

Standing Rules

1. Delegates

- A. The badge of admission and delegate credential must be in evidence at all times.
- B. The delegate credential may be transferred only when a delegate is permanently leaving the National Council Session.
- C. The delegate credential shall be transferred only to an individual authorized to fill a vacancy, and the transfer must follow the procedures outlined on page 66.
- D. Any transfer of the delegate credential shall remain in effect until the end of the current National Council Session on October 6, 2017.
- E. A delegate position shall be subject to forfeiture for the remainder of the current National Council Session if unauthorized transfer of a delegate credential occurs. Forfeiture decisions shall be made by the Credentials Chair, and the decision of the Credentials Chair is final.

2. Proposals/Amendments

- A. Proposals not included in the *Workbook* or sent with the call to the National Council Session will not be considered and will be ruled out of order.
- B. Amendments to the proposals must be within the scope of notice (see Glossary, page 75). Amendments not within the scope of notice shall be ruled out of order.
- C. All amendments must be submitted in writing on the form designated for that use, signed by the maker, and sent to the presiding officer prior to being moved on the floor of the National Council Session.
- D. Amendments dealing with grammar, spelling, or punctuation shall not be allowed. The CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA and Chair of the National Board shall be empowered to make any and all necessary editorial changes.

3. Debate

- A. National Council delegates shall identify themselves before speaking to the question. Girl Scout council delegates shall give name and council, and if applicable, the number of the motion form they have submitted. All other National Council members shall give name and position as members of the National Council.
- B. No speaker shall speak longer than two minutes in debate on each question. Timing of the two-minute period allowed the speaker for debate shall begin immediately following the required identification.
- C. No speaker shall speak a second time on a question until National Council members wishing to speak a first time have done so.
- D. No speaker shall speak more than twice on the same question on the same day without permission of the assembly.
- E. No more than four delegates from the same Girl Scout council nor more than four National Board members shall speak on the same side of the question.
- F. Once a main motion has been moved and then stated by the Chair, motions from the interrupting microphone will not be permitted until the maker of the motion has had the opportunity to speak to the motion.

4. Nominations and Elections

- A. Nominations may be made from the floor at the National Council Session provided that notice of such nomination(s) and written consent of the nominee(s) are presented to the President and the Chair of the National Board Development Committee at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the published time for the convening of the meeting at which the election shall be held (Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA, Article XII, National Board Development Committee).
- B. Any National Council member placing a name in nomination from the floor shall give only the name of the nominee.
- C. Nominations are not debatable.
- D. Only printed biographical information for persons to be nominated from the floor may be distributed to National Council members on the floor of the convention center meeting room. That printed information:
 - (1) Is the responsibility of the person making the nomination. Fifteen hundred copies of the nominee's printed biographical information must be delivered to the Girl Scout Convention Office at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.
 - (2) Will be placed on the seats in the delegate section by the ushers at a time when the National Council is not in session, following the opening ceremony. Information shall not be distributed at any other time.
 - (3) Must be the same format and length as what is printed in the *Workbook*.
- E. Write-in votes shall not be allowed
- F. For any election conducted by ballot, the only information that will be reported to the assembly is that the candidate received at least a majority vote. Full results of any ballot election will be reported in the minutes of the National Council Session and will be posted in the Credentials-Registration area.

5. Rules of Voting

- A. Electronic voting shall be the standard method of voting.
- B. The presiding officer shall be authorized to expedite business by using methods of voting other than electronic voting as the officer deems appropriate. This shall include, but not be limited to, a vote by unanimous consent, voice, show of hands, standing, and ballot.
- C. Delegates may take their portable electronic voting devices with them when they are standing in line awaiting their turn to speak. Delegates may vote on any secondary motion while standing in line at the microphone. Delegates must return to their seats for any vote on a main motion/proposal and for elections.
- D. Electronic voting devices shall not be removed from the meeting room. If a delegate must leave the meeting room during a business meeting, the electronic voting device must be turned in to an usher.

6. Minutes

The National Board of Directors shall serve as the National Council Minutes Approval Committee and shall be empowered to approve and distribute the minutes of the National Council Session.

7. Comfort Issues

- A. Comfort issues and personal needs of the attendees shall be addressed to the ushers, not the presiding officer. If addressed to the presiding officer, the remarks will be ruled out of order.
- B. While the National Council is in session, obstructing items that may interfere with another individual's comfort or ability to see the stage shall not be worn or displayed in the meeting room.
- C. While the National Council is in session, fragrance products shall not be worn in the meeting room. Individuals who are sensitive to fragrance products (perfumes, colognes, aftershave, hairsprays) fall under a number of disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. These include chemical sensitivity disorders, multiple chemical sensitivities, breathing and lung disorders, asthma, neurological impairments, etc.

8. Personal Electronic Devices

During non-voting periods, personal electronic devices may be used with the sound turned off if they do not disrupt the proceedings or infringe on the rights of other participants, including advising other delegates how to vote on a pending question. During voting periods, personal electronic devices shall be turned off.

9. Procedures

- A. *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition*, shall govern the proceedings of the 2017 National Council Session.
- B. All persons in attendance shall follow the National Council Session procedures starting on page 58.