



Rules for the Precinct Caucus

Weld County--March 7, 2026

Inclusion: The Colorado Democratic Party and the participants in this caucus are required to take steps to encourage participation in the delegate and candidate selection process of the Democratic Party at all levels – by young people, women, minority groups, and people of all abilities. Inclusion should occur in reasonable relationship with any given group's presence in the full population. This goal shall not be accomplished, either directly or indirectly, by imposition of mandatory quotas.

1. **Who May Participate:** A person may vote at the precinct caucus, be elected a delegate from the caucus and/or be elected as a Precinct Organizer if they meet the following qualifications:
 - a. The elector shall be a resident of the precinct for twenty-two days,
 - b. Shall have registered or pre-registered to vote no later than twenty-two days before the caucus, assembly, and
 - c. Shall be affiliated with the Democratic Party holding the caucus for at least twenty-two days as shown in the statewide voter registration system.
 - d. Except that any registered elector who has attained the age of eighteen years or who has become a naturalized citizen during the twenty-two days immediately preceding the meeting may vote at any caucus or convention even though the elector has been affiliated with the political party for less than twenty-two days.
2. **Age Requirements.** The Democratic Party of Colorado allows a pre-registrant, 16 years of age or older, to vote at any Democratic Party caucus if the pre-registrant has been a resident of the precinct for twenty-two days before the caucus and has been affiliated with the Democratic Party for at least twenty-two days as shown in the statewide voter registration system, except that a pre-registrant who pre-registered within the twenty-two days immediately preceding the meeting may vote at any caucus even though the pre-registrant has been affiliated with the Democratic Party for less than twenty-two days.
3. **Residency Requirements.** An elector who moves from the precinct where registered during the twenty-one days prior to any caucus may participate in and vote at the caucus in the precinct of the elector's former residence but shall not be eligible for election as a delegate or for nomination as a precinct Organizer (hereinafter referred to as precinct organizer) in the former precinct. C.R.S. 1-3-101 (1), C.R.S. 1-3-101 (2) ▪
4. **Additional Rules:** Participants in the caucus may adopt additional rules, provided they do not conflict with either state, county or national party rules, state election laws or other

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instructions to the caucus chair. Give participants a full opportunity to be heard and permit full discussion of all relevant questions.

5. Disputes: Any person desiring to dispute any matter concerning the caucus must file a written protest with the County Chairperson within 7 days of the caucus. Otherwise, the certification of the caucus results will be final.
6. Secret Ballot: All Democratic meetings are open; a secret ballot is permitted in precinct caucus, if requested.
7. Proxies: No proxy voting shall be permitted at the caucus. One must be present to vote in the caucuses. If an individual is unable to attend their individual caucus, they may submit a request to the caucus to be considered for a delegate slot.
8. Late Arriving/Early Leaving: A person must be present to participate. Those arriving late or leaving early may only take part in caucus business occurring while they are present.
9. Open Voting: No delegate shall be instructed to vote for or against any candidate or measure.
10. Election of Precinct Organizers: Persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected as precinct organizers. If two or more candidates for the position of precinct organizer receive an equal number of votes, the winners shall be determined by lot (coin toss or drawing of straws).
11. Procedure to Elect County Assembly Delegates: Any qualified participant in the Weld Democratic caucuses may sign up to be a delegate to the Weld County Assembly. The list of delegates will be approved by a vote of the caucus participants. No delegate may be added to the list of elected delegates after the adjournment of the caucus.
12. Delegate Selection: Delegates to all party assemblies, beginning at the Weld County Assembly, are to be chosen in a manner which fairly reflects the division of candidate preference expressed by those participating in the nominating process, including those expressed by minority and divergent views. Equal division between men and women is to be achieved, if possible.
13. Preference Polls: There will be no official candidate preference polls taken at caucus. Preference polls will be taken at the County Assembly.
14. Contingency Voting: If, for any reason, this virtual caucus ends unexpectedly, the caucus will be in recess. Any required voting will be conducted via a ballot emailed to all credentialed caucus attendees with votes due by March 8th at 8 pm, at which point the caucus will be considered adjourned.
15. Meeting Conduct: Participants are expected to engage in respectful and professional communication throughout the virtual meeting.
 - a. Participants should avoid any behavior that disrupts the flow of the meeting, such as excessive background noise, interruptions, or unrelated discussions.
 - b. The meeting chair reserves the right to maintain order and decorum during the meeting.
 - c. If a participant engages in disruptive or disrespectful behavior, the chair may take appropriate action, including muting, removing, or restricting access to the meeting.

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- d. In most cases, the chair will issue a warning to the participant before taking any removal actions. The warning will serve as an opportunity for the individual to adjust their behavior and contribute positively to the meeting.
- e. In cases of severe or repeated disruption, the chair may take immediate action to remove a participant from the virtual meeting without prior warning.
- f. Participants who believe they have been removed unfairly may appeal the decision to the Weld County Dems info@weldcountydems.org after the meeting concludes and they will review the situation and determine if any further action is necessary.
- g. The chair's authority to remove participants is discretionary and will be exercised with fairness and impartiality.