

BLOUNT COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
2023 REORGANIZATION

March 12, 2023

RULES FOR CONDUCT OF CONVENTION

Schedule

1:00-2:00 PM	Doors open for sign in and credentialing
2:00 PM	Door closed-no more admissions-Call to Order
2:00-2:30 PM	Credentials and Rules Committee report, Bylaws Committee Report and vote
2:30-3:00 PM	District Instructions, District Caucuses and elections
3:00-3:30 PM	Reporting of Caucus results by caucus chairs and seating of new Executive Committee
3:30-4:00 PM	Meeting of New Executive Committee, Election of new Officers
4 PM	Adjourn (approximate)

Presiding

The incumbent Chair of the Executive Committee shall preside over the convention and the following first meeting of the new Executive Committee

Registration and Credentialing

1. All attendees sign in on sign in sheets and complete TNDP approved Pledge Form
2. Attendees with Voter ID card and acceptable personal identification are provided name tag with district # written by member of credential committee
3. Attendees without Voter ID card but with acceptable personal identification, have status and district verified on line by member of credentialing committee. Once status is verified, attendee is provided with district # tag as noted in #2 above.
4. Disputes and challenges will be resolved by a subcommittee of the Credential committee who are not assigned to sign in and registration.

Caucuses

1. Each District Caucus shall select a chair who will call for nominations for District Representatives in accord with the gender equity requirement in the By-laws.
2. Eligibility to stand for office and/or vote in any caucus election shall be restricted to individuals who display the appropriate district identifying number on their name tag.
3. A majority shall prevail for each election.
4. In the event of a tie, a run off shall be held until the tie is broken.
5. The Chair shall record the election results, verbally report the results when called and present the written results to the Presiding Chair of the Convention.
6. Each caucus will have a separate sign in sheet to capture name, address, phone, email for use of the newly elected representatives
7. Each caucus shall have a supply of 3 x5 cards so that each attendee may list 3 topics the attendee believes are priorities for BCDP.
8. When all caucuses complete their elections, the Convention will reassemble. the Presiding Chair shall call for each caucus from one to ten to verbally announce the results of the District election.
9. When the name of the newly elected representative is announced, that representative will take a seat in the chairs designated for the newly elected Executive Committee. The Chair will then ask for ex-officio appointments from TN Dem Women's Club, TN College Dems and TN Young Dems
10. Once all the newly elected representatives are seated, the Convention shall adjourn and the new Executive Committee shall be called to order.

New Executive Committee

1. Call to order by Presiding Chair
2. The Presiding Chair will call for Officer nominations, Secretary, Treasurer, 3rd Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, 1st Vice Chair, Chair -in that order.
3. Each Office shall be elected separately in the order noted in #2 above.
4. The New Executive Committee may consider other appropriate business including but not limited to banking and post office resolutions and other actions to assure a smooth and timely transition.
5. At the conclusion of business the Presiding Chair shall call for a motion to adjourn.