



Instructive Materials for the Election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the 2020 Republican National Convention

Following Florida's March 17, 2020 Presidential Preference Primary, the Republican Party of Florida will elect delegates and alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention. The delegate election, allocation, and binding methods are governed by state and national Republican Party rules, the requirements of which are summarized below.

What rules govern the selection of delegates and alternate delegates?

Section 103.101, Florida Statutes, provides that the selection of delegates and alternate delegates shall be governed by party rule. RPOF Rule 10 governs the process by which delegates and alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention are selected. All delegates are elected according to RPOF Rule 10 following the Florida Presidential Preference Primary.

How are Florida's Republican delegates awarded?

Florida's Republican delegates are awarded winner-take-all. RPOF Rule 10 provides that the Republican presidential candidate receiving the highest number of statewide votes at the Florida Presidential Preference Primary shall be awarded all delegates and alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention.

How many Republican delegates and alternate delegates does Florida receive in 2020?

Per RNC Rule 14, Florida will have **122 delegates** (State Chairman, National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman automatically serve with no alternates) and will have **119 alternate delegates**.

How many delegates do the Congressional District Caucuses elect?

A total of 81 (3 x 27) delegates and 81 alternate delegates. Per RPOF Rule 10, each Congressional District Caucus (composed of State Committeemen, State Committeewomen, and Chairmen representing any county in each CD Caucus) shall elect 3 delegates and 3 alternate delegates. Proxy voting is not permitted.

How many delegates does the RPOF Executive Board elect?

All 41 remaining delegates and 38 alternate delegates are elected as Delegates at Large by the RPOF Executive Board.

Does a Republican candidate for President have a say in who is selected as a delegate?

Yes. Per RPOF Rule 10, no later than one week after the Presidential Preference Primary, each Republican presidential candidate whose name appeared on the ballot shall submit to the RPOF Chairman a list of proposed delegates and alternate delegates from among the candidate's supporters for consideration. Such list shall be distributed by the RPOF Chairman to the RPOF Executive Board and the Chairman of each Congressional District Caucus.

Who is eligible to serve as a delegate?

Each candidate for election as a delegate or alternate delegate must be a legal resident and registered Republican voter of the State of Florida. Each candidate for election as a delegate or alternate delegate from a Congressional District Caucus must additionally be a legal resident of that Congressional District.

No candidate for delegate or alternate delegate shall be required to pay an assessment or fee to become a candidate or to serve as the elected delegate or alternate delegate. No candidate for delegate or alternate delegate shall be discriminated against for reasons of sex, race, religion, color, age, national origin or physical disability.

How do I become a candidate for election as a delegate?

Before the election of delegates and alternate delegates, any eligible registered Republican voter who wishes to be a candidate for election as a delegate or alternate delegate shall certify that he or she is duly qualified to serve by filing the 2020 Republican National Convention Delegate Qualifying Form. The Delegate Qualifying Form is available upon request from, and must be filed with, the Republican Party of Florida.

Proposed delegates and alternate delegates submitted by a Republican Presidential candidate no later than one week after Florida's Presidential Preference Primary must also file the Delegate Qualifying Form to be considered for election.

When will delegates and alternate delegates be elected?

Delegates and alternate delegates will be elected at duly-called meetings of the Republican Party of Florida's Executive Board and its Congressional District Caucuses held between Tuesday, March 24, 2020 (one week after the presidential preference primary) and Saturday, June 13, 2020 (second Saturday in June). All meetings to consider the election of delegates and alternate delegates must be called by the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida and are subject to applicable notice requirements under the Rules and Constitution of the Republican Party of Florida.

The specific dates for each Congressional District Caucus and Republican Party of Florida Executive Board meeting at which delegates and alternate delegates will be elected will be published on the website of the Republican Party of Florida (www.florida.gop) as they are scheduled.

When is the 2020 Convention?

The 2020 Republican National Convention will be held in Charlotte, NC from Monday, August 24-Thursday, August 27th.

Who covers the travel costs of delegates and alternate delegates?

Delegates and alternate delegates to the 2020 Republican National Convention will be personally responsible for all travel-related expenses, including without limitation all airline, ground transportation, lodging, and dining expenses associated with attendance at the Republican National Convention.