



CALL OF LEADERSHIP CONVENTION

Prince Edward Island Liberal Association

August 6, 2026

Rules and Regulations

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Prince Edward Island Liberal Association calls a Leadership Convention for Sunday, October 25, 2026.

DEFINITIONS

1. In these Rules and Regulations:
 - a. "Provincial Executive" means the Provincial Executive of the Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island, as constituted under the Party Constitution;
 - b. "Table Officers" means the Table Officers of the Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island, as constituted under the Party Constitution;
 - c. "Convention Chair(s)" means the person or persons appointed to chair the Leadership Convention, as designated by the Convention Organizing Committee;
 - d. "Convention Organizing Committee" has the meaning set out under the heading "Convention Organizing Committee" below; and
 - e. "Green Light Committee" has the meaning set out in paragraph 4 under the heading "Candidate Eligibility" below.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

2. To be accredited as a candidate for Leader of the Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island (a "Leadership Candidate" or "Candidate"), a person must:
 - a. Be a member in good standing of the Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island (as defined in and determined in accordance with the Party Constitution), as of the date the nomination application.
 - b. Submit nomination papers in person to Charlotte Jenkins, Vice-President of the Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island, in the form required by the Provincial Executive.
 - c. Submit a nomination application no later than September 4, 2026, as approved by the Table Officers. The nomination application must include:

- i. Signatures of at least 100 members in good standing supporting the Candidate; and
 - ii. At least one such signer from each of at least eighteen (18) of the twenty-seven (27) electoral districts.
 - iii. The first installment of the Candidate Entrance Fee, being \$12,500, as described in paragraph 3(b)
- 3. Pay the Candidate Entrance Fee of \$25,000 (the “Candidate Entrance Fee”), payable to the Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island, of which \$17,500 is a non-refundable deposit to be retained by the Prince Edward Island Liberal Association.
 - a. It is encouraged that the full amount be submitted by September 4, 2026.
 - b. The Entrance Fee may be paid in two (2) installments of \$12,500 each, due on or before:
 - i. September 4, 2026;
 - September 18, 2026;
- 4. Be approved by the Green Light Committee, which will be composed of three (3) people, appointed by the Table Officers, In determining whether to approve a Candidate, the Committee may consider any criteria it determines, including (without limitation):
 - a. Background checks;
 - b. Review of financial affairs and liabilities;
 - c. Ethical questions or concerns;
 - d. History of contribution to the community and/or participation in public life;
 - e. Demonstrated commitment to the party; and
 - f. Whether the candidate subscribes to the policies and values of the Party.
 - g. Members of the Green Light Committee must keep confidential all information reviewed in connection with a candidate's approval and must not disclose that information except as necessary to perform their duties.
- 5. Comply with Party governance and convention rules, including the Party Constitution and any additional rules, regulations, or orders issued from time to time by the Provincial Executive, the Convention Organizing Committee, or any of its sub-committees.
- 6. Once a person has been determined to be eligible and approved as a Leadership Candidate, the candidate must plan and coordinate their campaign launch in collaboration with the Convention Organizing Committee. The candidate must not publicly announce their candidacy, publicly launch their campaign, or authorize another person to make such an announcement on their behalf without the prior written approval of the Chair of the Convention Organizing Committee.
- 7. A candidate will not be considered eligible until they make their initial deposit of \$12,500. In the event a candidate fails to meet a installment deadline as set out in paragraph 3(b) or fails to satisfy any other eligibility requirement in this section, the Convention Organizing Committee may declare the candidate ineligible, and any withdrawal from the race (whether voluntary or as a result of ineligibility) must be

announced in collaboration with the Convention Organizing Committee. In the event of such ineligibility or withdrawal by a candidate, all sums paid by that candidate in partial or full satisfaction of the Candidate Entrance Fee are forfeited to the Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island.

8. Funds that support the Candidate Entrance Fee must follow the standard practice set out in the Election Expenses Act for contributions. All contributions must be received by the Prince Edward Island Liberal Association and be recorded by the Official Agent of the Prince Edward Island Liberal Association.
9. The Candidate Entrance Fee must be accompanied by a list of contributors to assure compliance with the Election Expenses Act.

CANDIDATE REPRESENTATIVE

1. Upon being accredited as a Leadership Candidate, the Candidate must provide the Convention Chair(s), in writing, the name, address, telephone number, and email address of one Candidate's Representative.
2. The Candidate's Representative will act as the liaison between the Candidate and the Convention Organizing Committee. All communications between the Candidate and the Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island and/or the Convention Organizing Committee must be made by either: - the Candidate; or – the Candidate's Representative.

CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

1. No Candidate may incur Leadership Campaign Expenses in excess of \$50,000.
2. "Leadership Campaign Expenses" include all expenses incurred in relation to the leadership campaign between August 6, 2026 (the Call of the Leadership Convention) and October 25, 2026 (the date of the Leadership Convention), for the purpose of promoting or opposing, directly or indirectly, the election of:
 - a. A Leadership Candidate; or
 - b. A person who later becomes a Leadership Candidate.
3. Within 30 days after the close of the Leadership Convention, each Leadership Candidate must confirm, in writing with the Convention Chair(s), that total Leadership Campaign Expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Candidate did not exceed \$50,000, as set by the Provincial Executive. Excess expenses must be reimbursed to the Party by the Candidate, and a material or knowing breach may be referred to the Provincial Executive for further action, which may include sanction of the Candidate if elected Leader.
4. All expenses must comply with the Prince Edward Island Elections Act, the Elections Expense Act, any successor or associated legislation, and any regulations under those Acts.

CAMPAIGN DONATIONS

1. No Candidate, whether before or after accreditation, may accept (or permit to be accepted on their behalf) any donation except donations deposited with the Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island for that Candidate's benefit. For greater certainty, all donations to a Candidate's leadership campaign must be made through the Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island.
2. For donations over \$25, the Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island will issue tax receipts provided the donation is accompanied by the donor's name, mailing address, and telephone number. All donations remain subject to the individual contribution limit under the *Election Expenses Act* (PEI) (currently \$3,400 per calendar year, adjusted annually), and may only be made by individuals ordinarily resident in Prince Edward Island. No anonymous donations, and no donations from corporations, unions, or other organizations, will be accepted.
3. Reimbursements to the Candidate:
 - a. After the Party receives the Candidate Entrance Fee, the Party will reimburse \$7,500 of the Entrance Fee to the Candidate or the Candidate's Representative to assist with paying the Candidate's leadership expenses.
 - b. The Party will reimburse to the Candidate 100% of donations received in excess of the Candidate Entrance Fee, for the same purpose, minus any receipting or card fees, up to the maximum total reimbursement set out in paragraph 3(c) below. For greater certainty, all amounts reimbursed to a Candidate under this paragraph count toward that Candidate's \$50,000 Leadership Campaign Expenses limit.
 - c. In all cases, the Party will not reimburse more than \$50,000 to the Candidate or the Candidate's Representative.
4. The Official Agent of the Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island will not cause any tax receipts to be issued in respect of donations to a Candidate until the Candidate has filed the required affirmation respecting campaign expenses.
5. In the event an approved leadership candidate fails to meet the full requirements for the entry fee, as set out by the Convention Organizing Committee, any raised funds for the entry fee will be retained by the Convention Organizing Committee, and will not be returned to the candidate.
6. All donations to the Candidate's leadership campaign **must comply with all Elections PEI Contribution Rules** as outlined in the *Election Expenses Act*.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES, Q&A SESSIONS, AND DEBATES

No Candidate, whether before or after accreditation, may participate in any public appearance, media interview, written questionnaire, question and answer session, and/or debate involving another candidate, or any person who has declared an intention to seek accreditation as a

Candidate, unless the event or activity is approved and sanctioned by the Convention Organizing Committee.

CONVENTION ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

1. The Provincial Executive delegates organization of the Leadership Convention to a Convention Organizing Committee, appointed by the Table Officers of the Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island.
2. The Convention Organizing Committee may prescribe additional rules and regulations governing:
 - a. Convention procedure;
 - b. Delegate selection and accreditation;
 - c. Voting procedures;
 - d. Campaign expenses; and
 - e. All other matters required for the orderly conduct of the Leadership Convention, provided those rules are not inconsistent with the Party Constitution or other rules prescribed by the Provincial Executive.
3. No person may serve on the Convention Organizing Committee unless they have declared in writing that they:
 - a. Have not assisted any Candidate or any person seeking to become a Candidate; and
 - b. Will remain neutral from August 6, 2026 (the Call of the Leadership Convention) until the completion of the Leadership Convention.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS & MEMBERSHIP LISTS

1. Any member of the Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island who is in good standing as of October 14, 2026, at 11:59pm is eligible to vote.
2. Any member of the Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island who is a member in good standing as of the eligibility date in paragraph 1 above, but who is not a member in good standing as of October 10, 2026, at 11:59 p.m., will not receive their voting PIN by mail (if no email is given in their application), and will be required to either vote in-person, or rely on electronic means to receive their PIN.
3. For the candidate(s) to be eligible for access to periodic membership lists, they must have made their initial leadership entry fee deposit.
4. Leadership campaigns are not to use membership lists and data provided by the party, for direct communications via email, mail, or otherwise to the membership. This does not apply to communications to supporters, whose data was independently collected by the campaign(s).

USE OF PARTY BRANDING AND MATERIALS & INFORMATION

1. No Leadership Candidate shall use any Liberal Party of PEI information or branding for their leadership campaign.
2. No Leadership Candidate shall purport to represent the Liberal Party of PEI, nor shall a Leadership Candidate make representations as to their policies or beliefs being those of the Liberal Party of PEI.

SIGNAGE

1. Leadership campaigns are permitted to produce signage for their campaigns for their own use at a campaign office, campaign events, and the leadership convention location.

All signage must comply with any provincial laws, statutes, or regulations, and must not be placed on any public roadway during the course of the campaign.

ELECTION OF LEADER

5. The Leader shall be elected by preferential ballot, with the candidate receiving the fewest votes eliminated after each round and their votes redistributed according to voter's next preference, until one candidate receives a majority (50% plus one) of the votes validly cast; in the event of a tie for elimination or for the final round, the tie to be broken by a further vote among the tied candidates only.
6. In the event that there are only two candidates, the Leader shall be elected by first-past-the-post.

COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

A Leadership Candidate who breaches these Rules, or on whose behalf a breach occurs, may be subject to any of the following, as determined by the Convention Organizing Committee: (a) a requirement to correct the breach within a specified time; (b) forfeiture of some or all fees or deposits paid; (c) a formal warning; (d) suspension or removal of accreditation as a Leadership Candidate; or (e) referral to the Convention Organizing Committee for further action.