

**ONslow COUNTY
2026 COUNTY CONVENTION STANDING RULES
JACKSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
MARCH 7, 2026**

Rule 1: Statement of Purpose

The purpose of these rules is for the general conduct of the business of the convention in an equitable and timely manner, respecting the rights of the majority and the minority and encouraging participation by all Republican Delegates.

Rule 2: Convention Officers

Convention Officers shall be appointed by the County GOP Chairman or his or her designee to include:

- A. **Convention Chairman**, of whom shall preside and direct the business of the convention to include taking such action as is necessary to maintain orderly conduct of the same.
- B. **Secretary**, of whom shall record the business conducted the convention.
- C. **Convention Parliamentarian**, of whom shall monitor and/or verify proceedings are conducted according to Parliamentary Authority.
- D. **Sergeant-At-Arms**, of whom shall be responsible for security of the convention in case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct on the convention floor, should such action be deemed necessary in due course or by order of the Convention Chairman.

Rule 3: Registration

- A. The voting body shall consist of those who have been registered online at onslow.nc.gov, ending at 9:00PM on March 2, 2026 and between 10:00AM and 11:00AM on March 7, 2026 (Day of Convention) as Delegates to the Convention, certified by the Credentials Committee.
- B. All delegates must be a resident of Onslow County and registered as a Republican by January 31, 2026

Rule 4: Call to Order

The 2026 Onslow County Republican Party Convention shall be held March 7th, 2026 at Jacksonville High School, 1021 Henderson Dr, Jacksonville, NC 28540.

Rule 5: Report of the Committee on Credentials

The Credentials Committee shall report the number of Delegates submitted from each Precinct and duly registered, present, and entitled to vote during the Convention and have available a list submitted by each Precinct on hand as a reference. The Credentials Committee shall require all Delegates to verbally identify themselves by name and Precinct of residence when addressing the Convention for any purpose (Rule 9) as:

- A. Only Delegates certified by the Credentials Committee shall be seated and may make motions to be considered at this Convention.
- B. Any Delegate may move to amend a Report of the Committee on Credentials immediately following the Credentials Committee Report for time allowed by the Convention Chairman.
- C. After the report of the Committee on Credentials is presented to the Convention, but the adoption by the Convention, motions to amend a Report of the Committee on Credentials shall be in order as follows:
 - 1. The motion is made by the Precinct Chairman
 - 2. The motion concerns a discrepancy in the Report's Delegate count for the respective Precinct
 - 3. The Precinct Chairman or designee shall confer with the Committee on Credentials after directed by the Convention Chairman.
- D. Any person who seconds a motion cannot be from the same Precinct as the maker of the motion.
- E. Motions or Reports from the Convention Committee do not require a second. Debate shall be limited to 2 minutes per person.

Rule 6: Plan of Organization, Platform, and Resolutions

Motions to amend a Report of the Plan of Organization, Platform, and Resolutions Committees shall be adopted upon a simple majority of the Delegates present and voting.

Rule 7: Order of Business

The Order of Business of the Convention shall be published in the printed Convention Agenda.

Rule 8: Quorum

A quorum for all business of the Convention shall be of a majority of those Delegates registered for the Convention, certified by the Credentials Committee, and reported to the Convention prior to voting on any matters to come before the Convention.

Rule 9: Disclosures and Closures

- A. No motion shall be in order unless each maker or seconder thereof states his or her name and Precinct of residence when addressing the Convention or for any purpose. The maker and seconder must be from different Precincts.
- B. No Delegate shall speak in Convention longer than two (2) minutes at any one time, nor more than twice on any motion open for discussion.
- C. If any contest shall develop over any matter other than a nomination or election, the Convention Chairman may, at discretion, rule it out of order.

Rule 10: Guests

The Convention Chairman may allow guests per discretion. Guests may listen and observe the Convention but shall make no attempt to vote or speak on any matter coming before the Convention. Guests shall not be seated among voting Delegates.

Rule 11: Voting

- A. Refer to Rule 6 (Plan of Organization, Platform, and Resolutions)
- B. Delegates must be physically present on the convention floor at the time of voting to be entitled to cast votes at the convention.
- C. All voting, except for election of officers, shall be by voice or by standing count of Delegates at the discretion of the Convention Chairman. Notwithstanding, the foregoing paper ballots may be authorized and required for election of officers in the discretion of the Convention Chairman.
- D. Should ballots be required and authorized, Delegates will receive colored ballots on which to record their votes for individual candidates during the voting process.
- E. If there is a contested election the Secretary shall create, prior to the Convention, a paper ballot for each office with the names of the individuals who have filed.
- F. Proxy voting **shall not** be allowed.

G. The County Chairman shall appoint a Credentials Committee and a Rules Committee to facilitate an efficient, equitable, and timely voting process. The Convention Chairman shall appoint a:

1. **Time Keeper**, who shall manage time allotted for Candidates and Delegates addressing the Convention.
2. **Tellers**, who shall collect and tabulate ballots, should paper ballots be required and authorized, then report the results to the Convention Chairman.

Rule 12: Parliamentary Authority

Any issues arising that are not covered by the Standing Rules of the Convention, or per the Plan of Organization of the Onslow County Republican Party, Third Congressional District, and the North Carolina Republican Party organizations, shall be resolved using Roberts Rules of Order (Newly Revised)

Rule 13: Resolutions

Resolutions must be submitted to the County Chairman AND the Resolutions Committee Chairman **no later** than 10 days prior to the Convention for consideration. The resolution must include the author of the resolution, and if applicable, the name of the organization sponsoring the resolution. Submitting a resolution to the Resolutions Committee does NOT guarantee that the resolution will be brought forth at the County Convention but rather that it will be considered.

Rule 14: Resolutions from the floor

No proposed resolution from a Convention Delegate shall be in order unless it is first submitted to the County Secretary in writing prior to the start of the Convention. The resolution must include the author of the resolution, and if applicable, the name of the organization sponsoring the resolution. Two hundred (200) copies must be made available upon presentation to the County Secretary for the resolution to be distributed to Delegates of the Convention. Resolutions can only be considered by the Body upon a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the Convention Delegates present and voting.

Rule 14: Amending and Suspension of Rules

These rules shall be amended upon two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) voice vote or standing of Delegates. Unless suspended during the Convention contained herein by two-thirds vote, these rules govern and supersede all prior rules and understandings, both written and oral, except the rules contained herein which refer to provisions of the Onslow County Republican Party, 3rd District, and State Plans of Organizations which may not be superseded.

Rule 15: Duration of Rules

These rules shall govern the 2026 Onslow County Republican Party Convention only.

As presented by the Rules Committee and adopted on the 7th day of March 2026.

Rules Committee: Michael Forrest, Chair
 Christine Adams