
COMMUNITY RULES OF MODEL ONTARIO

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Constitutional Applications

- 1 The Constitution of Model Ontario, as it states, supersedes over this document in any aspect.
- 2 All terms that are defined in the constitution, for the purposes of this document, are defined as they are in the constitution.

Political Parties

- 3 A *political party*, or *party*, is a group of members of the simulation that may run candidates on a single list or ticket during elections, has recognition with a flair on the subreddit and a role on the Main Discord Chat, and is listed as a full party on the "Join a Party" thread.
- 4 A *political grouping* is a group of independent members of the simulation who are not yet eligible to be considered a party, and it is listed as a political grouping on the "Join a Party" thread.
- 5 To be considered a political party a group must meet and maintain the following requirements:
 - (a) It must have been an independent grouping for a period of no less than two weeks; and
 - (b) It must have no less than 3 active (as determined by the Simulation Manager) members eligible to vote in a meta vote and who are primarily members of that group; and
 - (c) It must have a constitution that governs at least how members are admitted, how they may or may not be removed, how their leader(s) are chosen, and how their leader(s) may or may not be removed; and
 - (d) It must have a platform or other policy document describing its political positions and/or ideology; and
 - ~~(e) It must have, at least, either a subreddit and/or a Discord Chat, from which to conduct its operations.~~
- 6 To be considered a political grouping a group must meet and maintain the following requirements:
 - (a) It must have no less than 3 members eligible to vote in a meta vote and who are primarily members of that group; and
 - (b) It must have, at least, a paragraph detailing either its ideology or its key policy points.

~~(c) It must have, at least, either a subreddit and/or a Discord Chat, from which to conduct its operations.~~

~~7 (1) The Simulation Manager may hold activity checks from time to time for any party or combination of parties to determine whether it continues to meet the requirements to be a party.~~

~~(2) Party leaders or members are not permitted, in the case of such activity checks, to ask members to participate; the members must have come from either one permitted post by the Head Administrator on the party subreddit and/or from one permitted announcement by the Simulation Manager or Head Administrator in the Discord Chat.~~

8 The Simulation Manager may at any time dissolve a party or independent grouping, either based on the results of an activity check, or for consistent violation of the rules of the simulation.

9 The Simulation Manager may at any time promote an independent grouping to a party, or may refuse to do so, based on their perception of the activity of that party.

Elections

~~10 (1) A general election, in which all members of the Legislative Assembly are elected, are held at least every three months.~~ **A general election, in which all members of the legislative assembly are elected, are held at least every 50 days.**

~~(2) The writs for an election must be dropped no more than 90 days later than the day the previous election results were released.~~ **The writs for an election must be dropped no more than 50 days later than the day the previous elections results were released.**

(3) The Head Administrator in capacity as Lieutenant Governor may call an election, either by and with the consent of the Premier, or following the failure of a confidence bill.

~~11 (1) General elections are run by the single transferable vote (STV) system, in which candidates are eliminated until one candidate has over 50%+1 of the vote and is thus elected as MPP.~~

~~(2) They are fully simulated using numerics determined by the Simulation Manager and members of the Administrative Team appointed by the Simulation Manager to be part of the Elections Team.~~

~~12 Campaigning period means the difference, in days, between the start and end of campaigning.~~

~~13 Numerics for everyone must consider their activity from the term, the party they are running under, and their activity during the campaigning period.~~

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15 (1) The size of the Legislative Assembly will be determined by the Simulation Manager and Elections Team.

(2) The Legislative Assembly will consist of no fewer than 16 seats but no more than 32 seats.

16 The electoral districts, or ridings, for the election will be determined by the Simulation Manager and Elections Team, and released to the public by the beginning of campaigning for that election.

~~17 Each party must submit their candidates, and each independent candidate must declare candidacy, to the Simulation Manager, by the deadline set by the Simulation Manager and Elections Team.~~

~~18 (1) To be eligible to be a candidate in the election, a member must have a reddit account of at least ninety days of age with at least fifteen comments in total, OR they must be specially cleared by the Simulation Manager to stand.~~

~~(2) Banned members may not stand as a candidate.~~

~~19 (1) The Simulation Manager will designate a subreddit as the official campaigning subreddit for the purposes of that general election.~~

~~(2) Campaigning may only take place on that subreddit; nothing off that subreddit may be considered for the purposes of campaign modifiers.~~

~~20 (1) Each party must submit a platform, manifesto, or other policy document, to the campaigning subreddit, no later than halfway through the campaigning period.~~

~~(2) Any party in violation will have campaign numerics deducted at a value set by the Simulation Manager and Elections Team.~~

~~21 Candidates may choose to submit campaign events to the campaigning subreddit, throughout the campaign period.~~

~~22 (1) No campaign event may be used, in full or in part, without the consent of the original creator of the content used.~~

~~(2) Any candidate in violation will be disqualified and all votes cast for them will be void.~~

~~23 After every election, the Simulation Manager and Elections Team will release the official results of the election.~~

~~24 By-elections will be conducted similarly to a general election, except for a single riding, and without the requirement for a platform, manifesto, or other policy document.~~

Formation of Government

~~25 Following the release of the official results of the election, barring any single party winning or gaining an outright majority in the Legislative Assembly, or the resignation of the government, there will be a period for the formation of governing and opposition coalitions that may last no longer than seven days.~~

~~26 When a coalition sufficiently demonstrates to the Head Administrator that they have the confidence of the Legislative Assembly to form government, the Head Administrator, acting in their capacity as Lieutenant Governor, must invite them to form government, and appoint a person of their choice as Premier-designate.~~

~~27 If no coalition can demonstrate that they have the confidence of the Legislative Assembly, the Head Administrator, acting in their capacity as Lieutenant Governor, must invite the largest party in~~

the Legislative Assembly to form government, and appoint a person of their choice as Premier-designate.

28 (1) The Premier-designate must select members of their choice to form a cabinet.

(2) When the final list of cabinet members is published, the Premier and cabinet will be sworn in.

Formation of Opposition

29 The party, caucus, or coalition with the greatest number of seats in the Legislative Assembly that is not part of Government, will be styled the Official Opposition, or just the Opposition.

30 The Simulation Manager will announce the Opposition following the announcement of Government.

31 (1) A party, caucus, or coalition that is not in Opposition that believes it has more seats in the Legislative Assembly than the Opposition may request to be given Opposition instead.

(2) The Simulation Manager may deny such a request if they do not believe that the party, caucus, or coalition will be able to keep their position in a stable manner.

32 The Opposition may designate a member of their choice to become Leader of the Opposition.

33 The Leader of the Opposition must select members of their choice to form a shadow cabinet.

Opening of Parliament

34 Immediately following the release of the official results of the election, the Administrative Team will swear in all Members of Provincial Parliament.

35 (1) Before the reading of the Speech from the Throne (hereinafter referred to as the *Throne Speech*) the Mod Team will post Bill C-1 submitted by the MPP of the Premier's choice, entitled *An Act to perpetuate an Ancient Parliamentary Right*.

(2) They will be given only a first reading, and will not be debated or voted upon.

36 (1) The Legislature will officially open for business with the reading of the Speech from the Throne in the Legislative Assembly, and the debate afterwards.

(2) If the government resigns and a new government is formed without an election, the new government will have their Speech from the Throne read.

Votes of Confidence

37 (1) For any Speech from the Throne read, a member of the Legislative Assembly must move to offer the Legislature's thanks to the Lieutenant Governor for the Speech from the Throne.

(2) The vote on this motion will serve as a vote of confidence in the Government, and will be referred to hereinafter as the *Throne Speech Motion*.

(3) If the motion is passed, the new government will be confirmed.

(4) If the motion fails, the Head Administrator must either dismiss the government and appoint a new one according to section 26, or call a general election.

38 (1) The Provincial Budget will also serve as a motion of confidence in the government.

(2) If the motion fails, the Head Administrator must either dismiss the government and appoint a new one according to section 26, or call a general election.

39 (1) Any Motion of No Confidence will also serve as a motion of confidence in the government.

(2) If the motion passes, the Head Administrator must either dismiss the government and appoint a new one according to section 26, or call a general election.

40 A Motion of No Confidence may not be submitted or docketed during the thirty days following the passage of the Throne Speech Motion, the thirty days following the passage of the Federal Budget, or the thirty days following the failure of a Motion of No Confidence, except with the special approval of the Simulation Manager and Head Administrator.

Legislature

41 (1) Bills that are introduced into the Legislative Assembly will first be debated.

(2) If any amendments are moved at this stage, then the assembly will vote on the amendments, and then on the final bill.

(3) If no amendments are moved, then the assembly will directly vote on the bill.

42 All procedural motions not mentioned in Section 40 will be debated and voted on at the discretion of the Simulation Manager.

43 The Simulation Manager may declare any debate comment, amendment, or vote out of order if it violates the Standing Orders.

Parliamentarians

44 Members of Provincial Parliament, hereinafter known as MPPs, may not vote or move amendments without first swearing into their positions.

45 (1) An MPP forfeits their seat to by-election if they:

(a) have missed 4 vote sessions within 3 weeks, or

(b) have been voting via a proxy voter for longer than 30 days, or

(c) have a voting record of below 50%, and have not voted in at least four voting sessions.

(2) If an MPP has a valid reason (such as a medical emergency) that the Administrative Team deems acceptable for exceeding the limits of inactivity set above, they can appeal that the Administrative Team give them leeway in application of this rule.

46 (1) Members proxy voting must provide proof that the member consented, and that they have a valid reason.

(2) Valid reasons, include, but are not limited to: vacations lasting no longer than 30 days, school related reasons, including exams, and medical reasons.

(3) Members must also provide a time frame for how long the proxy will last.

(4) If a member has a reason to proxy not listed here, they must get permission from the Simulation Manager to use that reason.

47 An MPP does not own their seat: they must caucus with the original party they won the seat with or resign the seat to their original party.

48 A member must reply to their original vote comment with their new vote to change their vote; they may not simply edit their original comment.

Bills and Motions

49 Bills or motions, hereinafter collectively referred to as *legislation*, can be submitted by any Member of Provincial Parliament in the Legislative Assembly.

50 Legislation may be submitted on behalf of the government, the official opposition, the party/caucus of the submitter, or as Private Member's Business.

51 The Simulation Manager may refuse to accept a bill if it is deemed inappropriate.

52 At the beginning of each week, the Simulation Manager will present the House Leaders of the government, the official opposition, and of each caucus the docket slots open for that week, and direct them to fill those slots with bills of their choice that they have permission to introduce, or an emergency Question Period topic.

53 If a House Leader has not filled a slot made available to them by the Sunday at 12 PM ET, except by mistake on the part of the Simulation Manager or Administrative Team, they lose that slot and it becomes an overflow slot.

54 Overflow slots are filled at the discretion of the Simulation Manager.

55 A bill that repeals legislation passed in the model may not be docketed until at least two weeks since the passage of the legislation.

House Debate Allowance

56 Everyone, with the exclusion of banned members, may debate in the Legislative Assembly.

Parliamentary Caucuses

57 MPPs from a party or independent grouping with at least three seats in the Legislative Assembly may sit as a parliamentary caucus, rather than as independents.

58 Parliamentary caucuses are assigned docket slots of their own, and must have House Leaders to fill those slots.

Government

59 (1) The Head Administrator acts as Lieutenant Governor.

(2) Any decision made by the Lieutenant Governor must be on the advice and consent of the Premier.

Advertising on Reddit

60 Members or parties may not send direct messages to members of Reddit, hereinafter referred to as *redditors*, with the intention of recruiting them for any purpose directly related to the model, unless they are their close friends or associates.

61 Members or parties may not post advertisements on any subreddit without the explicit consent of the moderators of that subreddit.

62 Members or parties may not advertise for specific parties on subreddits not specifically linked to a party, an ideology, or a specific policy.

63 Members or parties may not advertise for specific parties on subreddits with greater than 100,000 subscribers.

64 Members or parties may not advertise for the model in general on subreddits specifically linked to a party, an ideology, or a specific policy.

65 Members or parties may advertise for the model in general on subreddits not specifically linked to a party, an ideology, or a specific policy, if they obtain moderator consent.

Advertising off Reddit

66 Members or parties may not advertise for specific parties in any space outside Reddit without explicit consent of the moderators of that space and explicit consent of the Mod Team.

Question Period

67 Regular Question Period is held every Tuesday and Friday, except when the Legislature has been dissolved or is in recess.

68 Tuesday Question Period is limited to questions directed to the Premier, and Friday Question Period is limited to questions directed to the Cabinet.

69 (1) Each Question Period is open for 72 hours.

(2) Questions may only be asked in the first 48 hours of each Question Period.

70 (1) During Questions to the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition may ask unlimited questions.

(2) During Questions to the Cabinet, each Official Opposition Critic may ask their respective Cabinet Minister unlimited questions, in addition to their regular allowance of questions to others.

71 Members of Provincial Parliament may ask up to three questions.

72 Members who are not MPPs may ask one question only.

73 Irrespective of the above limits, anyone may ask one follow-up question to each answer received, including to an answer to a follow-up question.

74 Only the person asked may answer questions; if they are unavailable, the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Assembly may answer their questions.

Events

75 (1) The Simulation Manager has the power to create an Events Team.

(2) The Events Team may be run by any member of the mod team, or a member of the community, selected by the Simulation Manager, and who passes a Vote of Confidence in the same manner as a Deputy Manager.

(3) The leader of the Events Team or the Simulation Manager can appoint other members of the community to the events team.

(5) The Events Team may also negotiate with the Government, or representatives thereof, when needed.

76 The Simulation Manager and Events Team have the power to create fictional canon events, or make events in real life canon.

Canonicity of Subreddits and Messages

77 All simulation-related subreddits, as defined in subsection 1(3) of the constitution, except for /r/ModelONMeta are fully canon.

78 No Discord server is canon.

79 Private communications between individuals are never canon unless clearly agreed to as such by both parties.