

PROPOSED STANDING RULES  
27<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL TFRW CONVENTION  
Galveston, Texas ★ November 13-15, 2009

*The following Standing Rules shall be proposed for adoption at the 27th Biennial TFRW Convention in Galveston (Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition, pgs.599-600). The current TFRW Bylaws and Policies shall also govern the 27th Biennial TFRW Convention.*

1. Admittance to the Convention Floor shall be: Delegates, Alternates, Members of the Board of Directors, Past TFRW Presidents, National and State Officers of the Republican Party, Special Guests of the Convention and properly accredited members of the News Media.
2. Badges shall be worn at all times by Delegates, Alternates, and Guests for admittance to the Convention Hall. Those present in the Convention Hall must be identified by presentation of their badges upon the request of a Sergeant-at-Arms or any other officer of the convention.
3. Delegates, Alternates and Guests shall sit in their assigned sections on the Convention floor.
4. A Delegate needing to leave the convention floor, but intending to return, will leave a vacant seat for that time she is absent. A permanent departure of a Delegate should be reported to the Club President or designated Club Representative; that person will then notify the Credentials Committee and an Alternate will be duly authorized as a Delegate.
5. Questions concerning those entitled to vote:
  - a. Shall be referred to the Credentials Committee.
  - b. The Credentials Committee shall make the final decision.
  - c. If the Committee is unable to resolve the question, it shall be referred to the Convention Floor and a majority vote of the Delegates shall determine a final decision.
6. The President shall appoint a Timekeeper for each session of the Convention. The Timekeeper shall indicate to each speaker a 30-second warning before the time allowed has expired.
7. Temporary Caucus Chairmen shall serve as tellers for any votes taken in their Senatorial Delegation prior to the Caucus, i.e. Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions.
8. Doors shall be secured during a counted vote.
9. A roll call vote of the Convention shall be held:
  - a. As provided for in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.
  - b. By the decision of the Presiding Officer of the Convention, or
  - c. When demanded in writing by the majority of Delegates from at least twenty (20) clubs.
  - d. In the event of a roll call vote, the roll shall be called by the Secretary, stating the names of the registered Delegates from each club.

10. A quorum of the Convention shall be a majority of the registered Delegates. Club Rules will not be recognized in Convention or in Senatorial District Caucus.
11. Only delegates shall address the Convention without the permission of the Presiding Officer or the unanimous consent of the registered Delegates.
12. Only members of the voting body may introduce a motion. All motions shall be written in triplicate, signed by the maker and one copy delivered to the Presiding Officer and one copy delivered to the Secretary.
13. Debate and Discussion:
  - a. To obtain the floor, a delegate shall go to a microphone, be recognized by the Chair, state her name, the club she represents, and the reason she rises to speak.
  - b. No delegate shall speak without unanimous consent for more than two (2) minutes on any one subject; nor shall she speak without unanimous consent, more than once on the same subject. She may speak one (1) minute, once, on any amendment or debatable motion made and referring to the motion.
14. The Delegate making the majority report and the Delegate making the minority report of any Convention committee may speak for a time not to exceed three (3) minutes and may answer legitimate questions if asked by any registered Delegate.
15. Tape recorders, video cameras, or any recording equipment shall be prohibited during business meetings and workshops, with the exception of the TFRW recording secretary, who shall be allowed to tape the proceedings of the business meetings.
16. All beepers and cell phones shall be in a non-audio mode.
17. No material may be displayed or distributed in the Convention Hall without the written permission of the State President. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall remove any unauthorized material from the Convention Hall.
18. Convention Standing Rules may be amended or suspended by a two-thirds vote.
19. The current edition of *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall be the Parliamentary authority to govern the Convention in all cases to which they are applicable and when they are consistent with the Bylaws, Standing Rules, Special Rules of Order, or Policies adopted by the TFRW Board of Directors.

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**Submitted by the Rules Committee**

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