



2024 NHDP State Convention Rules

I. Quorum

- A. With unanimous consent of the NHDP Executive Committee, Quorum shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of convention delegates considered present. Delegates voting on the adoption of the proposed rules for the 2024 Democratic State Convention shall be considered present.

II. Voting Threshold

A. Rules, Platform, & Resolutions

1. The Proposed Rules must receive support of at least 50% plus 1 of the delegates voting for adoption.
2. The Proposed Platform must receive support of at least 50% plus 1 of the delegates voting for adoption.
3. The Proposed In Memorial Resolutions must receive support of at least 50% plus 1 of the delegates voting for adoption.
4. Any Proposed Individual Resolution must receive support of at least 50% plus 1 of the delegates voting for adoption.
5. The quorum threshold must be met in order for the Rules to be deemed adopted.
6. If the adoption of the Proposed Rules fails to meet said thresholds, no further business shall be conducted.

III. Ballot Design

- A. Each delegate will have the opportunity to vote on the Rules as proposed as a whole by the Rules Committee.
- B. The design of the ballot shall include the following
 1. Delegate's Name

2. County/City/Town
3. One Vote on Rules
4. One Vote on Platform as amended by the Platform Committee
5. One Vote on all In-Memoriam Resolutions as approved by the Resolutions Committee
6. Individual Votes on any remaining Proposed Resolutions as approved by the Resolutions Committee
7. Delegates Signature
 - a) In the case that a ballot is completed electronically, the delegate's name, town and a unique access code will be substituted for their signature.

IV. Adoption of Rules

A. Voting

1. The adoption of the Rules shall be by ballot. Ballots will be either emailed or mailed to delegates via USPS. The default selection will be electronic ballot, however a delegate can request a paper ballot by emailing Ballot@nhdp.org. Requests for a mailed ballot need to be submitted by 11:59 PM EST Monday, May 6th.
- B. The 2024 State Convention vote will be held starting on May 1st at 12:00 PM EST and will conclude on May 11th at 12:00 PM EST. Voting will open at the call to convention that is to be sent out 10 days prior to the Convention according to NHDP Constitution, Chapter 2 subsection F Item 1. Only ballots received during that period will be counted. Paper ballots must be returned to the NHDP office by May 10th at 5:00 PM EST or at the designated Ballot box at the State Convention on May, 11th 2024 by 12:00 PM EST. No proxy voting is permitted in the State Convention.
- C. Each delegate will receive an electronic copy of the proposed Rules in the Official Call of the Convention.
- D. Ballots may be returned to Ballot@nhdp.org or via the online voting system implemented by NHDP Staff. Printed ballots may be returned to the balloting table at the NHDP State Convention or to the NHDP at 105 N. State St.

Concord, NH 03301 by May 10th at 5:00 PM EST or at the designated Ballot box at the State Convention on May, 11th 2024 by 12:00 PM EST.

V. Adoption of Platform and Resolutions

A. Voting

1. The adoption of the Platform and Resolutions shall be by ballot. Ballots will be either emailed or mailed to delegates via USPS. The default selection will be electronic ballot, however a delegate can request a paper ballot by emailing Ballot@nhdp.org. Requests for a mailed ballot need to be submitted by 11:59 PM EST Monday, May 6th.

a) Resolutions will be divided The first vote will be on all memorial resolutions, which will be followed by individual votes on each other resolution.

B. The 2024 State Convention vote will be held starting on May 1st at 12:00 PM EST and will conclude on May 11th at 12:00 PM EST. Voting will open at the call to convention that is to be sent out 10 days prior to the Convention according to NHDP Constitution, Chapter 2 subsection F Item 1. Only ballots received during that period will be counted. Paper ballots must be returned to the NHDP office by May 10th at 5:00 PM EST or at the designated Ballot box at the State Convention on May, 11th 2024 by 12:00 PM EST. No proxy voting is permitted in the State Convention.

C. Each delegate will receive an electronic copy of the proposed platform and resolutions in the Official Call of the Convention.

D. Ballots may be returned to Ballot@nhdp.org or via the online voting system implemented by NHDP Staff. Printed ballots may be returned to the NHDP at 105 N. State St. Concord, NH 03301 by May 10th at 5:00 PM EST or at the designated Ballot box at the State Convention on May, 11th 2024 by 12:00 PM EST.

VI. Counting of the Votes

A. Ballots will be counted the following business day after voting closes at 12:00 PM EST, on May 11th, 2024, and will be recorded by video. The results of the

balloting shall be announced at the NHDP State Committee Meeting to be held in June, and subsequently posted on the NHDP website. The video recording of the count shall be made available by request to all delegates at the time of the posting of results and will be available for 2 months. The ballots will be maintained at the NHDP office for 2 months. A request for the video of the counting of the ballots shall be made by sending to Ballot@nhdp.org.

- B. The Rules Committee Chair shall moderate the counting of votes or shall appoint another member of the Rules Committee to do the same.
- C. Any delegate may challenge the counting of any vote by raising the issue with the State Chair within three (3) days of the State Committee Meeting. Such challenger must request that a vote be deemed: (a) spoiled; (b) ineligible; (c) for the proposed Rules; or (d) against the proposed Rules, Platform, In Memorial Resolutions, or Individual Resolutions. The State Chair shall promptly issue a final ruling with respect to the challenge.

VII. Electioneering

- A. Delegates advocating for the passage or rejection of the Platform or any resolution on the ballot are permitted to distribute any printed material supporting their position at any time during the day at the convention.
- B. Delegates advocating for the passage or rejection of the Platform or any resolution on the ballot are permitted to obtain a booth at the convention free of charge.
- C. The prime sponsor or their designee of a Resolution passed, but not unanimously recommended, by the Resolutions Committee shall have a total of three (3) minutes to present arguments in favor of the resolution to the convention, followed by a Resolutions or Platform Committee member who is permitted to read a statement not to exceed one (1) minute in length describing the position of the committee on the Resolution/Platform.
- D. The Chair of the Resolutions Committee shall read an official statement of the Resolutions committee on the proposed resolutions.

- E. The Chair of the Platform Committee shall read an official statement of the Platform Committee on the proposed 2024 NHDP Platform.

VIII. Authority of Rules

- A. To the extent such rules conflict with one another, the course and conduct of the Convention shall be governed by the following rules in descending order of authority: the adopted Rules of the Convention, the Constitution of the NH Democratic State Party, and Robert's Rules of Order.