

# STANDING RULES OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

**RULE 1.** The voting body shall be composed of certified delegates to the convention. All participants shall be registered before being admitted to the convention and House of Delegates.

**RULE 2.** Delegates participating in person shall be seated in the section reserved for voting members during the business meeting.

**RULE 3.** All certified delegates are expected to attend all sessions of the House of Delegates. If a delegate's religious or personal obligations prevent their participation on the day of the House of Delegates, their chapter should designate another delegate to fulfill all voting obligations.

**RULE 4.** Each verbal report given during the reporting session shall be followed by a question-and-answer session of up to five (5) minutes.

**RULE 5.** Debate shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes for each main motion and two (2) minutes for each speaker. No member of the House of Delegates may speak more than twice to the same question except by a two-thirds vote.

If there are delegates wishing to speak when the time expires for consideration of the main motion, the chair will take an automatic vote to extend debate five (5) minutes. Additional time extensions shall be in five (5)-minute increments, and all time extensions shall require a two-thirds vote.

**RULE 6.** When no delegate is seeking the floor, the House of Delegates may grant a non-delegate permission to speak.

**RULE 7.** All motions shall be submitted in writing at the time they are made.

**RULE 8.** Only certified delegates may make motions.

**RULE 9.** Voting may occur only during the hours designated.

**RULE 10.** When recognized to speak, the speaker shall state their name and chapter(s).

**RULE 11.** The Board of Directors shall approve the minutes of the House of Delegates.

**RULE 12.** A summary of actions shall be provided to all chapters.

**RULE 13.** Campaign and voting violations shall be initially investigated by the president or their designee(s). If more than admonishment is required, the matter will be brought before the House of Delegates for a discussion.

**RULE 14.** The individual vote totals for elections shall remain confidential.

**RULE 15.** All delegates (virtual and in-person) shall use the designated online voting platform. In-person delegates must supply their own fully charged device (mobile phone, tablet, laptop) for voting purposes.

**RULE 16.** Quorum shall be based on the connectivity of delegates on the virtual platform as verified by the voting platform professionals.

**RULE 17.** Individual connectivity issues shall not be the basis of a Point of Order or challenge to any votes.

**RULE 18.** All personal electronic devices shall be silenced during the House of Delegates.

**RULE 19.** These rules may be suspended by a majority vote, but if suspended, the rules in the parliamentary authority shall apply, if applicable.