

Rules for 2024 Chesterfield GOP Canvass – Adopted February 26, 2024

The Chesterfield County Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, hereby adopts these Rules for the conduct of this Party Canvass.

1. Approval of the 2024 CCRC Canvass Rules mandates the Credentials Committee and Tellers Committee Chairs to oversee the Chesterfield County Republican Canvass at **Swift Creek Middle School on March 19, 2024, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**. Voting ends at 7:30 PM, with only those in line allowed to vote. The objective is to elect CCRC members, officers, and Delegates to State and Congressional District Republican conventions in accordance with Canvass Call guidelines.
2. The canvassing process will strictly adhere to these guidelines, which align with the CCRC by-laws, RPV State Party Plan, and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (12th Edition). All party actions must fully comply with the RPV State Party Plan.
3. To vote, individuals require a government-issued photo ID and must support all Republican 2024 nominees as per the RPV State Party Plan. Curbside voting is allowed with tellers. Those who participated in a Democrat Primary within the past five years must sign a Renunciation Oath at the Credentials Table, exchanging it for a colored index card and a ballot. Tellers keep signed index cards for reconciliation, and signees consent to the publication of their names.
4. Voters registering or updating after March 1, 2024, should bring a copy of their voter registration card for verification. Registrar Staff will be available for verification if necessary.
5. The CCRC Chairman appoints the Credentials Chairman, who, in turn, forms a Committee of up to 25 registered voters, with at least two members from each magisterial district. All Committee members must remain inside the voting location for the entire voting period.
6. The Chief Teller, appointed by the Credentials Committee Chairman, will supervise a Tellers Committee for ballot counting after the voting period. In contested races, each candidate is allowed one designated Representative, who may be the candidate themselves. Representatives will serve as Observers during the vote count. To ensure election integrity, candidates must email their Representative's Name, Contact Information, and Magisterial District to Credentials Chairman Tara Carroll (TaraCallahan1@hotmail.com) by 5 PM on Friday, March 15, 2024. Submissions received after this deadline will not be accepted.
7. The Credentials Committee will determine a candidate's eligibility to vote or serve as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate.
8. Only Canvass Staff and Credentialed Voters are authorized in the voting area. Candidates cannot campaign inside but may be present beyond the 40-foot mark. The Chief Teller, with candidates or their designees, will witness the sealing of the empty ballot box. Candidates or designees will attach initialed labels along the opening, which must remain until the end of the canvass voting.
9. No resolutions may be introduced.
10. The Chief Teller will prepare ballots with eligible candidates for contested elections who have filed as required. A drawing of straws by a neutral party, observed by candidates or their Representatives, will determine the order.
11. Following the poll closure, the Credentials Committee will accurately determine and certify the count of credentialed voters and cast ballots in the canvass.
12. With support from the Sergeant-At-Arms and Deputy, the Chief Teller will secure the ballot box after voting. The Tellers Committee will count the ballots without interruption until the canvass results are announced. Invalid ballots encompass those with multiple candidate names marked for a single office unless the teller's committee unanimously agrees on the intended candidate.
13. Candidates are elected based on the highest vote count. In case of a tie with equal votes surpassing all others, the Chief Teller will resolve it by drawing names from an approved container. This drawing occurs after notifying the affected candidates and giving them a reasonable opportunity to be present.
14. The Credentials Committee Chairman appoints a Sergeant-at-Arms and Deputy Sergeants-at-Arms to maintain order inside and outside the polling place. It is strictly forbidden to hinder, intimidate, or interfere with any qualified voter, impeding their ability to cast a secret ballot. In the event of a violation, the Sergeants-at-Arms have the authority to instruct the individual to stop such actions. If the violation persists, they are empowered to remove the person from the polling place.