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The Precinct Caucus

A gathering of Republicans at the local level

The county chairman, using the two methods described in WSRP Rule 2 of WSRP Rules for Precinct Caucuses and for Election of Delegates to the State and National Conventions, will determine the allocation of delegates per precinct.

Precinct caucuses will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Any registered voter of the precinct in which the caucus is being conducted who is willing to state by signing a *REGISTRATION FORM and LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AT PRECINCT CAUCUS* form that he/she considers him/herself to be a Republican and has not participated and will not participate in the 2024 caucus or convention system of any other party is eligible to participate in the caucus.

The purpose of a caucus is to:

1. Elect delegates and alternates to the county convention or legislative district caucus.
2. Discuss issues pertinent to the Republican platforms for county, state, and national organizations.

The three-part form, entitled *REGISTRATION FORM and LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AT PRECINCT CAUCUS*, will be printed and distributed by the WSRP to county chairmen prior to the caucuses. The caucus chairman will retain one copy of the form. The other two copies will be forwarded by the precinct committee officers to the county chairman no later than January 15, 2024.

Caucus Location

Each precinct committee officer is responsible for obtaining a location and making the necessary arrangements for a precinct caucus and advising the county chairman by November 10, 2023 of the caucus location. The location must be within a reasonable distance to the precinct, and of reasonable public access. “Reasonable” means that any Republican wishing to attend shall not be hindered as a matter of purpose. Precinct committee officers may choose to hold caucuses at a joint location in order to create better attendance. In the event that there are two or more incumbent precinct committee officers due to the merging or realignment of precinct boundaries the county chairman will determine the caucus location and temporary presiding officers.

The county chairman is responsible for obtaining a location and making necessary arrangements for a precinct caucus in all precincts either managed by a nonresident precinct “chairman” or listed as vacant. The county chairman will determine the temporary caucus chairman.

Any precinct committeeman who neglects or refuses to establish a precinct caucus location by November 10, 2023 will forfeit the right to the county chairman, who will then establish the location of the precinct caucus.

Each county chairman will compile a list of caucus locations within their county. The compiled list will be forwarded to the state headquarters postmarked no later than December 8, 2023. This list must be organized in accordance with Rule 7 of the *WSRP Rules for Precinct Caucuses and for Election of Delegates to the State and National Conventions*. The list must be made available for inspection, by the county chairman without cost, to anyone requesting and copies may be made available at cost.

Each county chairman will publish the complete compiled list of caucus locations (display advertising may be used) by December 12, 2023, in a newspaper of general circulation. Newspaper that are circulated within the county or portions of the county in question, which may include dailies, weeklies, and other community newspapers will be considered of general circulation. The list will be placed on file with the election department at the county courthouse by December 8, 2023.

Caucus Agenda

The precinct committee officer will call the caucus to order no earlier than 10:00 a.m. on January 13, 2024. The precinct committee officer elected or appointed shall be the permanent chairman of the caucus. In vacant precincts, those that have been appointed by the county chairman to act as temporary chairmen of the caucus will do so until the election of a permanent chairman. No caucus will be recessed or moved to another location except where necessary for the holding of the caucus and after reasonable efforts under the circumstances to provide notice. The caucus agenda shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Appointment of temporary secretary
4. Election of permanent caucus chairman (if necessary)
5. Election of permanent caucus secretary (if necessary)
6. Resolutions, platform discussion
7. Nomination and election of delegate(s) ***See WSRP Rules 14 and 15***
8. Nomination and election of alternate(s) ***See WSRP Rule 16***
9. Such other business as may be appropriate for the caucus
10. Adjournment

A County Central Committee may elect to convene precinct caucuses in “pooled” or “town meeting” configuration consisting of all precincts in a region, town or selection of the county in order to provide a greater opportunity for caucus promotion and interaction among Republicans at the grass roots. If a county so elects, the county chairman shall notify the precinct committee officers no later than December 1, 2023 and the county chairman shall be responsible for

obtaining locations and making necessary arrangements for said caucuses. The location shall be within the reasonable distance of the precincts served and of reasonable public access. The county chairman will designate a temporary chairman for a pooled caucus. The caucus agenda shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Appointment of temporary secretary
4. Election of permanent caucus chairman
5. Election of permanent caucus secretary
6. Resolutions and platform discussion
7. Such other business as may be appropriate for the caucus
8. Adjournment to individual caucuses

The Precinct Committee Officer, if any, shall preside over the caucus of his or her precinct. The caucus agenda shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Appointment of temporary secretary
3. Election of permanent caucus chairman (if necessary)
4. Election of permanent caucus secretary
5. Nomination and election of delegate(s) *See WSRP Rules 14 and 15*
6. Nomination and election of alternate(s) *See WSRP Rule 16*
7. Adjournment

In all cases, pooled or individual caucuses, nomination and balloting for delegates will not commence earlier than 10:30 a.m. nor later than 11:30 a.m. on January 13, 2024.

Caucus Results

The precinct committee officer or the elected permanent chairman of each caucus shall cause to be postmarked or delivered to the place designated for return no later than January 15, 2024, the following results:

1. *Registration Form and List of Participants at Precinct Caucus*
2. *Report of Precinct Caucus*, showing the elected delegates and alternates to the county convention.

The County Convention

Putting it together

Fear strikes the heart of many new county chairmen when they realize that the county convention is just around the corner. Putting together a successful convention will be easier if you have a Convention Arrangements Committee that fully understands what needs to be done to prepare for the event. Of course, you can opt to prepare it all yourself (not recommended), if you have a great deal of spare time.

Committees

Each of the following committees needs a reliable chairperson. How your committees are put together is up to your county bylaws or tradition.

- Arrangements
- Credentials
- Platform
- Rules & Order of Business

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

- Carefully read the *WSRP Rules for Precinct Caucuses and for Election of Delegates to the State and National Conventions* (Appendix B).
- Review the Calendar (Appendix A) and note all the applicable deadlines.
- Meet with your county chairman and decide on a date for your county convention taking into consideration venue availability and other conflicting events. The total number of delegates, alternates, speakers, and visitors will determine the size of the convention venue you will need.
- Is your county chairman going to chair the convention? If not, you must find someone else to be the temporary convention chairman.
- Confer with the county chairman to appoint a parliamentarian, secretary, and sergeant-at-arms.
- Find a great keynote speaker.

- You might want to ask the highest-ranking elected Republican official in the county to give a short welcome or otherwise participate in your program.
- Get a local minister, priest, or rabbi to give the invocation.
- Contact a Veterans, ROTC, Boy Scout, Girl Scout, or Campfire group to present the colors.
- Appoint someone to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Find young people to serve as pages.
- If a lunch is to be served, check with your hall to see if they reserve the right to cater food services. If not, use theirs or find service elsewhere.
- Appoint a set-up/clean-up committee.
- You may need a liability insurance certificate.
- Determine the cost of delegate, alternate, and guest fees based on the cost of the venue rental, food service, and other convention-related fees. It is usually a good idea to try to cover your conventions costs through your delegate registration fees.
- Print the convention registration forms for delegates, alternates, and guests and distribute them at the precinct caucuses to those who are elected. Make sure the registration deadline allows you enough time to contact alternates to replace delegates who do not register. It is also a good idea to make the forms available on your website so people can print them at home.
- Post all necessary information about attending and registering for the convention on your website.
- Send a press release to local media announcing the date, time, location, and keynote speaker for your county convention.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Prior to the precinct caucuses, the Credentials Committee should review the *Rules and Order of Business* and all materials to be given to each precinct caucus.

The Credentials Committee chairman and or his designees should be responsible for opening and removing materials from the packets returned from the caucuses. The Credentials Chairman or his designees should ensure that caucus reports relating to the election of delegates and alternates are kept in a secure place, accessible only to members of the credentials committee and shall act as swiftly as possible to get questionnaire reports to the platform committee and that any monies donated be given to the central committee treasurer.

Check the names and addresses of delegates and alternates against the list of registered voters in the precincts to make sure that they are registered in the precinct. If the current lists of voters are not

available from your county committee you can check them at the Department of Elections in your county.

If the election of a delegate or alternate is challenged, then the best procedure is to call a meeting of the Credentials Committee and invite the precinct committee officer and all persons attending the caucus. If the caucus secretary took minutes, a copy needs to be made for all of the attendees. The decision to keep or reject a challenged delegate or alternate is voted on by the Credentials Committee, but the WSRP Rules for Precinct Caucuses and for Election of Delegates to the State and National Conventions will determine if a violation has occurred. All delegates and alternates must be elected by the state rules.

If the violation is due to an elected delegate or alternate not being a registered voter in the precinct, then they must be removed and the first available alternate promoted. Another election to replace a delegate or alternate is not permitted.

If the violation concerns an illegal voting procedure, then the committee must refer to the rules. If the election was held illegally, the caucus delegation cannot be seated. Remember that in a Presidential election year; where there are a number of candidates running, their supporters in the precinct will be diligently watching how the election is being conducted. Challenges at a county or state convention are time consuming and often bitter. If rules are observed, there will be no reason for challenges.

When the Credentials Committee has completed checking out the credentials of the delegates and alternates, then a letter should be sent immediately to the county chairman notifying him that the election of the delegates and alternates has been certified.

The Credentials Committee should keep a copy of the delegate and alternate precinct reports.

The Credentials Committee will then begin to prepare for their duties at county convention.

Prepare the list of delegates and alternates containing information about their precinct, legislative district, and any other grouping needed for convention business. You will need to keep track of the position for each alternate since they are promoted to delegate in priority order if needed.

Prepare badges for delegates and alternates. Make badges for speakers, volunteers, and all guests attending. People cannot get into the actual convention area without a badge.

Depending on the size of your county, you may choose to separate your registration lines alphabetically or by legislative district. Make sure there are enough volunteers on the day of the convention so that check-in can be handled efficiently.

When the Convention Chair calls for the first report of the Credentials Committee, the Credentials Committee Chair should be ready with the total number of delegates seated at that time, district by district, and then give the grand total. They should then ask that all tardy delegates and alternates present meet with him/her to replace absent delegates. Please complete this as quickly as possible so that the convention may proceed with the business at hand.

The second report from the Credentials Committee will consist of the total number of delegates seated. The Credentials Committee Chair then moves that the report of the Credentials Committee be adopted.

The Credentials Committee will meet again to check the credentials of the delegates and alternates elected to the WSRP State Convention. The WSRP Rules for Precinct Caucuses and for Election of Delegates to State and National Conventions has specific rules for the election of the state convention delegates and alternates. If these delegates and alternates have been elected in the proper manner, then their names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, legislative district, and congressional district information should be emailed to the WSRP Headquarters by March 25, 2024.

PLATFORM COMMITTEE

The Platform Committee should meet far enough in advance of the precinct caucus that they are able to create a questionnaire to be presented to the precinct caucuses. There will also be a questionnaire sent by the Washington State Republican Party. You can use both, only one, or incorporate the two of them together.

You may assign a member of the committee a section of the platform that they are comfortable with or the entire committee may work on all sections together.

Make sure the questionnaire is finished in plenty of time for the Arrangements Committee to get it printed and put into the caucus materials packets.

The committee then studies the results of the precinct caucus questionnaire and other suggestions or resolutions coming from the caucuses. The results appropriate to the platform should be incorporated in the platform.

The final meeting of the Platform Committee is usually called to recommend “do pass”, “do not pass” or “no recommendation” on amendments to the platform and resolutions submitted by the delegates and alternates to county convention. They are printed and distributed for the delegates at the county convention to act upon.

When the platform is finished, it goes to the county chairman or the Arrangements Committee, who will print enough copies for all persons attending the county convention.

At the county convention, the Platform Committee Chairman is called upon to present the platform and asks for passage. It is seldom that immediate passage is granted, and the debate may be lengthy.

The person who will represent your county on the State Platform Committee will give a copy of the platform as passed to the State Convention Platform Committee.

RULES & ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The county chairman selects a chairman and additional members of the Rules and Order of Business Committee according to your county bylaws and traditions.

If you have rules from previous conventions that you plan to use, please check them carefully to avoid conflict with the Washington State Republican Party Rules (Appendix B).

If you do not have any rules, here are some suggestions:

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Call to order and opening ceremonies (including invocation and pledge)
2. Appointment of temporary chairman, secretaries, sergeant-of-arms, and parliamentarian
3. First report of credentials committee
4. Final report of credentials committee. (*If two are used*)
5. Rules Committee Report
6. Election of permanent chairman
7. Election of permanent secretaries, sergeant-of-arms and parliamentarian
8. Election of delegates and alternates to state convention
9. Report of platform committee
10. Miscellaneous Business
11. Announcements and adjournment
12. Optional: Call to order a meeting of the state convention delegates to elect your county's state convention delegation chair, vice chair, and delegates and alternates for members to the State Convention Platform, Rules and Order of Business, and Credentials Committees. (See Rule 34.)

* All of your speakers may be given time between the above business

If you are electing delegates and alternates to the state convention then lunch will be a convenient time to do this. If you are a large county and especially during a presidential year, then the rules allow you to hold the election of your state convention delegates and alternates on a different day, time, and location, but you must still observe the calendar deadlines.

The rules pertaining to the election of the state convention delegates and alternates are contained in the *WSRP Rules for Caucuses and for Election of Delegates to State and National Conventions* (Appendix B). The manner in which they are elected should be incorporated into your own Rules and Order of Business.

The number of delegates to the state convention allocated to each county is based on the total GOP vote total in your county for President, Governor, and Secretary of State in the 2020 General Election. The entire total is 2,500 delegates and 2,500 alternates. An additional 124 automatic delegates are the county chairmen and the two state committee persons from each of the 39 counties along with the State Chairman, Vice Chairman, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman and 4 Executive Board Members from King County. There are no alternates for automatic delegates. The county allocation is in Appendix D.

In addition, in order to encourage participation by all Republican elected officials, the WSRP Executive Board may seat as automatic delegates all Republicans holding elected partisan state-wide or federal office.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why is observing the calendar so important?

A: In the presidential election year, the Republican National Committee has certain rules regarding cutoff dates that affect our national convention delegates and alternates. The State Party also must have enough time to get the registration forms and other information concerning the convention to the delegates and alternates. We need to have as accurate a count of the attendees as possible in order to meet the needs of the delegates and alternates and to prepare for the convention.

Q: Some precincts in my county are very rural. I have been told that it is not necessary to have a caucus for these precincts. Is this true?

A: NOT true! The State Party has always maintained that there is a caucus for every Republican voter. The caucus locations for military personnel and family members are held nearby off base.

Q: The rules say that we must advertise the caucuses. What kind of advertising do you recommend?

A: Advertising in local newspapers, posting notices on bulletin boards in libraries, supermarkets, your county website, social media etc. The precinct committee officer should call or send out invitations to known Republicans in his precinct. Remember, some local newspapers give free space as a public service. The State Party website will have a precinct caucus locator tool.

Q: Is it true that elected Republican officials are automatic delegates to their county conventions?

A: Yes; if your county wants to give them this privilege. This only applies to Republicans elected in partisan races.

Q: Is it true that automatic delegates are not allowed alternates?

A: Yes.

Q: Do I have to attend my precinct caucus to be elected as a delegate to county convention?

A: No; but you will need an attendee from your precinct to nominate you.

Q: I attended my precinct caucus and was elected caucus chairman because we do not have a precinct committee officer in the precinct. I was told that it was against the rules to make myself the automatic delegate. Why is this so?

A: Only the elected or appointed precinct committee officer can be an automatic delegate.

Q: The rules state that the election of delegates at the precinct caucus must start after 10:30 a.m. and before 11:30 a.m. If we are not finished electing by 11:30 a.m., what do we do?

A: You may continue electing until you are finished.

Q: I am the automatic precinct committee officer delegate in my precinct. Only my spouse and I attended the last caucus and we were allocated four (4) delegates. Someone told me to call around the precinct after the caucus was over to get more delegates. Is this ok?

A: NO! Delegates and alternates must be elected at the precinct caucus. Caucus attendees may nominate and elect delegates not in attendance, but this must be done during the caucus.

Q: My teenage child would love to observe our caucus, but he/she is not old enough to vote. Can he/she attend?

A: Yes; please bring him/her. It is a good way to get acquainted with our political system. He/She will not be able to participate, but they can observe.

Q: A lady was elected delegate in my caucus and later the credentials chairman discovered that she had attended the wrong caucus. She was not allowed to be a delegate. We all were upset and thought the rules could be bent just a little in her case. Why not?

A: You must be a registered voter in the precinct to which you are elected to be credentialed. It is always a good idea for the precinct committee officer or caucus chairman to have a list of the registered voters in the precinct at the caucus or to check voter ID cards. You can also ask attendees to verify their registration online at vote.wa.gov.

Q: I plan to run for the position of delegate to state convention, but my job takes me out of town on the day of my County Convention. What do I do to get my name on the ballot?

A: Call your county chairman. There will be a form available to fill out that will guarantee that your name will appear on the ballot in alphabetical order. However, this form must be returned no later than 72 hours before the opening gavel of the meeting to elect delegates and alternates. You can also have a friend nominate you from the floor as a write-in after the alphabetized names. It is much better, however, to be on the pre-printed, alphabetized list.

Q: The last time I ran for delegate to state convention, I was asked what Presidential candidate I was supporting. I refused to answer and was not elected. Do I have to divulge this information?

A: No; but some people may want to know who you prefer when electing delegates. Remember the delegates at the state convention will be electing delegates to the National Convention, where the votes on the first round will be determined by the Presidential Primary, but additional votes are based on the preferences of the individual delegates.

Q: In my legislative district caucus, it took seven hours to elect 25 delegates and 25 alternates. Why can't we find a better way of electing these people, or at least set aside the rules and elect by a simple plurality?

A: The rules absolutely cannot be set aside! They are designed to elect in four ballots. The counting can be time consuming if there are many ballots, so your district chairman should make sure that he appoints enough people to count ballots to get it done quickly. Your county may also want to consider using a secure electronic voting system like QuickVote by Voter Science.

Q: I am running for an office and asked my county chairman for a list of elected delegates and alternates and he told me that I would have to wait until after the Credentials Committee checked them out. Why?

A: Credentials committee members should be left alone to do their work without distractions. The list of delegates and alternates will only be made available when it is certified as correct by the committee.

Q: Why is it so costly to be a delegate or alternate to the state convention?

A: Our state policy says that the delegates and alternates shall pay for all state convention expenses. We do our best to keep the costs as low as possible.

Q: I was elected to be a delegate to the state convention. When must my registration form and payment be submitted?

A: Registration form and payment must be submitted to WSRP by March 18, 2024. If you fail to fully register by the deadline, you become the last alternate in the delegation, and the first alternate becomes the delegate, and the process is repeated for the new delegate (Rule 29).

Q: How do you determine where the state convention will be held?

A: The state chairman picks a Site Selection Committee to find locations that can accommodate the needs of the convention. We operate on a four-year cycle. (For reference – the 2016 convention was in Eastern Washington, and 2020 convention was held electronically due to COVID restrictions.)

Q: Will I be able to stay in my motor home for state convention?

A: Yes, but shuttle service may not be available. It is suggested that you make reservations at the RV park far in advance of the convention.

Q: I have always wanted to be elected as a delegate or alternate to the Republican National Convention, but was told we only elect three delegates and three alternates from each congressional district and a small number of at-large delegates and alternates. Why is this?

A: Republican National Committee rules determine how many delegates and alternates are elected from the congressional districts. According to RNC rules, Washington received three delegates and alternates per congressional district, plus 10 statewide (at-large) delegates and alternates, and three automatic delegates (State Party Chairman, National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman).

Q: Is it true that if I am elected as an alternate to the Republican National Convention that I must attend even if all of the delegates go?

A: Yes. Each delegate is assigned an alternate. If the delegate leaves the floor for any reason for any amount of time, the alternate replaces him on the floor until he returns. It is desirable to have a full delegation on the floor at all times.

Q: I was told that if I am elected to be a delegate or alternate to the national convention that I must pay my fee at the closing of the state convention. Is this true?

A: Yes. Delegates and alternates will meet immediately after the closing of the state convention. Among them, they will elect people to represent our state on the platform, rules, and credentials committees of the national convention and also elect a delegation chairman. The national convention registration fee need to be paid at this time.

Q: Besides the fee, what other expenses do I expect to incur if I am elected to national convention?

A: All expenses; which include transportation to and from the convention site, room, meals, sightseeing, and all other miscellaneous expenses.

Q: Will I be able to take my spouse and/or children as guests?

A: Each state will be given some guest passes. It will be determined at a later date when we find out how many we get as to who will be able to go as a guest. Guests pay the same fee as the delegates and alternates.

Q: If I become a delegate or alternate to the national convention will I get a list of hotels so that I can choose my accommodations?

A: No. The Republican National Committee assigns a hotel to each state delegation. All guests, Washington State press and any staff we send are expected to stay at the assigned hotel. If you have relatives or friends in the vicinity you can stay with them, but shuttle service to and from the convention center will not be available to you.

Q: I am interested in becoming a Presidential Elector. Explain the method used to determine who the electors are.

A: Each state is allocated the number of electors equal to the number of congressmen and senators elected. Because of census numbers, Washington will have 10 congressional districts and two senators. Therefore we have 12 electors. Washington presidential electors are selected at the state convention held during Presidential election years. One elector will be chosen from each congressional district caucus. The two senate electors will be chosen by the all of the convention delegates (RCW 29.71.040). Members of Congress and federal employees may not serve as electors.

Q: Why are we going to endorse candidates at our state convention?

A: Washington State has a “jungle” Primary Election where the top-two vote getters advance to the General Election. This means that non-Republican voters have been deciding who will represent the Republican Party or, as happened in the 2023 Secretary of State race, that no Republican candidate will advance to the General Election ballot (even though our Republican candidates had over 50% of the vote when combined). In order to take-back our party, we are asking the largest gathering of grassroots Republicans in Washington State (over 2,650 delegates) to choose our Republican candidates in April, well before the Primary Election is held. This will allow our party to unify around the candidates chosen by our grassroots and greatly reduce the number of contested Republican races in the Primary Election—directing money and volunteer efforts to the candidates chosen at our state convention and increasing our chance of winning elections in Washington State.

Q: Do other states endorse candidates at their state convention?

A: Some do. Washington State is one of the rare states with neither party registration nor partisan voting. Most states chose their party’s candidates through a party process (like a state convention) or partisan election (most common).

2024 Calendar

November 1, 2023	<p>First day for county chairmen to compile PCO list (Rule 1)</p> <p>Last day for each county’s central committee to determine whether precincts shall caucus under Rule 4 or Rule 12 and inform the PCOs of their choice</p>
November 10, 2023	<p>Last day to appoint PCO’s to qualify as automatic delegate to county convention for caucus or legislative district caucuses (Rule 14)</p> <p>Last day for county chairmen to send PCO list to WSRP (Rules 1 & 6)</p> <p>Deadline for PCOs to notify county chairmen of their precinct caucus location (if using Rule 4)</p> <p>County chairmen assumes responsibility for caucus locations not obtained by PCOs (if using Rule 4)</p>
November 21, 2023	<p>Deadline for county chairmen to send delegate allocation plan to WSRP (Rules 2 & 3)</p>
December 1, 2023	<p>Last day for county chairmen to notify PCO’s of locations for pooled caucuses</p>
December 8, 2023	<p>Last day for county chairmen to send caucus locations to WSRP (Rule 7) and file with county courthouse (Rule 8)</p>
December 12, 2023	<p>Deadline for state chairman to notify counties of problems with delegate allocation plan (Rule 3)</p> <p>Deadline for counties to advertise caucus locations (Rule 8)</p>
December 15, 2023	<p>Last day for State Executive Board to handle final disposition of any differences in delegate allocation plans (Rule 3)</p>

January 2, 2023	First day for candidates to submit their Candidate Endorsement Request Application to WSRP (Rule 39)
January 13, 2024	2024 Republican Precinct Caucuses (Rule 9)
January 15, 2024	Deadline for PCO's to mail or deliver the results of their caucus to county chairmen (Rules 10 & 18)
January 19, 2024	Last day for county chairmen to certify list of non-PCO, automatic delegates to the county convention (Rule 14) Last day for county chairmen to send their copies of Registration Forms and List of Participants at Precinct Caucus to WSRP (Rules 10 & 18)
January 20, 2024	First day to hold county conventions or legislative district caucuses to elect delegates to state convention (Rule 19)
MARCH 12, 2024	PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
March 16, 2024	Last day to hold county conventions or legislative district caucuses to elect delegates to state convention (Rule 19)
March 18, 2024	Last day for elected delegates to register and pay for state convention (Rule 29)
March 25, 2024	Last day for promoted delegates to register and pay for state convention (Rule 29) Last day for county chairmen to send Certification of 2024 Delegates to WSRP (Rule 33)
March 29, 2024	Last day for alternates to register for state convention (Rule 30) Last day for candidates to submit their Candidate Endorsement Request Application to WSRP (Rule 39)
April 5, 2024	Last day for counties to elect or appoint state convention committee members (Rule 34) Last day for county chairmen to send list of their state convention committee members to WSRP (Rule 34) Last day for state chairman to certify the list of automatic delegates to state convention (Rule 25)
April 9, 2024	Last day for candidates to meet with the WSRP State Convention Candidate Committee

April 12, 2024	Deadline for the WSRP Candidate Committee to send the state convention delegates a report on the candidates seeking to be endorsed at the state convention
April 19-20, 2024	STATE CONVENTION, SPOKANE, WA
July 15-18, 2024	REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION, MILWAUKEE, WI



WASHINGTON STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY RULES FOR PRECINCT CAUCUSES AND FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE STATE AND NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Unless otherwise indicated, information shall be sent to the Washington State Republican Party (WSRP) via email (electronic timestamp), mail (postmark), or physical delivery (during working hours) to the Washington State Republican Party (WSRP) at convention@wsrp.org or 11811 NE 1st Street Suite A306, Bellevue, WA 98005 no later than the deadline listed.

RULE 1 – Inventory of Precincts

No earlier than November 1, 2023 and no later than November 10, 2023, each county chairman shall send WSRP a list of all precinct committee officers, all non-resident precinct “chairmen”, and all vacant precincts. In counties with three (3) or more legislative districts the list shall be organized by legislative district; in counties with less than three (3) legislative districts the list shall be organized in a logical fashion.

The list shall be coded in such a manner as to show (a) precinct committee officers, (b) non-resident precinct chairmen, and (c) vacant precincts. The list must include their first name, last name, ballot mailing address, voter registration address (if different), primary phone, and email address (if available). This list shall be made available for inspection by anyone requesting it from the county chairman or WSRP on behalf of the county chairman without charge or copies made available at cost within seven (7) days of such request.

RULE 2 – County Convention Delegate Allocation Formula

Each county shall conform to the spirit and letter of the “one-person-one-vote” concept with reference to county convention/legislative district caucus delegate allocation to each precinct caucus. Each county shall determine for its convention the minimum number of potential delegates, provided that each county shall allocate among the precincts a number of potential delegates to be elected which is at least two (2) times the number of precincts in its county.

On the basis of such determination, it shall allocate those delegates to the various precincts in that county on a uniform basis on either registered voter information or the 2020 Republican vote. Registered voter information shall be based on the latest information available at the county elections department.

Republican vote shall be determined by adding the Republican vote in each precinct from the 2020 general election for the offices of President, Governor, and Secretary of State. Every delegate from a multi-delegate precinct shall represent substantially the same number of voters as each other delegate. “Substantially the same” shall mean a disparity no greater than fifty percent (50%) of the established voter value of a single delegate. In the case of precincts which have been created, or whose boundaries have been materially altered since the 2020 election, each county shall allocate delegates on the basis, which in the county party’s judgment best reflects the principles of this rule. Any precinct, however, which has less than a fifty percent (50%) voter value, shall be entitled to a single delegate to the county convention. In the special case where a precinct has zero voters registered therein, no delegates need be allocated.

EXAMPLE: A county has 100 precincts and wishes to allocate for 200 potential delegates to the county convention based on Republican vote. In 2020 the Republican vote in the county was: for President 30,000, Governor 19,000, and Secretary of State 16,000, for a county-wide total of 65,000. The average precinct cast 650 Republican votes [total of all positions]. A precinct which cast 487 Republican votes or less is entitled to one delegate; (3/4 of 650); a precinct which cast 488 total but not more than 812 Republican votes is entitled to two delegates; a precinct which cast 813, but not more than 1138 Republican votes is entitled to three delegates.

Automatic delegates under Rule 14 shall be in addition to the number of delegates allowed for election under this rule.

RULE 3 – Allocation Validity

By November 21, 2023, each county chairman shall send WSRP a statement showing the allocation of delegates to the county convention/legislative district caucus among the various precincts. Should the state chairman raise questions of validity, the county chairman shall be notified by December 12, 2023 and the State Executive Board shall handle final disposition of any differences by December 15, 2023.

RULE 4 – Precinct Committee Officers Shall Determine Caucus Location

By November 1, 2023 each county central committee must determine whether precincts shall caucus under Rule 4 or Rule 12 and inform Precinct Committee Officers of the choice.

If under Rule 4, each precinct committee officer shall be responsible for obtaining a location and making necessary arrangements for a precinct caucus and so advising the county chairman by November 10, 2023. The location shall be within a reasonable distance to the precinct, and of reasonable public access. “Reasonable” shall mean that any Republican wishing to attend shall not be hindered as a matter of purpose. Precinct committee officers may choose to hold caucuses at a joint location with others where communities in the same area will serve to create better attendance. In the event that there are two (2) or more incumbent precinct committee officers as

the result of merged precincts or realignment of precinct boundaries, the county chairman shall determine the caucus location and temporary presiding officers.

RULE 5 – County Chairman Shall Determine Vacant Precinct Caucus Location

The county chairman shall be responsible for obtaining a location and making necessary arrangements for a precinct caucus in all precincts listed as vacant. The county chairman shall determine who will act as the caucus temporary chairman.

RULE 6 – Precinct Committee Officer's Failure to Comply

Any precinct committee officer who has been informed of his or her Rule 4 responsibilities, neglects or refuses to establish a precinct caucus location by November 10, 2023 shall forfeit such right to the county chairman, who shall then establish such precinct caucus under the guidelines of Rule 5.

RULE 7 – List of Precinct Caucus Locations

By December 8, 2023, each county chairman shall send to WSRP a list of caucus locations within their county. This list shall be organized in such a manner as required by Rule 1. This list shall be made available for inspection by anyone requesting it from the county chairman without charge, and copies shall be made available at cost.

RULE 8 – Publishing of Caucus Locations

By December 12, 2023, each county chairman shall make every reasonable effort to publish in a newspaper of general circulation or electronic media the complete compiled list of caucus locations (display advertising may be used). “General circulation” shall mean any newspaper circulated within the county or portions of the county in question, which may include dailies, weeklies, and other community newspapers. “Electronic media” shall mean any website appropriate to such county, including county and state party websites. Such list shall be placed on file with the election department at the county courthouse by December 8, 2023.

RULE 9 – Precinct Caucus Date

The precinct caucus shall be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

RULE 10 – Who May Participate in the Precinct Caucus

Any registered voter of the precinct in which the caucus is being conducted who is willing to state by signing a Registration form and List of Participants at Precinct Caucus form that he/she considers him/herself to be a Republican and has not participated and will not participate in the 2024 caucus or convention system of any other party shall be eligible to participate in the caucus. Said form shall be in triplicate, one copy to be retained by the caucus chairman and the remaining two (2) to be sent to the county chairman by January 15, 2024. By January 19, 2024, the county chairman shall send to WSRP one (1) of the two (2) copies of said forms.

RULE 11 – Caucus Agenda

No earlier than 10:00 a.m. on January 13, 2024, the precinct committee officer, or in the case of vacant precincts the temporary caucus chairman designated by the county chairman, shall cause the caucus to be called to order. The precinct committee officer elected or appointed shall be the permanent chairman of the caucus. In vacant precincts, those that have been appointed by the county chairman to act as temporary chairmen of the caucus shall do so until the election of a permanent chairman. No caucus shall be recessed or moved to another location except where necessary for the holding of the caucus and after reasonable efforts under the circumstances to provide notice. The agenda shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Appointment of temporary secretary
4. Election of permanent caucus chairman (if necessary)
5. Election of permanent caucus secretary (if necessary)
6. Resolutions, platform discussion
7. Nomination and election of delegate(s)
8. Nomination and election of alternate(s)
9. Such other business as may be appropriate for the caucus
10. Adjournment

RULE 12 – Pooled Caucuses and “Town Meetings”

The county central committee may elect to convene precinct caucuses under a “pooled” or “town meeting” configuration consisting of all precincts in a legislative district, partial legislative district, county district, region, town, or section of the county. If a county so elects, the county chairman shall notify the PCOs no later than November 1, 2023, and the county chairman shall be responsible for obtaining locations and making necessary arrangements for said caucuses. The location shall be within a reasonable distance of the precincts served and of reasonable public access.

The county chairman shall designate a temporary chairman for the pooled caucus who shall convene the caucus. The caucus agenda shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Appointment of temporary secretary
4. Election of permanent caucus chairman
5. Election of permanent caucus secretary
6. Resolutions and platform discussion
7. Such other business as may be appropriate for the caucus
8. Adjournment to individual caucuses

The precinct committee officer, if any, shall preside over the caucus of his or her precinct. The agenda of the caucus shall be:

1. Call to order
2. Appointment of temporary secretary
3. Election of permanent caucus chairman (if necessary)
4. Election of permanent caucus secretary
5. Nomination and election of delegate(s)
6. Nomination and election of alternate(s)
7. Adjournment

RULE 13 – When Balloting Shall Commence

Nomination and balloting for delegates shall not commence earlier than 10:30 a.m. nor commence later than 11:30 a.m. on January 13, 2024.

RULE 14 – Automatic Delegates

All precinct committee officers duly elected or appointed no later than November 10, 2023, and who remain precinct committee officers and residents of their precinct through the date of the county convention, shall automatically serve as delegates to the county convention in addition to delegates allocated to the precinct. Any precinct committee officer who neglects or refuses to carry out the duties as established in Rule 4, Rule 11, and Rule 17 shall forfeit eligibility to serve as an automatic delegate to the county convention. If a precinct caucus is scheduled to be held pursuant to Rule 12, the precinct committee officer shall forfeit eligibility to serve as an automatic delegate to the county convention if he neglects or refuses to preside or fails to make arrangements for someone to preside at his individual precinct caucus.

In addition, in order to encourage participation by all Republican elected officials, the county central committee may seat as automatic delegates in the county and district in which they reside, all Republicans holding elected partisan county, legislature, state-wide, or federal office. By January 19, 2024, the county chairman shall certify and send to the County Convention Credentials Committee the list of non-PCO individuals eligible to serve as automatic delegates.

RULE 15 – Election of Delegates to the County Convention

To be eligible for election as a delegate to the county convention, an individual must be a registered voter in the precinct from which elected. Nomination for delegates (other than the precinct committee officer) to the county convention shall be made from the floor of the caucus. Nominations shall remain open until the caucus chairman shall have called for further nominations three (3) times with no response. Each nominee shall be given a reasonable period of time to express the nominee's views concerning the nominee's candidacy. Nominees shall indicate Presidential preference or declare themselves uncommitted.

If the number of nominees exceeds the number of delegate positions, the chairman shall appoint an election teller to supervise the election. There shall be no cumulative voting. Those nominees receiving a majority vote (greater than 50%) shall be deemed elected with succeeding ballots conducted until all delegate positions are filled by majority vote. If more candidates receive a majority vote than there are delegate positions, those candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. Following the second ballot, the nominee receiving the least votes shall be removed from consideration. In the event of ties for election or elimination, the winner shall be

decided by lot. Each delegate to the county convention (other than the precinct committee officer) must be elected during the precinct caucus but need not have been in attendance at the caucus.

RULE 16 – Election of Alternates to the County Convention

Alternates shall be elected by position number within their precinct with separate nominations and elections for each position. In each alternate election the candidate receiving the most votes shall be elected. In the absence of a delegate at the county convention, alternates shall be seated in the order of their position number.

RULE 17 – Custodian Reports

The precinct committee officer or the elected permanent chairman of each caucus shall become the custodian of the permanent records of the caucus and shall be responsible for forwarding caucus reports to the county organization as required in these rules.

RULE 18 – Caucus Results

By January 15, 2024, the precinct committee officer or the elected permanent chairman of each caucus or “pooled” caucus shall cause to be postmarked or delivered to the place designated for return the following results:

- Registration Form and List of Participants at Precinct Caucus
- Report of Precinct Caucus showing the elected delegates and alternates to the county convention, and insuring that full voter name, voter registration address, ballot mailing address (if different), e-mail, and primary phone number are clearly readable.

Should the precinct committee officer or caucus chairman fail to file the report of the precinct caucus, any participant in the caucus may cause it to be filed by January 15, 2024. Caucus results filed after the deadline shall not be invalidated unless the late filing in fact prevents the credentials committee from investigating and evaluating them. If the caucus results are not filed in a timely manner, but are received in time for the credentials committee to investigate and evaluate them, the credentials committee shall consider the report in the same manner as a timely filing.

By January 19, 2024, the county chairman shall send to WSRP copies of the registration forms, list of participants, and report of precinct caucus showing the elected delegates and alternates to the county convention.

RULE 19 – Time of County Convention/Legislative District Caucus

Each county convention at which delegates to the state convention are to be elected shall be held not earlier than January 20, 2024 and not later than March 16, 2024. The state chairman shall receive notice of such convention.

RULE 20 – Counties Containing Three or More Whole Legislative Districts

In counties which have solely contained within their borders more than three (3) state legislative districts, each legislative district's proportionate share of the county delegates to the state convention shall be apportioned to the legislative district, and shall be elected at a caucus of the precincts within that legislative district. (This rule currently applies to the following counties: Clark, King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Spokane.) Any partial legislative district too small to be entitled to at least one (1) delegate at the state convention shall be combined with an adjacent district as determined by the county central committee for the purpose of electing delegates.

RULE 21 – Counties Which Contain More than One but not more than Two Whole Legislative Districts

Counties which contain one (1) or two (2) whole legislative districts may elect delegates to the state convention based on legislative district, county commissioner, or county council districts, whichever the county central committee provides in its bylaws or in its call for the convention or, if the central committee fails to specify, then as determined by the county convention. (This rule currently applies to the following counties: Benton, Kitsap, Thurston, Whatcom, and Yakima.) Any partial legislative district too small to be entitled to at least one (1) delegate at the state convention shall be combined with an adjacent district as determined by the county central committee for the purpose of electing delegates.

RULE 22 – Other Counties

Counties not governed by Rule 20 or Rule 21 may elect delegates to the state convention at-large or by county commissioner or county council districts as the county central committee provides in its bylaws or in its call for the convention; or, if the central committee fails to specify them as determined by the county convention.

RULE 23 – County Convention/District Caucuses Notice

Notice of the time and place of the county convention/district caucus shall be postmarked or electronically time stamped by the county central committee no later than ten (10) days prior to the county convention/legislative district caucus to every delegate and alternate elected at the precinct caucus. Nothing herein shall prevent counties from convening district caucuses on a date other than the date on which the county convention is held.

RULE 24 – County Convention Committee

The county chairman shall cause to be appointed such convention committees as deemed appropriate, which shall include a committee on rules and a committee on credentials.

RULE 25 – Automatic Delegates to State Convention

Voting members of the State Committee and of the Executive Board, elected officers of the State Committee, and county chairmen, who are in office on the opening date of the state convention, shall automatically serve as delegates to the state convention in addition to the elected delegates. In addition, in order to encourage participation by all Republican elected officials, the WSRP

Executive Board may seat as automatic delegates all Republicans holding elected partisan state-wide or federal office.

No alternates shall be designated for Automatic Delegates. Any county failing to hold a county convention and elect delegates shall forfeit its automatic delegates. By April 5, 2024, the state chairman shall send to the State Convention Credentials Committee the list of individuals then eligible to serve as automatic delegates.

RULE 26 – Declaration of Candidacy for Delegate to the State Convention

In a county which is required to or elects to have a printed ballot under Rule 27, then any Republican who is a registered voter within the County/District he seeks to represent, wishing to be considered for the position of delegate to the state convention, and wishing to have his/her name appear on an alphabetized printed ballot for such post shall notify the county chairman or the chairman's designated representative in writing at least 72 hours prior to the opening gavel of the county convention/legislative district caucus. Notice of this procedure shall be contained in the convention/caucus call.

RULE 27 – State Delegate Ballot

In the case of any district election or any at-large county election in which five (5) or more delegate positions are to be elected, the county chairman shall produce a ballot listing each declared candidate for delegate to the state convention in alphabetical order by last name/first name. Said ballot shall be used in the first ballot only for delegates to the state convention. Said paper ballot shall contain blank spaces equal to the number of delegates allotted for the purpose of write-in candidates or those nominated from the floor. In any case, the produced ballot, whether paper or electronic must assure secrecy, auditability, and visual verification of the results.

RULE 28 – Nominations from the Floor to Be Allowed

Unless otherwise provided by county rule, nominations from the floor for delegates to the state convention shall be in order and remain open until the chair has called for further nominations three (3) times without response. The county organization shall not be responsible for publishing, posting, or alphabetizing nominations from the floor on the first ballot.

RULE 29 – Majority Vote Required for State Convention Delegates

Where there are more nominees than positions to be elected, all voting shall be by secret written or electronic ballot. In any case, the produced ballot, whether paper or electronic must assure secrecy, auditability, and visual verification of the results. Each delegate may vote for as many candidates as there are positions to be voted for on that ballot. There shall be no cumulative voting. Those candidates for delegate to the state convention who receive a majority of the votes cast (over fifty percent [50%] of the number of delegates voting).

EXAMPLE: If there are 50 voting delegates then 26 votes represents a majority and any nominee receiving 26 or more votes shall be deemed elected. Succeeding ballots shall be conducted until all delegate positions have been elected by a majority of the votes cast, except as provided in Section C below.

The following rules of elimination shall be used:

- A. On the second ballot, each candidate who received less than 10% of the total vote on the first ballot shall be eliminated.
- B. On the third ballot, each candidate who received less than 20% of the total vote on the previous ballot shall be eliminated.
- C. On the fourth ballot, sufficient candidates receiving the lowest number of votes on the previous ballot shall be eliminated so that the ballot includes twice the number of unfilled positions to be voted on. These candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected without regard to whether they have a majority of the votes cast.

Regardless of the foregoing rules for elimination, every ballot shall include a number of candidates not less than twice the number of unfilled positions to be voted on if sufficient candidates have been nominated. When this requirement conflicts with the above rules, the candidate receiving the highest votes on the previous ballot who was eliminated shall be included until the number of candidates remaining is twice the number of unfilled positions.

In the event of ties for election or elimination, the result shall be determined by lot.

By March 18, 2024, elected delegates must complete registration forms and submit payment for the state convention. Should any elected delegate fail to complete their registration forms and submit payment by the deadline, their position is forfeited and their delegate status awarded to the first alternate. Said elected delegate will be moved to the last alternate position slot available. The state chairman will notify the county chairman and alternate within 24 hours. By March 25, 2024, the newly-designated delegate must complete registration forms and submit payment for the state convention, and shall forfeit their delegate position if they do not. The newly-designated delegate shall receive a credit towards delegate registration any amount paid for alternate registration.

If the first-ranked alternate declines the delegate position, the next-ranked alternate shall be the designated delegate and notified in the same manner as above; provided that all registration forms are completed and fees are paid for the newly-designated delegate(s) no later than March 29, 2024.

WSRP shall make Delegate/Alternate Registration Packets available to all counties prior to their county or legislative district conventions.

RULE 30 – Election of State Convention Alternates

Alternate delegates shall be allocated in the same manner as delegates under Rules 20, 21, and 22. Nominations for alternates to the state convention shall be made from the floor of the same caucus that elected its delegates. There shall be two ballots, if necessary, for the position of alternate delegate. On the first ballot all candidates receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be elected to position numbers in accordance to the highest vote-getter following in a diminishing order. The second ballot shall fill the remaining vacant alternate delegate positions by a plurality vote, also in diminishing order. If fewer candidates are nominated than the number of positions allocated, a single ballot shall suffice. By March 29, 2024, alternates shall complete registration forms and submit payment for the state convention.

RULE 31 – Custodian of Convention/Legislative District Caucus Records

The county chairman of each county shall be the custodian of the permanent records of the county convention/legislative district caucus and shall be responsible for forwarding required reports and certifications to WSRP.

RULE 32 – Proxies; Unit Rule; Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised

At the county convention/district caucus, the unit rule shall not be permitted nor shall any county convention or district caucus adopt a resolution binding its delegates to vote as a unit at the state convention. Proxies shall not be accepted. All business shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and the county bylaws or rules, except where either is inconsistent with these rules.

RULE 33 – Certification of Delegates and Alternates

By March 25, 2024, the county chairman shall send WSRP a Certification of Delegates and Alternates form. Such form shall contain the legal name, voting address, phone number, e-mail, and congressional and legislative district designations for each delegate and alternate elected. It shall contain the position number of each alternate elected to the state convention. They shall include the minutes of the county/district caucus attested to by the permanent chairman and secretary of such convention or district caucus. The minutes shall include the report of the rules committee and credentials committee.

RULE 34 – State Convention Committees

Each county shall select a chairman of its delegation and one person to serve on the State Convention Platform Committee, one person to serve on the State Convention Rules and Order of Business Committee, and one person to serve on the State Convention Credentials Committee. The chairman of the delegation and members of the above committees shall be chosen in such a manner as the county convention rules provide or, in the absence of a rule, as the county convention determines. Each county may choose a vice chairman of the delegation and alternate members of the above committees in such a manner as the county convention rules provide, or in the absence of a rule, as the county convention determines. The last day to elect or appoint members to the State Convention Committees is April 5, 2024.

By April 5, 2024, the county chairman shall send WSRP the names of those selected to the above convention committees, the name of the chairman of the delegation, and the Certification of 2024 Delegates and Alternates form. The chairmen of the State Convention Platform Committee, Rules and Order of Business Committee, and Credentials Committee shall be designated by the state chairman and affirmed by the State Committee no later than its January 2024 meeting.

RULE 35 – Credentials Challenges

Any Republican within a county or district (whichever original electing unit applies) that wishes to challenge the certifications of delegates and alternate delegates elected to the state convention or elected to be a member of a state convention committee shall cause to be postmarked or delivered to WSRP a Notice of Challenge no later than ten (10) days following the election in question. Upon receipt of a Notice of Challenge, WSRP shall promptly notify the county chairman of the challenged delegates. Not later than twenty (20) days after the election in question, or ten (10) days prior to the commencing of the state convention, (whichever shall occur first), the person filing the challenge shall file with WSRP all documents and statements (which may be in the form of affidavits) supporting the challenge and setting forth the facts upon which the challenge is made accompanied by a statement of position giving fair notice to all of the nature and grounds of challenge. Documents and written statements in response (which may be in the form of affidavits) shall be filed with WSRP not later than five (5) days prior to the meeting of the State Convention Credentials Committee. A non-resident of the county, commissioner’s district, or legislative district may not initiate challenges in question. The State Convention Credentials Committee shall consider each challenge in the order that it was received.

RULE 36 – Delegate Allocation Formula

There shall be 2,500 elected delegates and 2,500 alternates to the state convention in addition to the automatic delegates. The elected delegates shall be apportioned to the respective counties and districts on the basis of the Republican vote therein. Republican vote shall be determined by adding the Republican vote in each county in the 2020 general election for the offices of President, Governor, and Secretary of State. The 2020 results of precincts which now fall in two separate legislative or commissioner/councilman districts shall be apportioned equally between the two districts.

RULE 37 – Allocation of Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention

A. Ten (10) At-Large delegates (and alternates) shall be elected to represent the State of Washington at the 2024 Republican National Convention by majority vote from the floor at the state convention. The At-Large delegates’ first Presidential vote at the 2024 Republican National Convention shall be allocated among the respective Presidential candidates in the same proportion (subject to the rounding of numbers) as each candidate’s share of the Republican vote in the Washington State Presidential Preference Primary, provided that any candidate receiving less than 20% of the votes shall not be entitled to any allocation hereunder; and, any candidate winning a simple majority (50% plus 1) wins all of the delegates.

- B. Three delegates (and three alternates) from each congressional district caucus shall be elected by majority vote to represent Washington State at the 2024 Republican National Convention. The first Presidential vote for these delegates shall be allocated among the respective Presidential candidates in the same proportion as each candidate's share of the Republican vote in the 2024 Washington State Presidential Preference Primary in that congressional district, according to the following allocation schedule: In any congressional district where no candidate has a simple majority (50% plus 1) of the vote, the Presidential vote for these candidates shall be allocated based on the percentage of the vote.
1. If a candidate receives a simple majority (50% plus 1) of the votes in the congressional district, they will receive all 3 delegates, otherwise:
 2. If there is no candidate who receives a simple majority (50% plus 1) of the primary votes in the congressional district, then the votes will be allocated based on the percentage of votes for that congressional district, provided that any candidate receiving less than 20% of the votes shall not be entitled to any allocation hereunder.
- C. The "Republican vote" shall mean the votes cast by voters who, as part of their participation in the Presidential Preference Primary sign a specific political party declaration which states substantially as follows:

I declare that I am a Republican and I have not participated and will not participate in the 2024 precinct caucus or convention system of any other party.

RULE 38 – Vacancies for At-Large National Delegates and Vacancies for Congressional District National Delegates

Any vacancy that occurs when an at-large national delegate cannot attend the RNC National Convention will be filled by the national at-large alternate delegate in the order of the national alternate delegate's election (votes received) at the state convention.

Any vacancy that occurs when a congressional district national delegate cannot attend the RNC National Convention will be filled by the congressional district alternate delegate in the order of the congressional district alternate delegate's election at the state convention.

Vacancies in an alternate position will be filled by a decision of the WSRP Executive Board.

~~**RULE 39 – Candidate Qualification and Nomination**~~

~~Any convention or caucus nominating or qualifying a candidate for the ballot shall follow the rules for nomination of Republican candidates as adopted by the state committee.~~

RULE 39 – Endorsement of Republican Party candidates for the United State Senate, the United States House of Representatives, and state-wide elected offices

A. Candidate Rules and Requirements

Only Republican candidates who fulfil the following requirements will be eligible to be endorsed:

1. Be current in their filings with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) or Federal Election Commission (FEC) as applicable.
2. Send a completed Candidate Endorsement Request Application to WSRP no earlier than January 2, 2024 (as defined by email timestamp or postmark) and no later than 21 days (March 29, 2024) before the state convention along with a filing fee of \$500 for state-wide candidates and \$250 for Congressional District candidates. The filing fee will also include the candidate's booth fee at the state convention. Candidates may apply for multiple positions on the same application form and will only pay a single filing fee based on the highest office sought.
3. Sign the Candidate Pledge and check either the box stating they Agree or Do Not Agree to follow the Candidate Pledge.
4. Meet (in-person or via Zoom) with the WSRP Candidate Committee at least 10 days (April 9, 2024) before the state convention.
5. Sign a document which states they have read and understand the State Convention Candidate Rules and Requirements. This document explains the rules for nominations, candidate presentations, candidate booth options, signage and distribution of literature, and disposal of literature.

B. Nominations

1. By April 12, 2024, a report from the WSRP Candidate Committee will be emailed to all delegates and alternates and will include a copy of the Candidate Pledge along with a report from the WSRP Candidate Committee on each candidate seeking to be endorsed which may only include the following pieces of information:
 - Candidate's name, contact information, and the position(s) they are seeking
 - If the candidate Agreed or Did Not Agree to follow the Candidate Pledge
 - If there was anything in the candidate's background check which would reflect badly on the Republican Party's brand
 - Candidate's Statement (as submitted by the candidate)
2. The order of ballot appearance and candidate presentations at the state convention shall be decided by the order in which the candidates submit their completed Candidate Endorsement Request Application by position (postmarked applications will count as 5:00 p.m. on the date of the postmark and exact ties will be broken by lot).
3. All candidates fulfilling the Candidate Rules and Requirements will be included on the ballot for that position. Nominations will not be taken from the floor unless there is no other candidate for that position. Candidates may withdraw their name from consideration at any time.
4. Candidate presentations will be allowed before voting begins for each position. Candidates are not required to have a nomination or a second. Candidates may allow others to speak on their behalf during the allotted time for their presentation and may choose to show a video, as long as their total time does not exceed their allotted time. The allotted time for each candidate is as follows:
 - a. Governor, Attorney General, and United States Senate candidates shall be allowed five (5) minutes.
 - b. All other state-wide office candidates shall be allowed three (3) minutes.
 - c. United States House of Representative Candidates shall be allowed four (4) minutes during their congressional district caucus.

C. Candidate Endorsement Voting

1. Voting for state-wide candidates shall be done by all of the seated delegates.
2. Voting for congressional district candidates shall be held during the congressional district caucuses by the seated delegates by congressional district.
3. Unopposed candidates shall be endorsed by a single vote including the name of the candidate and a “none-of-the-above” option. The candidate must receive at least 50% of the vote in order to be endorsed. If they do not receive 50% of the vote, there will be no endorsed candidate for that position.
4. If there is more than one candidate for a position, a vote may be requested to determine if there will be one or two endorsed candidates for that position. A two-thirds vote is required to follow the Two-Candidate Endorsements process (Section E below).

D. Single-Candidate Endorsements

1. Any candidate receiving more than 50% of the votes cast for that position at any point shall be declared to be the only endorsed candidate for that position.
2. Balloting rules:
 - a. All ballots shall include a “none-of-the-above” option.
 - b. The first ballot shall include all candidates.
 - c. The second ballot will drop the lowest vote getter and any candidate receiving less than 10% of the votes cast.
 - d. Additional ballots will drop the lowest vote getter and all candidates receiving less than 20% of the votes cast until a candidate receives more than 50% of the votes cast.
 - e. If during the final ballot containing only two candidates, no candidate receives more than 50% of the vote, the highest vote getter will be the endorsed candidate for that position.

E. Two-Candidate Endorsements

1. Any candidate receiving more than 60% of the votes cast at any point shall be declared to be the only endorsed candidate for that position.
2. Balloting rules:
 - a. All ballots shall include a “none-of-the-above” option.
 - b. The first ballot shall include all candidates.
 - c. The second ballot will drop the lowest vote getter and all candidates receiving less than 10% of the votes cast.
 - d. Additional ballots will drop the lowest vote getter and all candidates receiving less than 20% of the votes cast until there are only two candidates remaining.
 - e. The final two candidates will be the endorsed candidates for that position provided that neither of the candidates received more than 60% of the vote.



NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION DELEGATE ALLOCATION

Washington State is allocated 43 delegates to the national convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 15-18, 2024. The Republican National Committee determines this number.

How do they come up with this number?

Many variables go into this number – population, number of Republicans in office, etc.

Washington State is allocated 43 delegates:

10 at-large delegates

30 delegates from Congressional District Caucus (3 per Congressional District)

3 Automatic Delegates (State Party Chairman, National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman)

How, as a state, do we allocate?

The 10 at-large delegates will be elected from the floor of the convention, and 30 delegates from the congressional districts will be elected at their congressional district caucus. Each delegate will be bound to the results of the Presidential Primary held on March 12, 2024 for the first round of voting at the Republican National Convention. Delegates elected from a congressional district caucus shall be bound by the Presidential Primary results in that congressional district, whereas delegates elected at-large shall be bound by the statewide vote. *See Rule 37.*

WASHINGTON STATE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION DELEGATE ALLOCATION

County	2020 R Votes			2024 Delegates to State Convention		
	President	Governor	SecState	Earned	Auto	Total
Adams	3,907	4,170	4,188	6	3	9
Asotin	7,319	7,627	7,935	10	3	13
Benton	60,365	65,170	69,494	89	3	92
Chelan	22,746	24,936	27,338	34	3	37
Clallam	23,062	24,640	27,675	35	3	38
Clark	126,303	132,984	148,502	187	3	190
Columbia	1,754	1,819	1,880	2	3	5
Cowlitz	34,424	37,453	37,669	50	3	53
Douglas	12,955	13,958	14,630	19	3	22
Ferry	2,771	3,000	2,949	4	3	7
Franklin	18,039	19,488	20,478	27	3	30
Garfield	1,069	1,118	1,113	2	3	5
Grant	24,764	26,645	26,794	36	3	39
Grays Harbor	19,877	21,686	23,509	30	3	33
Island	22,746	25,145	29,295	35	3	38
Jefferson	6,931	7,651	10,063	11	3	14
King	269,167	307,022	482,387	486	7	493
Kitsap	61,563	69,288	83,886	98	3	101
Kittitas	14,105	15,567	17,007	21	4	25
Klickitat	7,237	7,735	8,022	11	3	14
Lewis	29,391	31,306	32,661	43	3	46
Lincoln	5,150	5,450	5,485	7	3	10
Mason	18,710	20,562	22,891	29	3	32
Okanogan	11,840	12,843	12,949	17	3	20
Pacific	6,953	7,463	7,935	10	3	13
Pend Oreille	5,728	5,959	5,992	8	3	11
Pierce	197,730	220,904	257,698	310	4	314

County	2020 R Votes			2024 Delegates to State Convention		
	President	Governor	SecState	Earned	Auto	Total
San Juan	3,057	3,465	4,670	5	3	8
Skagit	32,762	36,404	40,861	50	3	53
Skamania	3,885	4,116	4,251	6	3	9
Snohomish	166,428	189,797	230,222	269	3	272
Spokane	148,576	161,138	171,171	221	3	224
Stevens	19,808	20,902	20,963	28	3	31
Thurston	65,277	72,506	97,311	108	3	111
Wahkiakum	1,741	1,862	1,872	3	3	6
Walla Walla	16,400	17,590	19,728	25	3	28
Whatcom	50,489	55,544	65,592	79	4	83
Whitman	9,067	10,056	11,290	14	3	17
Yakima	50,555	54,097	57,785	75	3	78