

2024 Clinton County Convention Rules

1. The Convention shall be guided by Roberts Rules of Order, revised as amended by the following rules.
2. These rules may be suspended or amended only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of official Convention Delegates who are present and voting. Rulings of the Convention Chair shall be final unless upon appeal, such ruling is overturned by two-thirds (2/3) vote of Convention Delegates.
3. Convention speakers: federal, statewide, and county elected officials and candidates or their official representatives may be recognized and allowed two (2) minutes to speak.
4. Delegates and/or Alternate Delegates duly certified by the Clinton County Republican Central Committee represent the maximum number of votes per precinct throughout the Convention.
5. Persons elected to serve on committees for the District Convention must be delegates to the District/State Conventions.
6. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.
7. All roll call votes will be taken in alphabetical order by precinct.
8. Thirty-five percent (35%) of certified and authorized delegates must be present to vote on any issue. At the point a quorum no longer exists, remaining submitted platform planks shall be forwarded as approved and the report of the Junior Delegates shall be accepted.
9. There shall be no change in the vote of any precinct after such vote has been cast, except that any delegate may challenge the correctness of the announced vote of their precinct before the result of the ballot is announced by the Convention. In case of a challenge, the Convention Chair shall immediately direct a new polling of that precinct's delegation.
10. Any adjustment to the report of the County Platform Committee (including new planks, amend to substitute, or delete in whole or in part, to insert, to divide, and/or other) must be printed or typed and signed by no fewer than five (5) delegates from at least three (3) different precincts on Convention day. Each adjustment must be on the official Platform Adjustment Form with only one adjustment per form. Failure to follow any of these rules regarding adjustments shall be grounds for rejection of the submission by the Platform Committee. Submissions to the Platform Committee shall be submitted at a designated location at the Convention site no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the opening gavel. Each adjustment submission shall be marked with date and time received by the Committee. All properly filed adjustments, meeting the requirements noted above, shall be read by the Platform Committee Spokesperson before the appropriate platform subsection debate begins.
11. After a section of the platform has been voted upon, a motion to reconsider will be out of order.
12. In debate of the platform, the debate on each adjustment shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes to each side, with no more than one (1) minute per speaker. The Convention Chair shall alternate time between pro/con speakers, to the extent such speakers exist. No delegate may speak more than once during the debate on the adjustment. Prior to speaking, delegates shall identify themselves by name and precinct. Consideration of the platform shall be by Section. There shall be no debate or separate vote on any individual plank of the platform unless an adjustment has been properly filed. If platform clarification is needed, the Platform Committee Spokesperson shall give official Committee comment. The Platform Committee Spokesperson and Committee shall edit the final platform, including all adopted adjustments. They may shorten, clarify, and/or rearrange the order of planks but shall not change the substance or intent of any plank or adjustment. The number required to pass an adjustment to the report of the County Platform Committee shall be a majority, which is one (1) more than half of the number of delegates present and voting.
13. The agenda submitted shall be a part of these Convention Rules.

14. Nominations shall be required for the positions of District/State Delegate, Alternate, and District Caucus Committees: Platform, Rules, Credentials, and Permanent Organization. Nominations shall be no longer than one (1) minute. A second is required but no speech is allowed.