plan of Organization.
- c. Should no candidate receive a majority of votes cast, the candidates receiving the two highest vote totals shall be placed in a runoff election for the office in question.
- d. There shall be no voting by proxy.

RULE 23. ELECTION OF DISTRICT/STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: District/State at-large Executive Committee Members shall be elected by county slate in proportion to each county's total percentage of the total district Republican voter registration. Counties should be prepared to present nominees for at-large Executive Committee positions.

RULE 24. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY: *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, (most current edition) shall govern this Convention in all cases in which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these Rules and the State and District Plans of Organization.

RULE 25. DURATION OF RULES: These Rules shall govern this Convention and all subsequent conventions of the Fourth Congressional District Republican Party unless and until altered or rescinded by two thirds vote of the Convention.

RULE 26. ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, AND SUSPENSION OF RULES: An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting shall be necessary to adopt these Rules. These Rules may be amended or suspended during the Convention proceedings by a two-thirds vote of the Delegates present and voting.

RULE 27. DECORUM: Any person participating in the Convention shall conduct themselves in such a manner as to be a credit to this Convention or shall be subject to removal by the Chairman of the Convention.

FAITHFULLY SUBMITTED:

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