

Convention Rules

The following Rules of Order will be presented to The 108th Annual Convention of The American Legion, Department of New York

1. With the following modifications, **Rules of Order Revised** will be followed.
2. A delegate desiring to make a motion or address the Convention shall address the presiding officer as "Mr. Commander" and give his/her (the delegate's) name and the name of his/her County.
3. Only two delegates from any one County shall be permitted the floor on any one subject.
4. The floor shall be permitted but once to any individual delegate on any subject, except by the unanimous consent of the Convention.
5. Department Officers, including District Commanders, are entitled to all privileges of delegates, except that they may not vote, unless delegates from their Counties.
6. Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker.
7. Nominating speeches shall be limited to three minutes. Seconding speeches shall be limited to two minutes and no more than two seconding speeches shall be made for one candidate.
8. Nominations shall be from the floor by roll call, alphabetically, by Counties, except that by unanimous consent this rule may be abrogated to save time.
9. Each County shall be entitled to a total vote equal to that granted under the State Constitution and By-laws, regardless of the number of delegates present, provided a majority of delegates to which the County is entitled be present. When less than a majority of the delegates of any County is present, such county shall be entitled to as many votes as there are delegates present.
10. Voting shall be by acclamation, except when a roll call is demanded by the Chairman of at least five County delegations.
11. The vote shall be announced by the Chairman of each County delegation, such Chairman to be chosen by each delegation.
12. Alternates shall have all privileges of delegates, including that of serving on Committees, except the privilege of voting on the Convention floor.
13. Alternates may vote only in the absence of regular delegates, selection of such alternates to fill delegates' places to be made by the County delegation in question.
14. Past Department Commanders, in good standing in their respective Posts in this Department, may delegate their respective votes, by proxy, to the Chairman of the delegation of the County wherein they hold membership.
15. Any candidate for any office must receive a majority.
16. Pursuant to the action of the Department Executive Committee at its meeting held on June 10, 1933, and the Call to the 1976 Department Convention, all resolutions offered for consideration at this Convention shall be automatically referred to the Resolutions or other duly constituted Convention Committees. Such resolutions must have been approved by a County Convention or a properly constituted Department Committee and must have been received at Department Headquarters on or before June 14. Any resolution submitted after 30 days prior to convention will be reviewed by the Department Resolutions Committee to determine if the resolution is germane to The American Legion and of emergent nature so as to be considered at the current Convention.
17. There shall be no unit rule of voting.