

New Castle County Executive Committee
 Ad Hoc Rules Committee
 Report to the New Castle County Democratic Committee

The Delaware Democratic Party adopted new rules on March 16, 2019. In May 2019, Dave Woodside, New Castle County Democratic Committee Chair appointed a Rules Committee (“Rules Committee”) to review and conform the Rules of the New Castle County Democratic Committee (“Rules” or “the Rules”).

LaKresha Moultrie and Lydia York were appointed co-chairs serving along with Dave Woodside (ex-officio), Italo Carrieri-Russo, Catherine Ciferni, Glen Schmiesing, Dustyn Thompson, and Jeffrey Ulmer.

The committee met three times from June to August 2019 and held three “listening” sessions throughout New Castle County in September and October 2019. The Rules Committee met four times to produce the revised draft Rules. Several Sections were moved without significant revision. Several sections were extensively re-worked for clarity and to conform the rules to our actual practice. Where encountered, a Rule would be modified to make the language gender neutral.

For this reason, a “redline” or “blackline” version of the Rules would have not made clear the substantive changes being proposed. For this reason, the following summary is provided to assist review of the draft Rules.

Old Rule Section	New Rule Section	Changes
Preamble	Preamble	<p>The old Preamble included several “standards” which were deserved to be rules in their own right. One of the standards (Section D) was made a part of the preamble</p> <p>Part A standard is now part of the Rules for Public Meetings, Reorganization and Conventions</p> <p>Part B standard is now part of the Membership</p>

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		<p>Rule</p> <p>Part C standard is now part of the Rule on Public Meetings</p> <p>Part D standard is now part of the Preamble</p> <p>Part E standard is part of the Notice Rule</p> <p>Part F standard is part of the Notice Rule</p>
Section 1 Membership	Section II Election District Membership	<p>This section has been reworked to describe and clarify qualification and election of members. The process of reorganization of the Election District is streamlined. The new section also describes Election District members as part of Representative District in which they are located. The process of quadrennial reorganization is simplified and clarified. Duties of Members, Associates, and Term remain the same or modified only for consistency and clarity</p> <p>ED's without contest will be deemed elected at the organization meeting.</p>

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<p>Section 2 Representative District Organization</p>	<p>Section III Representative District Committee</p>	<p>The changes in this section were made to conform to state Rules regarding elected officials who are also members of the Representative Committee which is a new section. Other sections concerning duties of officers and vacancies remain largely unchanged or modified only for consistency and clarity.</p>
<p>Section 3 Organization and Operation of the County Committee</p>	<p>Section IV Organization and Operation of the County Committee</p>	<p>This section has been reorganized to better reflect actual practice and to conform with state Rules.</p> <p>A rule concerning proxy voting at County Conventions is added in sub-section B.</p> <p>A section was added to permit Special Conventions and to clarify who can call a County Convention and the mechanics of how a County Convention is called.</p> <p>Standing Committees now include a Rules</p>

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		<p>Committee.</p> <p>A section on redistricting was added.</p> <p>The Rule concerning Financial Reports requires an examination by a CPA using agreed upon procedures</p>
New Section	Section VI Open Meetings	Language from the former Preamble is included as a Rule and requires meetings be held in facilities compliant with the ADA
New Section	Section VII Tests and Oaths Prohibited	Language from the former Preamble is included as a Rule
New Section	Section IX Time and Place	Language from the former Preamble is included as a Rule
New Section	Section IX Discrimination Prohibited	Language from the former Preamble is included as a Rule. Adds language to include gender identity
New Section	Section X Notice	This new section centralizes the requirements for proper Notice unless modified within another rule.
Section 4	Section XI	

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Filing Fees	Filing Fees	Permits the filing fee to be the maximum provided by statute
Section 5 Recruitment of Candidates	Section XII Open Ballot Slots	Clarifies the circumstances when the County Chair may add a candidate to the ballot.
Section 6 Grievances	Section XIII Grievance Process	Reorganized to improve readability. No substantive changes
Section 7 Removal of Members of Representative District	Section XIV Removal of Members of Representative District	Re-numbered only
Section 8 Removal of Officers and Appointees of the County Committee	Section XV Removal of Officers and Appointees of the County Committee	Renumbered. The language concerning removal of the Chair clarifies who will chair the convention for removal and how the convention is called.
Section 9 Parliamentary Authority	Section XVI Parliamentary Authority	Renumbered
New Section	Section XVII Proxy Voting	Clarifies a Rule on proxy voting. Proxy voting will be permitted in Representative Districts so long as this rule is followed.
Section 10 Amendment of County Rules	Section XVIII Amendment of County Rules	Updated for new Rule cross-reference.