



## **Rules Committee Report: Proposed 2021 YRFV Convention Rules**

*Approved & Issued January 17, 2021*

1. The purpose of this Convention shall be as set forth in the Young Republican Federation of Virginia Bylaws.
2. This Convention shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with the following: the YRFV Bylaws, RPV Party Plan, these Rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (12<sup>th</sup> Ed.), which take priority in the order listed.
3. The Chairman of the YRFV, and the Secretary of the YRFV shall respectively serve as Temporary Chairman of the Convention and Temporary Secretary.
4. Any person may attend the Convention, but only Delegates and Chairmen of the Convention Committees may have the floor unless specially recognized by the Chairman. Only Delegates may vote.
5. All Delegates shall meet the requirements as specified in the YRFV Bylaws Article VII, Section 3, shall be a registered voter in the Commonwealth of Virginia, shall be an active YR Club member as defined in Article III, Section V of the YRFV Bylaws, and submit a Delegate fee of \$25.00 to the Federation through their Club Chair. All delegates must be Active members of their respective clubs **no later than March 15, 2021**.
6. Delegate registrations shall close on **March 15, 2021**, at which time each Club Chairman shall present a formal list of delegates to the Federation Secretary.
7. The Credentials Committee shall keep registration open until the report of the Convention Rules Committee is adopted.
8. The Credentials Committee Chairman shall report on the proper certification of each delegation and decide any question that may arise concerning certification.
9. Committee reports shall be verified and adopted without amendment. If a committee report is rejected, amendments shall be in order.

10. Individuals who intend to be nominated as a candidate shall only be deemed nominated upon approval of the Convention Credentials Committee. In addition to the requirements of Article III of the YRFV Bylaws, only an Active member of an officially chartered Club, who has duly filed with the Convention Credentials Committee Chairman a notice of candidacy for an office with the appropriate filing fee prior to February 15, 2021 shall be considered for nomination as a candidate for the election of the respective YRFV office.
11. The Filing Fees for office shall Be \$500 for Chairman, First Vice Chairman, and State Central Representatives. The Fee of \$100 shall be for Second Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary. National Committeeman, National Committeewoman, and District Representative.
12. Discussion on any motion shall be limited to two minutes per person, and no one may speak more than twice on the same question. No one shall speak a second time until all participants wishing to speak have had an opportunity to speak once.
13. Balloting for contested offices shall be conducted by secret ballot.
14. Delegates must present a state-issued photo ID or voter registration card in order to cast their ballot. Delegates may also provide documents listed by the state board of elections as acceptable for proving identity when voting. Acceptable forms of identification include: Virginia concealed carry license, evidence of currently paid personal property tax or real estate tax, a current automobile registration, or current hunting or fishing license.
15. Each candidate for Chairman shall be limited to a total of three (3) minutes for speeches. All other contested candidates shall each be limited to a total of two (2) minutes for speeches. The time allotted to contested candidates includes any demonstration and may be allocated to additional speakers as desired. Once the timekeeper starts the clock, it will not stop unless directed by the Chairman of the Convention.
16. Once balloting for a vote has begun, the results shall be announced as soon as the Elections Committee Chairman certifies them as final.
17. A roll call shall be taken at the request of a majority vote of the total Convention votes as certified by the Credentials Committee.
18. For all offices for which no more than one candidate is nominated, the Chairman shall declare the nominees elected en bloc.

19. If more than one candidate is nominated for any office, the Chairman shall appoint an Elections Committee of three (3) members. The Elections Committee shall canvass the Delegates with one ballot that shall include all contested Officer positions and the respective District Representative positions.
20. All elections shall be by majority of the total votes cast. Blanks, abstentions, votes cast for persons not placed in nomination before the Convention or for persons who have withdrawn their candidacy shall be excluded in calculating the total vote.
21. No Delegate may change his or her vote after it has been collected or recorded by the Elections Committee Chairman.
22. The order of contested candidate speeches shall be District Representatives, followed by Officers in reverse order as enumerated in the Bylaws, and multiple nominees for the same office shall be presented in alphabetical order by his or her surname.
23. Candidates may appoint a representative to observe counting of ballots in contested races.
24. No guide ballots or other appeals to the Delegates shall be allowed on the premises of the Convention unless they are of a color other than white. White paper shall be the color used for all official documentation, including ballots, rules, agenda, etc.
25. Only contested candidates and sponsors of the Convention may post signs inside or outside the convention hall.
26. Jurisdiction for appeal of the convention results shall rest in the Young Republican National Federation.
27. In the event an in-person convention becomes prohibited under law due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Convention Committee shall be tasked with proposing an alternative convention procedure to be approved by the Executive Board.
28. The convention will be conducted in compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
29. The Order of Business shall be as set forth below, provided, however, that upon majority vote of the Convention, an item may be omitted or added. The Chairman of the Convention may interrupt the order, as he or she may deem appropriate.
  - I. Call to Order and Opening Ceremonies
  - II. Election of the Temporary Chairman of the Convention
  - III. Election of the Temporary Secretary of the Convention
  - IV. Appointment of the Parliamentarian, Timekeeper, and Sergeants-at-Arms
  - V. Meetings of the Convention Committees
  - VI. Recognition of Sponsors and Distinguished Guests

- VII. Rules Committee Report
- VIII. Credentials Committee Report
- IX. YRFV Contested Candidate Speeches
- X. Election of Officers and District Representatives
- XI. Announcement of Election Results
- XII. Second Round of Balloting (if needed)
- XIII. Other Business
- XIV. Adjournment