

# **Rules for 2020 Global Presidential Primary Voting Centers**

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1. The Voting Center Manager is in charge of the Voting Center and shall manage the site in accordance with the 2020 Democrats Abroad Delegate Selection Plan (DSP) and these rules.
2. The Voting Center Manager must be present at the Voting Center during the voting center event.
3. In keeping with Party rules, the Democrats Abroad 2020 Global Presidential Primary is a party election and shall not be conducted by secret ballot.
4. Voting Centers shall be open during the times previously notified to the Global Chair or as modified by the Global Chair pursuant to the 2020 Democrats Abroad Delegate Selection Plan. Voters in line at a Voting Center at the notified local closing time shall be permitted to vote.
5. The presidential candidates whose names are on the ballot shall be allowed to have only one (1) campaign representative at any given time at each Voting Center, who shall be allowed to observe registration and tabulation of presidential preferences, to challenge any aspect of the operation of the Voting Center, and to challenge voter eligibility.

The campaign representative need not be a registered voter or a member of the chapter or Country Committee the Voting Center is in and shall present herself or himself to the Voting Center Manager immediately upon her or his arrival at the Voting Center, providing appropriate photo identification and written proof of appropriate authorization from the campaign of the presidential candidate s/he is representing. All campaign representatives shall wear a name tag clearly indicating the presidential candidate they represent and their name.

Campaign representatives shall not hinder, delay or obstruct the operation of the Voting Center; shall not be involved in the operation of the Voting Center; and shall not touch or handle any material necessary for the operation of the Voting Center. Campaign representatives shall not threaten or intimidate any voter nor shall voters threaten or intimidate campaign representatives. Campaign representatives may not observe voters in the act of voting. Campaign representatives shall not participate in the administration of the election (as Voting Center staff or Voting Center Manager).

6. Voters are presumed eligible to vote upon self-certification of their identity and eligibility as US citizens residing in the Country Committee of their Voting Center.

7. Challenges regarding Voting Center operations and voter eligibility shall be made using only official challenge forms, which Voting Center Managers shall make available upon request.

8. Challenges regarding the right of a person to vote at a Voting Center can be made based only on a claim of non-membership in the appropriate Country Committee of Democrats Abroad, or on a claim of multiple voting.

In the event of a challenge, a person who wishes to vote at a Voting Center (including persons wishing to vote who join Democrats Abroad at the Voting Center immediately prior to voting) and who provides individual identification establishing his or her identity and eligibility to vote at that Voting Center, shall be presumed qualified to participate unless positive proof can be established to the contrary.

A challenge to a voter's qualification may only be sustained if the challenger, in addition to submitting a valid challenge form, presents *positive proof*, that is, objective documentary evidence, that a voter is not qualified. If the Voting Center Manager is not satisfied that a voter is qualified, the voter may nevertheless cast a provisional ballot.

Positive proof may include, but would not be limited to:

- a. Documents that indicate that a person attempting to vote
  - i. is not a U.S. citizen; or
  - ii. is not a member of Democrats Abroad; or
  - iii. is a member of a Country Committee of Democrats Abroad other than the one in which the voter is seeking to participate
- b. Records indicating that the person attempting to vote has already voted
  - i. in another Country Committee; or
  - ii. in another delegate-selection process; or
  - iii. in the corresponding elections of another political party.

9. Upon registration at the Voting Center, each voter will be given a printed ballot to be completed and marked. All information requested on the ballot must be completed in dark ink. All ballots must be signed and dated in dark ink. A ballot will be considered invalid for the following reasons:

- a. the voter does not submit all of the information required on the ballot; or
- b. the voter votes for two or more different candidates (including uncommitted); or
- c. the voter does not sign and date the ballot declaration.

Printed or illegible signatures shall be considered valid.

10. Presidential candidates and their representatives shall not campaign within Voting Centers, or demonstrate their candidate partiality through t-shirts, buttons, etc. Campaigning by voters or

any other persons is also not permitted within ten (10) meters of the entrance to the Voting Center, to the extent practicable.

Voting Center Managers and Voting Center Staff at the Voting Center shall not campaign for or against any presidential candidate, or demonstrate any candidate partiality (for example through candidate t-shirts, buttons, etc).

11. U.S. citizens who are not residents of the voting center's Country committee should be encouraged to vote remotely. Remote voting by email attachment, mail, and fax closes on March 10, midnight Vancouver time. Remote ballots may not be collected at Voting Centers.

12. A voter may be assisted in voting and may ask Voting Center Staff to provide assistance. Voting Center assistance will at all times remain impartial.

13. Voting Centers must provide paper membership forms to accommodate any new members of Democrats Abroad who wish to join at the Voting Center (in country or beyond). New members can also join by using the on-line Membership Form in Voting Centers where Internet access is provided. Voting Centers are not obligated to provide Internet access to voters.

14. Following the closing of a Voting Center on each day of voting, the ballots shall be tallied by the Voting Center Manager and designated Tellers; campaign representatives may observe such tallying and may inspect cast ballots.

Ballots cast at the Voting Center shall not be open to inspection other than by Voting Center Staff, any official campaign representatives present at the tallying at the Voting Center, Tellers at the global tabulation, and any official observers present at the global tabulation.

The results of voting shall be entered on to the official tally sheet and signed by the Voting Center Manager in the presence of one or more witnesses.

15. The observers representing the presidential campaigns may review the tally sheet and take notes with respect to the results, but copies of the tally sheet shall not be given to anyone except as provided in the following sentence. The results of the voting tally with the ballots and tally sheet shall promptly be sent to the Global Chair as indicated in the Delegate Selection Plan. Any public announcement made of the tally taken at a Voting Center must include a notice that the results are provisional until certified by the Global Chair of Democrats Abroad. Copies of the tally sheet shall not be made publicly available. Photographs of tally sheet results and completed ballots shall be taken only by the Voting Center Manager and Voting Center Tellers for the purpose of reporting results to the Global Chair.