



CONVENTION RULES

1. Only credentialed delegates, credentialed alternates, other credentialed guests, and elected or appointed officers of the Convention shall be allowed on the Convention floor. Alternates must be seated in the designated section for alternates until credentialed as a delegate by the Credentials Committee. Guests must always be seated in the designated section for guests.
2. If a delegate arrives after the registration cut-off time, after receiving his credentials at the Registration Table he must see the Sergeant-At-Arms to be seated. The Sergeant-At-Arms shall notify the Chairman of the Ballot Table to increase the number of ballots for the precinct for any subsequent votes.
3. If a delegate leaves the convention, he must surrender his credentials to the Sergeant-At-Arms at the door. The Sergeant-At-Arms will first determine if an Alternate is available. If so the Alternate will be seated as a delegate; if not, the Chairman of the Ballot Table shall be notified to reduce the number of ballots for the precinct for any subsequent votes. A PROXY OR ABSENTEE VOTE MAY NEVER BE USED AT THE COUNTY CONVENTION.
4. Candidates for public office, elected officials, candidates for state GOP office, or proxy speakers for any of the aforementioned shall be permitted to address the Convention for no more than five (5) minutes.
5. All nominations for county party officers shall be from the floor of the Convention.
6. Each candidate for a contested county party office shall be permitted to address the Convention for no more than five (5) minutes.
7. Each candidate for a county party office shall be allowed one nominating speech of not more than two (2) minutes in length and two (2) seconding speeches of not more than thirty (30) seconds in length.
8. Elections in contested races for party officers shall be conducted by secret ballot.
9. Elections for state and congressional district delegates shall be conducted by secret ballot.
10. Each delegate to the County Convention may vote for as many state and district delegate candidates up to a number equal that of the number of whole votes allocated to the county at the State Convention.



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11. The Chair shall give preference to the maker of a motion to speak first to the motion. Recognition shall alternate, as far as practicable, between those favoring the question and those opposing the question. The chair shall determine the length of debate for each resolution. In no event, however, shall debate exceed five (5) minutes per side on each question. No member may speak a second time until all those wishing to speak on the same side of the question have spoken.
12. Resolutions must be submitted in writing and approved at a precinct meeting. If not approved at a precinct meeting, resolutions must be submitted in writing to the Chair and the author of the resolution must provide a copy to each credentialed delegate.
13. Resolutions must be considered and voted upon by the Convention one at a time. Votes shall be first conducted by voice vote. If in the judgment of the Chair the result of the voice vote is not clear, a vote by secret ballot shall be conducted.
14. The proceedings of this County Convention not covered by these Rules or by enforceable provisions of SC election law shall conform to the most recent edition of *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.