

Rules and Guidelines 2026 General Meeting of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario

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by the PC Party Executive

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1. SECTION 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1. DEFINITIONS In this document,

- 1.1.1. **“Candidate”** means an individual seeking election as an officer of the Party, or as a regional representative on the P.C. Ontario Fund Board of Directors, whether or not that person has registered or been nominated in accordance with these Rules;
- 1.1.2. **“Convention”** means the 2026 General Meeting of the Party;
- 1.1.3. **“Convention Centre”** means the Toronto Congress Centre
- 1.1.4. **“Convention Chair or Co-Chairs”** means the Chair or Co-Chairs of the Convention Committee established pursuant to paragraph 1.4.1, and “Convention Committee” has a corresponding meaning;
- 1.1.5. **“Clubs”** means the PC Blue Club and the PC Business Club as described in Article 4.1 (d) of the Party Constitution, and “Club” shall mean either of them;
- 1.1.6. **“Credentials Chair”** means the Chair of the Credentials Committee established pursuant to paragraph 1.4.2, and “Credentials Committee” has a corresponding meaning;
- 1.1.7. **“Elections Chair”** means the Chair of the Elections Committee established pursuant to paragraph 1.4.4 hereof, and “Elections Committee” has a corresponding meaning;
- 1.1.8. **“Steering Committee”** means that committee which is tasked with arranging the Convention;
- 1.1.9. **“Party”** refers to the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario;
- 1.1.10. **“Party Constitution”** means the Constitution of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, amended October 2022;
- 1.1.11. **“Party Executive”** means the sitting Executive of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario;
- 1.1.12. **“Regional Presiding Officers”** means the presiding officers for the separate regional sessions for speeches from Candidates for the positions of regional vice presidents and regional representatives to the P.C. Ontario Fund Board of Directors as set out in paragraph 1.4.6.

1.1.13. **“Youth Member”** shall be defined as any member of the Party between the ages of 14 and 29, inclusively.

1.1.14. **“Executive Nominations Committee”** shall be defined as the approvals body that is tasked with approving or rejecting a candidates nomination.

1.2. AUTHORITY

1.2.1. These Rules are made by the Convention Committee pursuant to Article 9.9 of the Party Constitution, under authority given to them by the Executive of the PCPO on July 16th, 2025.

1.2.2. These Rules are to be interpreted in a manner consistent with the Party Constitution. In the event of a conflict, the Party Constitution shall prevail.

1.2.3. All references to time refer to local time (Toronto, Ontario).

1.3. DISTRIBUTION

1.3.1. These Rules shall be distributed as follows:

- i. To all persons chairing any organizational committee relating to the Convention including, but not limited to, the Convention Chair or Co-Chairs, the Credentials Chair, the Elections Chair, the Operations Committee, the Presiding Officer and the Regional Presiding Officers;
- ii. To all Provincial Progressive Conservative Riding Association Presidents and Secretaries;
- iii. To the Presidents of the Youth, Women’s and Campus Associations and Clubs;
- iv. To candidates upon request or upon filing of nomination papers;
- v. To any other person requesting a copy in accordance with the Party Constitution.

1.3.2. These Rules are to be interpreted and applied alongside and in a manner consistent with any Guideline issued by the Credentials Chair or the Elections Chair or other regulation hereunder and applicable resolutions (if any) of the Party Executive.

1.4. OFFICIALS

1.4.1. **The Convention Chair or Co-Chairs** shall be appointed pursuant to a resolution of the Party Executive. Subject to sections 1.4.2, 1.4.5 and 1.4.8, the Convention Chair or Co-Chairs have the authority to structure

the Convention Committee and to appoint other members, including one or more co-chairs.

- 1.4.2. **The Credentials Chair** shall be appointed by the Elections Chair. The Credentials Chair shall have the authority to appoint other members of the Credentials Committee.
- 1.4.3. **The Elections Chair** shall be appointed pursuant to a resolution of the Party Executive. The Elections Chair shall have the authority to appoint other members of the Elections Committee, Credentials Chair, Steering Committee and Executive Nomination Committee. If required under paragraph 10.1 of the Party Constitution, the Elections Chair may also be the Presiding Officer.
- 1.4.4. **The Regional Presiding Officers** shall be appointed by the Elections Chair, in consultation with the Elections Committee.
- 1.4.5. **Executive Nominations Committee** shall be run by the Elections chair and their appointed committee with the sole purpose of vetting and approving candidates for nomination.

1.5. NEUTRALITY OF OFFICIALS

- 1.5.1. The following individuals shall be neutral in accordance with the constitution:
 - i. The Convention Chair or Co-Chairs;
 - ii. The Credentials Chair;
 - iii. The Elections Chair;
 - iv. The Presiding Officer, and any Regional Presiding Officer;
 - v. Any individual who is employed or retained as a consultant by the Office of the Leader or by PC Caucus Services; or
 - vi. Any individual who is employed by the Party or the Fund.
- 1.5.2. Persons selected to be official observers, registration staff or Regional Presiding Officers shall be advised, when selected or appointed, of the provisions of these rules as it applies to the respective positions.
- 1.5.3. Neutrality shall not restrict a committee member's right to seek and become a Delegate or an Alternate Delegate to the Convention.

1.6. REGULATIONS

- 1.6.1. The Elections Chair may delegate to the Elections Committee, or to any member or members of the Convention Committee, any of his or her authority under

these rules except sections 1.6.2, 1.6.4.

- 1.6.2. The Elections Chair, acting on the advice of the Convention Committee, has the power to make and publicize regulations and prescribe forms related to the conduct of the election of officers, provided that they are not inconsistent with these Rules and Guidelines or with the Party Constitution.
- 1.6.3. During the Elections, these Rules and Guidelines shall be interpreted and applied by the Presiding Officer. Roberts Rules of Order shall apply to the decisions of such Presiding Officer.
- 1.6.4. Except as otherwise provided for in these Rules and Guidelines or the regulations hereunder, these Rules and Guidelines and the regulations hereunder shall be interpreted and applied by the Elections Chair whose decisions are final, binding and not subject to appeal.

1.7. ADDRESSES

2026 General Meeting
PC Party of Ontario,
56 Aberfoyle Cres.
Toronto, ON.
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- 1.7.1 After 5:00 PM on January 29th, 2025 such correspondence should be delivered to the Office of the Convention Committee located in the Convention Centre.

2. PROVISIONS CONCERNING DELEGATE SELECTION MEETINGS

2.1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 2.1.1. The Party Executive shall give notice to all recognized Riding Associations and to all other Recognized Associations by Friday August 22nd, 2025 in order for the scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings to commence.
- 2.1.2. Delegate Selection Meetings may be held in accordance with the provisions of this section at any time in the period commencing Monday, September 15th, 2025 to Sunday, November 30th, 2025.

- 2.1.3. In the event of any conflict between these Rules and the constitution of the Riding Association, the Rules shall prevail and govern.

2.2. NOTICE

- 2.2.1. Notice of all meetings to select delegates must be given by both email and phone call. Such notice must clearly specify that the meeting is called for the purpose of selecting delegates to the General Meeting of the Ontario PC Party in Toronto, Ontario between the dates September 15th to November 30th, 2025.
- 2.2.2. Riding Association meetings for the election of delegates shall be held only after notice has been given to the membership of the Riding Association in writing at least fifteen (15) days before the meeting.
- 2.2.3. Notice of Delegate Selection meetings shall be given to all members of record in good standing of the Association.
- 2.2.4. The notice should give information as to who is eligible to stand for election as a delegate and to vote, and any identification requirements for registration. In addition, opening and closing times for registration at the meeting should be included.
- 2.2.5. In the case of meetings to select delegates from among the members of the executives of the Women's Association and the OYPCA, notice shall be given in writing to all elected officers by the President of each association.
- 2.2.6. In the case of meetings to select delegates representing any other Recognized Association, notice shall be given in writing to all members of record in good standing of the Club or association.
- 2.2.7. In the case of a meeting to select delegates from the Board of Directors of the P.C. Ontario Fund, notice shall be given in writing to all members of the Board of Directors by the President of the Fund.

2.3. QUORUM

- 2.3.1. Notwithstanding any provision in the constitution of the Riding Association, a quorum at all delegate selection meetings of recognized Riding Associations shall be one (1) member in good standing, present in person, in addition to the Chair.
- 2.3.2. A quorum at all delegate selection meetings of any other Recognized Associations (including OPCYA, PCWIP or any recognized Club) shall be three (3) members in good standing, present in person, in addition to the Chair.
- 2.3.3. The Chair of the meeting must be in attendance in order for the meeting to take place.

- 2.3.4. In the event of any conflict between this section of the Provisions Regarding Delegate Selection Meetings for the 2026 General Meeting and the constitution of a Riding Association or other recognized association, these rules shall prevail.

2.4. CHAIR

- 2.4.1. The Chair of the Delegate Selection Meeting shall be neutral to the results of the meeting and meet the regulations set out in these rules.
- 2.4.2. The role of the Chair at the Delegate Selection meeting is to
- i. Preside over the Delegate Selection Meeting;
 - ii. Report the list of delegates elected at the Delegate Selection Meeting back to the Credentials Chair;
 - iii. Ensure the Credentials Chair receives the list of selected delegates in a timely manner.
- 2.4.3. The Chair of the meeting should be a member of the Convention Committee, a sitting member of the PCPO Executive who is not seeking re-election or PC HQ Staff.
- 2.4.4. In the event that no person outlined in section 2.4.3 is available to chair a Delegate Section Meeting, the Riding President or a designate may, with written approval of the Credentials Chair, chair the Delegate Selection Meeting.

2.5. STANDING FOR ELECTION AS DELEGATES

- 2.5.1. Any member in good standing may stand for election as a delegate in the riding in which they hold membership.
- 2.5.2. Nominations to become delegates must be submitted prior to the Delegate Selection meeting via email to delegates@ontariopc.com at least 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.
- i. Submissions any later than 24 hours prior to the meeting will not be brought forward at the meeting;
 - ii. The list of delegates that have come forward will be provided to the Chair of the Delegate Selection 24 hours in advance of the start of the meeting, where the Chair will be responsible for presenting the nominees to the members in attendance;
 - iii. In the event that a Member notifies the Riding Association of their intent to stand for nomination as a delegate, the Riding President

shall email notice of the member's intent to delegates@ontariopc.com.

- (a.) Submissions to the Riding Association that are not received by delegates@ontariopc.com at least 24 hours in advance of the start of the Delegate Selection Meeting will not be delivered to the Chair of the meeting and thus will not be brought forward at the Delegate Selection Meeting.

2.5.3. Nominations to become a delegate may come from the floor of the Delegate selection meeting.

- i. Any member of the riding association in good standing may put their name forward at the Delegate Selection Meeting;
- ii. A member may nominate themselves;
- iii. The Chair of the Delegate Selection Meeting shall allow time at the meeting for delegates to put their names forward.

2.5.4. Delegates may be members in good standing from a riding other than the riding they wish to represent, so long as the riding has no more than three (3) delegates from outside the riding.

- i. Out of riding delegates must live in region they wish to represent. The address on the ID they provide at the time of registration will be used to verify their region.
- ii. Regions are defined in Appendix III of the Rules Regarding the 2026 General Meeting

2.5.5. Under paragraph 17.4 of the Party Constitution, no member of the Party may be elected as a delegate from more than one Recognized Association. Accordingly, no person may be selected as a delegate from more than one Recognized Association, Club or executive body, or be elected as a delegate if the person is already an Automatic Delegate. The Credentials Chair may revoke delegacy from delegates in multiple ridings.

2.6. VOTING

2.6.1. Under paragraph 17.3 of the Party Constitution, each Party member is permitted to vote at only one delegate selection meeting.

2.6.2. In the event that there is not a full slate of delegates put forward at the meeting, those names that have been presented will be accepted by the members in a simple majority of yay/nay votes.

2.6.3. In the event that more than 16 members are nominated as delegates, members will vote for 16 delegates. The 16 persons with the most votes will become delegates to the 2026 General meeting

- i. The eight (8) persons with the next highest number of votes shall

become alternate delegates to the 2026 General Meeting.

- ii. Alternate delegates shall be ranked 1-8 wherein Alternate Delegate 1 had the highest number of votes.

2.6.4. In the event that more than three (3) members from out of the riding wish to attend the 2026 General meeting in any given riding, their names will be included with the riding members to be voted on. They shall be included in the 16 delegates for that riding.

- i. In the event that more than 3 out of riding delegates are selected, the out of riding delegates with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped off, and the Alternate Delegates with the highest number of votes who holds a membership in the riding will be selected to replace them.

2.6.5. The selection of Delegates shall be voted on via secret ballot.

2.6.6. Notwithstanding the above, Ridings in the North West region and the North East region are given the option to chose either an in person meeting or a zoom meeting. If the virtual option is chosen all delegates will need to be declared 24 hours before the meeting and there shall be no vote from the floor.

2.7. DISPUTES

2.7.1. The Credentials Chair shall put in place a procedure to handle disputes arising from delegate selection meetings in accordance with the following guidelines:

- i. Any member in good standing of a Riding Association or any other Recognized Association, recognized Club or executive body may protest any matter in respect of the Delegate Selection Meeting or, in the case of other Recognized Associations, Clubs or executive bodies, such other election process as may be defined by its governing constitution, by submitting a complaint in writing within five (5) days to the Credentials Chair;
- ii. The Credentials Committee shall conduct such inquiry or other procedures as it deems necessary and in accordance with its rules previously set down for such occurrences;
- iii. The Credentials Chair may call a hearing to be held within 5 days and a decision rendered as soon as possible but in any event not later than 5 days after the hearing, if necessary; and
- iv. The decision of the Credentials Chair in respect of such complaint shall be final and not subject to further protest.

2.8. LIST SUBMISSION

- 2.8.1. Each riding association, other association or organizations is required to submit a list of the elected Delegates and Alternate Delegates, where appropriate, to the Elections Chair within 48 hours of the adjournment of the meeting.
- 2.8.2. Such form shall contain the correct name, address, telephone number and email address of each selected Delegate and Alternate Delegate. Further, Alternate Delegates are to be ranked.
- 2.8.3. Duplicate emails will not be allowed.

2.9. PROVISIONS FOR RIDING ASSOCIATIONS

2.9.1. Notice to Credentials Chair

A Riding Association Executive shall give notice of the Riding Association's Delegate Selection Meeting to the Credentials Chair fifteen (15) days in advance of the Delegate Selection Meeting.

2.9.2. Delegate Selection Meetings

- i. Each Riding Association shall hold a Delegate Selection Meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Riding Association's constitution for the calling of such meetings and these Rules. Meetings may be held at any time in the period commencing Monday September 15th, 2025 to Sunday November 30th, 2025.
- ii. Those delegates as defined in paragraphs 17.2 (a) and (b) of the Party's Constitution shall be selected only at a properly constituted Delegate Selection Meeting in accordance with this section.
- iii. Each Riding Delegate and Alternate Delegate must be a member in good standing of the PC Party.
- iv. No more than three (3) delegates or alternate delegates of any riding may reside outside the riding. Preference shall be given to members of the Executive of the Riding Association.
- v. "Delegate Selection" and similar references apply equally to the selection of Alternate Delegates.
- vi. The term "elected by the membership" in paragraph 17.2(a) means chosen pursuant to the principles of democratic election and in accordance with the Party Constitution and the constitution of the Riding Association.
- vii. In the event that a Riding Association does not elect a full slate of Delegates and Alternate Delegates at the Delegate Selection the Credentials Chair will have the option to upgrade alternate

delegates from another riding provided that the riding is in the same region and that the riding does not already have 3 out of riding delegates.

- viii. Any member wishing to stand for selection as a delegate and who is unable to attend the meeting must provide written notification to the President of the Riding Association at least 24 hours in advance of the Delegate Selection Meeting.

2.10. PROVISIONS FOR YOUTH and OYPC ASSOCIATIONS

- 2.10.1. Riding Associations may elect up to Five (5) Youth delegates and Five (5) alternate delegates (Article 17.2 b); or,
- 2.10.2. Recognized OYPC associations may elect up to Five (5) Youth delegates and Five (5) alternate delegates.
- 2.10.3. All youth delegates are eligible to vote at the OYPC convention.

2.11. PROVISIONS FOR OTHER ASSOCIATIONS, CLUBS AND BOARDS

- 2.11.1. The selection of delegates representing the following groups (as listed in the Party's Constitution, Article 17) shall take place by democratic election at any time in the period commencing September 15th up to and including November 30th, 2025.
 - i. Ten (10) members of the executive of the recognized Women's Association (Article 17.2(j)),
 - ii. Ten (10) members of the executive of the recognized OYPCA (Article 17.2(l)),
 - iii. Four (4) delegates from each recognized Party Club, not related to OYPCA (Article 17.2(m)),
 - iv. Fifteen (15) members of the PCOF Board of Directors (Article 17.2(n)).
- 2.11.2. As provided for under Article 4 of the Party's Constitution, only those youth associations, women's associations and riding associations recognized before August 22nd, 2025, will be eligible to send delegates.

2.12. POWERS OF CREDENTIALS CHAIR

- 2.12.1. In the event that any Recognized Riding Association, Women's Association, Youth Association or Club fails, neglects or refuses to hold or issue notice of a Delegate Selection Meeting in accordance with its constitution and these Rules by November 15th, the Credentials Chair may, in consultation with the Elections Chair and the Presiding Officer, call a Delegate Selection Meeting on behalf of the Association. The provisions outlined earlier in this section shall apply, where applicable, to

delegate selection meetings called by the Credentials Chair pursuant to this paragraph.

- 2.12.2. The Credentials Chair may, in consultation with the Elections Chair and the Presiding Officer, issue further guidelines with respect to the selection of Delegates and Alternate Delegates. Any such guidelines, if issued, must be promulgated by the Credentials Chair by no later than the commencement of the period for delegate selection meetings.

3. PROVISIONS CONCERNING DELEGATES

3.1. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1.1. **“Delegate”** refers to a voting participant at the General Meeting. These rules do not restrict the right of a Party member to register for and attend the Convention as a non-voting participant.
- 3.1.2. In order to vote in the election of officers, an individual must be properly accredited as a Delegate to the Convention pursuant to the Party’s Constitution and this document.
- 3.1.3. Those persons eligible to be delegates to the General Meeting shall be those defined in Article 17 of the Party’s Constitution (see Appendix I of these Rules).
- 3.1.4. In electing alternate delegates at all delegate selection meetings, Alternate Delegates shall be ranked in order of eligibility for upgrading to delegate status under Section 2.5 of these Rules.
- 3.1.5. **“Automatic Delegates”** are those prescribed in paragraphs 17.2 (d) (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (o), (p) and (q) of the Party Constitution. A riding member holding this status does not require one of the Riding Association’s delegate positions under paragraph 17.2(a) of the Constitution.
- 3.1.6. Members that have violated any of the Party’s Statement of Principles found in Article 2 of the Party’s constitution will be automatically disqualified.

3.2. REGIONS

- 3.2.1. Each delegate representing a Riding Association, Youth Association, Women’s Association or Campus Association shall be deemed to originate from the region in which his or her electoral district or campus, as the case may be, is geographically located.

- 3.2.2. Any riding may have up to three (3) delegates that reside outside the riding provided the delegate resides in the same region as the riding they wish to represent.

3.3. ISSUANCE OF CREDENTIALS

- 3.3.1. In order to register at the General Meeting as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate, a person must be a Party member in accordance with the relevant constitution and pay the appropriate registration fee for the General Meeting as established by the Party Executive.
- 3.3.2. Subject to the result of any protest set out in paragraph 3.6 of these Rules, and subject to Guideline 3, the Elections Committee will issue credentials to all persons who meet the requirements for registration and who register, as Delegates or Alternate Delegates, as the case may be. Notification as to times for registration will be provided by the Convention Committee to all Delegates and Alternate Delegates before the General Meeting.
- 3.3.3. In order to register at the convention centre, the Delegate or Alternate Delegate must produce, at the time of registration, either one (1) item of government issued personal identification bearing his or her name, **and** address, **and** photograph, OR two (2) items bearing both name **and** address, sufficient to verify his or her identity and residency to the satisfaction of the staff at the registration desk.

3.4. AUTOMATIC DELEGATES

- 3.4.1. Automatic Delegates are those prescribed in paragraphs 17.2 (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (o), (p) and (q) of the Party Constitution. A riding member holding this status does not require one of the Riding Association's delegate positions under paragraph 17.2(a) of the Constitution.
- 3.4.2. Automatic Delegates shall vote for President, Vice Presidents 1-9, Secretary and Treasurer as well as for a Regional Vice President in the regions prescribed below;
- 3.4.3. For the purposes of voting in the Regional Vice Presidents races, Automatic Delegates shall be assigned a riding using the following criteria;
- i. Riding Presidents shall be considered delegates in the riding where they are President.
 - ii. Progressive Conservative MPP's and Candidates of record in the 2025 General Election or most recent by-election, shall be considered delegates in the riding where they ran for election in the most recent election.

- iii. All other Automatic Delegates, including Former PC members of Caucus, (unless they have actively campaigned against the party for another candidate and therefore will be automatically disqualified as a delegate for this convention) Conservative Party of Canada MPs and Candidates of record, Conservative Senators, members of the Executive, and Past Presidents and Leaders, are considered to be delegates in the riding in which they reside under the Elections Act.

3.5. UPGRADING OF ALTERNATE DELEGATES

- 3.5.1. If any selected Delegate does not attend at the General Meeting and register before 12 pm at the convention centre on Saturday, January 31st, 2026, or if any selected Delegate submits his or her resignation as a Delegate in writing to delegates@ontariopc.com prior to the commencement of the General Meeting, the delegate position is deemed to be vacated and the appropriate Alternate Delegate shall be upgraded to take and vote in the place of the Delegate.
- 3.5.2. The Credentials Chair shall promote Alternate Delegate to the position of full Delegate only in ridings which have less than sixteen (16) delegates and/or less than five (5) youth delegates.
- 3.5.3. Delegates shall be upgraded in order of which Alternate Delegate received the most votes at their Delegate Selection Meeting.
- 3.5.4. New voting Delegates shall be informed of their voting status and provided the time and information needed to vote.

3.6. RESIGNING FROM A DELEGATE POSITION

- 3.6.1. In the event a Member wishes to resign from their position as a delegate, the member shall email delegates@ontariopc.com with written notice of their intent to resign. The Credentials chair shall deem the position vacated.
- 3.6.2. When a delegate position is vacated, the Credentials Chair shall upgrade the highest ranked Alternate Delegate to the position of Delegate, and the new delegate shall be notified of such.

4. PROVISIONS FOR CANDIDATES

4.1. CANDIDATE NOMINATION

- 4.1.1. Each candidate shall file, and the Elections Chair must receive, nomination papers in the form and manner prescribed by the Elections Chair, along with the fee prescribed by Section 4.3. Such filing shall occur by 5:00 pm Friday October 31st, 2025 at the address provided in this document.
- 4.1.2. All candidates must be approved by the Executive Nominations Committee by 5:00 pm Friday November 7th, 2025 to be eligible to stand for election to the

Party Executive.

4.2. NOMINATION PAPERS

- 4.2.1. The nomination papers shall contain the following:
 - i. A statement that the candidate is a member of the Party and supports the aims and object of the Party;
 - ii. The name of the office to which the candidate seeks election;
 - iii. The names and addresses of the candidate's nominator and two seconders, all of whom must be a delegate to the Convention entitled to vote in the election;
 - iv. The name of the association, executive or club that each of the nominator and seconders represents or, if the nominator or seconder is an automatic delegate, the class of automatic delegate to which he or she belongs;
 - v. The candidate's name, address, telephone number and email address;
- 4.2.2. For a candidate for the office of President:
 - i. A non-refundable fee of \$1000
- 4.2.3. For candidates for all other offices:
 - i. A non-refundable fee of \$500

4.3. AGREEMENT TO COMPLY

- 4.3.1. In addition to providing nomination papers, each candidate shall sign an agreement in the form and manner prescribed by the Elections Chair. Such agreement shall contain the Candidate's undertaking to adhere fully to these rules and any regulations hereunder and to any interpretations of them, and the candidate's agreement that any decision made pursuant to these rules or any regulations hereunder shall be binding on the candidate for all purposes.
- 4.3.2. Each candidate shall file, and the Elections Chair must receive, such agreement and filing shall occur by 5pm, Friday October 31st, 2025 at the address provided in this document.

4.4. CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES

- 4.4.1. Upon receipt of such documentation as is required under sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 and verification of same, the Elections Chair will certify that the person is a candidate for the office specified in the nomination papers.
- 4.4.2. A certified candidate may withdraw his or her candidacy at any time prior to the commencement of voting by providing written notice to the Elections Chair.

- 4.4.3. No person may be certified as a candidate for more than one office on the Party Executive. Where a person who is a certified candidate for one office on the Party Executive provides nomination papers and such other documentation as is required in respect of another office on the Party Executive, upon verification of same, the person shall be deemed to have withdrawn as a candidate for the first office.
- 4.4.4. Prior to the close of nominations, the names of certified candidates and their nominators and seconders shall be publicly available in such form and manner as the Elections Chair determines.
- 4.4.5. At the close of nominations, the Elections Chair shall display and cause to be announced the names of all certified candidates.
- 4.4.6. At the Convention, the Elections Chair shall ensure that a list of candidates is available to all attendees including, but not limited to, inclusion in the information packages prepared for Delegates and Alternate Delegates.

4.5. RIGHTS & OBLIGATIONS

- 4.5.1. The rights and obligations of candidates are prescribed in Guideline 2 attached.

4.6. REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS & REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE P.C. ONTARIO FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 4.6.1. Designation of Regions
 - i. In accordance with paragraph 9.2 (e) of the Party Constitution, ten (10) Regional Vice Presidents shall be elected by the Delegates originating from the Electoral Districts found in such regions.
 - ii. Also, in accordance with clause 20.3 (e) of the Party Constitution, there shall also be Regional Representatives to the P.C. Ontario Fund Board elected by the Delegates originating from the Electoral Districts found in such regions
 - iii. The regions, more particularly set out in Appendix III, shall be as follows:
 - North West
 - North East
 - South West
 - South Central
 - Centre East
 - Centre West
 - Ottawa
 - Toronto
 - GTA West
 - GTA East

- 4.6.2. Eligibility to Vote in Regional Elections

- i. The Regional Vice Presidents and the Regional Representatives to the PC Ontario Fund Board are to be elected by the Delegates originating from the Electoral Districts found in such regions as defined from time to time by the Executive.
- ii. Each of the nominator and seconders of a Candidate for the position of Regional Vice President or of a Candidate for the position of Regional Representative on the PC Ontario Fund Board of Directors must be:
 - (a.) a Delegate elected to represent an association, executive or club located within the region; or
 - (b.) an Automatic Delegate, or a Delegate elected by the Executive of the Women's Association, Campus Association or Youth Association or by the P.C. Ontario Fund Board of Directors, who resides within the region.
- iii. The nomination papers of a Candidate for the position of Regional Vice-President or a Candidate for the position of Regional Representative on the P.C. Ontario Fund Board of Directors shall indicate that the nominator and two seconders meet the requirements of this section.

5. PROVISIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

5.1. General Provisions

- 5.1.1. In accordance with section 29.1 of the PCPO Constitution ,the "Constitution may be amended by at least two-thirds of the votes cast at a general meeting or a special general meeting of the Party."

5.2. Proposing Amendments

- 5.2.1. Amendments may be proposed by the Constitution Committee, or by ten (10) members of the Party acting together, and who collectively reside in no less than five different ridings
- 5.2.2. Amendments must be submitted in writing, either by mail at the address provided in this document, or by email at constitutionchair@ontariopc.com, no later than 11:59pm December 15th, 2025.
 - i. Amendments submitted after the deadline will not be considered.
 - ii. Amendments shall not be entertained from the floor at the general meeting. Any constitutional amendments must be received in writing by 11:59 pm December 15th, 2025.
- 5.2.3. Along with the proposed amendments, the proposal package must include;
 - i. The name(s), address(es), and phone number(s) of the author(s)
 - ii. No less than ten (10) signatures from members in no less than five (5) ridings. Names, addresses, and phone numbers of members must be included with their signatures.

5.3. Notice

- 5.3.1. The Secretary shall send all such proposed amendments twenty-one (21) days in advance of the meeting to all members of the Executive and to the Presidents and Secretaries of all recognized Associations.
- 5.3.2. Each registered delegate to the general or special general meeting at which amendments to the Constitution are proposed shall be sent such proposed amendments fourteen (14) days prior to the date of such general or special general meeting.

5.4. Voting on Amendments

- 5.4.1. Constitutional amendments shall be voted on at the General Meeting.
- 5.4.2. Electronic voting will be used during the constitutional amendment portion of the convention.
- 5.4.3. Amendments which receive more than two thirds majority shall pass and be considered to be adopted into the constitution.
- 5.4.4. Amendments which do not receive two thirds of the votes shall fail and shall not be voted on again during this General Meeting.
- 5.4.5. Motions from the floor will not be entertained and will be deemed out of order, save and accept for friendly amendments.

6. BALLOTING

- 6.1. All voting Delegates shall be given the opportunity to vote on the offices of President, Vice Presidents 1 through 9, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- 6.2. All voting Delegates shall be given the opportunity to vote for the office of Regional Vice President and Regional Representative on the Fund, representing the region from which they are attending.
 - 6.2.1. No person shall vote in more than one region.
- 6.3. Notwithstanding sections 5.1 and 5.2, in the case that only one candidate runs for any office, the Elections Chair shall announce that the candidate has been acclaimed and no balloting shall take place.
- 6.4. The voting procedures shall be conducted at the Convention under the supervision of the Elections Chair.
- 6.5. The Elections Chair shall appoint a poll clerk for each voting line used in the voting procedures.
- 6.6. The vote shall be conducted by secret ballot.
- 6.7. The use of any cellular telephones or other electronic communication devices within the voting area(s), other than by election officials, shall be strictly prohibited.

- 6.8. Campaigning by, on behalf of, or in relation to candidates within the voting area(s) shall be strictly prohibited.
- 6.9. The Returning Officer may order the removal of any individual from the voting area(s) that he/she deems to be in violation of these rules.
- 6.10. Ballots shall clearly state the office, and list candidates clearly, alphabetically by last name.
- 6.11. All Candidates whose name appears on the ballot are entitled to appoint scrutineers to observe the balloting process on their behalf.
 - 6.11.1. Campaigning on behalf of candidates by scrutineers in the voting area(s) is strictly prohibited and those found to be doing so will be removed immediately.
 - 6.11.2. If a scrutineer is removed from the voting area(s), the Elections Chair may allow the candidate a replacement.

6.12. VOTING

- 6.12.1. Delegates shall be required to wear their delegate badge, and provide the poll clerk with proof of identity as described in Appendix II Acceptable Identification
- 6.12.2. The poll clerk shall verify that the delegate is wearing a delegate badge and that the voter identification and the badge correspond with the voter name on the certified list of delegates. The poll clerk shall highlight the name of the delegate on the voting list and the delegate will sign and the poll clerk will hand the delegate the voting ballots, initialed by the poll clerk.
- 6.12.3. The Delegate shall vote for one (1) candidate for each position. The candidate with the most votes wins

7. COUNTING

- 7.1. Counting of the ballots shall take place immediately after the close of balloting. The Elections chair shall seal the ballot boxes and secure the counting area.
- 7.2. The possession and/or use of cellular telephones or other electronic communications devices during the tabulation process, by scrutineers, is strictly prohibited.
 - 7.2.1. The Elections Chair may order punitive action against any individual or campaign in contravention of this section.
- 7.3. Only those designated by the Elections Chair shall be permitted inside the count room during the counting process.
- 7.4. All Candidates whose name appears on the ballot shall be entitled to appoint scrutineers to observe the counting process on their behalf.

- 7.4.1. The Elections Chair reserves the right to deny entry to, or remove a scrutineer in contravention of this section, from the counting area (s) without replacement
- 7.5. Care shall be taken to ensure the results of the count are released to the delegates in a timely and professional manner. Care shall also be taken to ensure the results of the count remain confidential until the Elections Chair deems them to be otherwise.
- 7.6. Once the ballot boxes have been opened, the poll clerks or other officials authorized by the Elections Chair shall proceed to tally the ballots.
 - 7.6.1. A vote shall be considered any marked ballot wherein the voter's intent is clear. This shall include but shall not be limited to mark the ballot with an X or checkmark beside one candidate, filling in the box beside one candidate's name, circling the box or the candidates name or any other markings deemed admissible by the Elections Chair.
 - 7.6.2. Notwithstanding section 7.6.1, no ballot containing any identifying markings that compromise the secrecy of the ballot shall be deemed admissible.
 - 7.6.3. The decisions of the poll clerks and other authorized officials may be challenged by scrutineers on behalf of a candidate. An appeal may be made verbally to the Elections Chair. The decision of the Elections Chair is final and binding.
- 7.7. The Elections Chair shall tabulate the results of each election and shall provide the results for announcement to the Convention. The tabulation of the vote by the Elections Chair shall be final and binding.
- 7.8. In the event of a tie for any race, the decision shall be made via coin toss, in the presence of the Election Chair, the Candidates and Official Agents, and the legal councils of all parties.

Appendix I

Article 17 of the Constitution of the P.C. Party of Ontario

- 17.1 Despite paragraph 17.2, all delegate and alternate delegates to Special General and General meetings must be Party members in good standing.
- 17.2 Delegates to Special General and General meetings shall be the following:
- (a) From Recognized Riding Associations that have complied with Articles 4.2 and 8.4 within two (2) years prior to the meeting, sixteen (16) delegates and eight (8) alternate delegates elected by the membership of each recognized Riding Association. An alternate delegate may vote in place of a delegate upon the presentation of a properly endorsed delegate identification certificate or upon certification by the Riding Association President or Secretary. Whenever possible, the delegates and alternates shall be equally divided between men and women. Association meetings for the election of delegates and alternate delegates shall be held after notice has been given in writing to the membership of the Riding Association at least fifteen (15) days before the meeting.
 - (b) Five (5) delegates and five (5) alternate delegates, under the age of thirty (30) years, democratically elected by the membership of each recognized riding youth association pursuant to paragraph 4.5, or if no such recognized riding youth association exists in an Electoral District, by the membership of the recognized Riding Association in that Electoral District. An alternate delegate may vote in the place of a delegate upon the presentation of a properly endorsed delegate identification certificate or upon certification by the President or Secretary of the Association that elected the alternate delegate. Whenever possible the five delegates shall include two (2) men, two (2) women and the five (5) alternates include two (2) men and two (2) women. A riding youth association meeting for the election of delegates and alternate delegates shall be held after notice has been given in writing to the membership of the riding youth association at least fifteen (15) days before the meeting, and whenever possible, shall be held immediately prior to the delegate selection meeting of the recognized Riding Association in the same Electoral District.
 - (c) Five (5) delegates and five (5) alternate delegates, democratically elected by the membership of each recognized campus association. An alternate delegate may vote in place of a delegate upon the presentation of a properly endorsed delegate identification certificate or upon certification by the President or Secretary of the Association that elected the alternate delegate. Whenever possible the five delegates shall include two (2) men and (2) women and the five (5) alternates shall include two (2) men and two (2) women. A campus association meeting for the election of delegates and alternate delegates shall be held after notice has been given to the membership of the campus association at least fifteen (15) days before the meeting.
 - (d) The current and all former Leaders of the Party.
 - (e) All current and former members of Caucus.
 - (f) All Progressive Conservative candidates in the last provincial election in Ontario (or where applicable, in a by-election that occurred since the last provincial general election), provided that if a candidate has been nominated to contest the next provincial general election in an Electoral District not represented by a Progressive Conservative

member, such nominee shall be a delegate in place and stead of the candidate in the last provincial election.

- (g) All Conservative Party candidates in Ontario in the last federal election, provided that if a candidate has been nominated to contest the next federal election in an Electoral District not represented by a Conservative Party member, such nominee shall be a delegate in place and stead of the candidate in the last federal election.
- (h) Members of the Senate of Canada from Ontario representing the Conservative Party.
- (i) The Executive.
- (j) Ten (10) members of the executive of the recognized Women's Association.
- (k) Ten (10) members of the executive of the recognized Campus Association. (sic)
- (l) Ten (10) members of the executive of the recognized Youth Association.
- (m) Four (4) delegates from each recognized Party Club.
- (n) Fifteen (15) members of the PCOF Board of Directors.
- (o) The President of each recognized Riding Association.
- (p) Past Presidents of the Party.
- (q) Policy Advisory co-chairs.

17.3 No member of the Party may vote to select delegates to any general or special general meeting in more than one Recognized Association.

17.4 No member of the Party may be elected as a Delegate from more than one Recognized Association.

Appendix II

Proof of Identity

Each of the following is pre-approved as proof of name only. Provided the ID shows a photo of the member.

- Valid Ontario Drivers License
- Valid Ontario Photo Card
- Valid Passport of any country
- Permanent Residence Card
- Ontario Health Card
- Student ID from an Ontario High School, College or University

Proof of Address

Each of the following is pre-approved as proof of address only. The address must match the address on the voters list.

- Valid Ontario Drivers License
- Valid Ontario Photo Card
- A tax bill for the most recent tax year (2025)
- Report card from an Ontario High School, College or University, dated Spring 2024 or later.

Additional Proof of Address

Each of the following can be used as proof of address provided all of the four conditions are met:

1. Must be addressed to the member at the address on the voters list.
 2. Must be dated on or after December 15th, 2025.
 3. Must not contain any information negating the proof of address (eg. confirmation of address change).
 4. Must be an original paper copy.
- Utility bill (Hydro, Gas, Cable, Telephone, Cell phone)
 - Credit Card Bill
 - Bank Statement
 - Correspondence to the member, from a school, on the schools letterhead and signed on behalf of the school, with the postmarked envelope
 - Correspondence to the member, from a municipal, provincial or federal government, with the postmarked envelope.

NO:

- Picture of letters, emails, or bills on cell phones
- E-Bills or online bank statements.
- Printouts or photocopies of any of the above identification.
- Vouching is not permitted under any circumstance.

Appendix III

Regional Distribution of Ridings

Section 1: North West (5)

Kenora-Rainy River
Kiiwitenooog
Thunder Bay--Atikokan
Thunder Bay--Superior North
Algoma—Manitoulin
Sault Ste Marie

Section 2: North East (6)

Timmins
Timiskaming--Cochrane
Nickel Belt
Sudbury
Mushkegowuk--James Bay
Nipissing
Parry Sound--Muskoka

Section 3: Ottawa (10)

Ottawa Centre
Ottawa South
Ottawa--Vanier
Ottawa West--Nepean
Orleans
Nepean
Carleton
Kanata--Carleton
Glengarry--Prescott--Russell
Stormont--Dundas--South Glengarry

Section 4: Centre East (11)

Bay of Quinte
Lanark--Frontenac--Kingston
Kingston and the Islands
Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes
Hastings--Lennox and Addington
Renfrew--Nipissing--Pembroke
Haliburton--Kawartha Lakes--Brock
Peterborough--Kawartha
Northumberland--Peterborough South

Section 5: South West (17)

Essex
Windsor West
Windsor--Tecumseh
Sarnia--Lambton
Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
Chatham--Kent--Leamington
Elgin--Middlesex--London
London North Centre
London West
London--Fanshawe
Oxford
Haldimand--Norfolk
Kitchener Centre
Kitchener South--Hespeler
Kitchener--Conestoga
Cambridge
Waterloo

Section 6: South Central (16)

Brantford--Brant
Niagara West
Niagara Centre
Niagara Falls
St. Catharines
Hamilton Centre
Hamilton West--Ancaster--Dundas
Hamilton Mountain
Hamilton East--Stoney Creek
Flamborough--Glanbrook
Burlington
Oakville North--Burlington
Milton
Wellington--Halton Hills
Guelph

Section 7 Toronto (17)

Toronto Centre
Toronto--Danforth
Toronto--St. Pauls
University--Rosedale
Spadina--Fort York
Beaches--East York
Parkdale--High Park
York Centre
Humber River--Black Creek
York South--Weston
Willowdale
Eglinton--Lawrence
Don Valley East
Don Valley North
Don Valley West
Davenport

Section 8 GTA East (15)

Scarborough Centre
Scarborough North
Scarborough Southwest
Scarborough--Rouge Park
Scarborough--Agincourt
Scarborough--Guildwood
Markham--Thornhill
Markham--Unionville
Markham--Stouffville
Ajax
Pickering--Uxbridge
Whitby
Oshawa
Durham

Section 9: GTA West (15)

Vaughan--Woodbridge
Brampton North
Brampton South
Brampton Centre
Brampton East
Brampton West
Mississauga East--Cooksville
Mississauga--Erin Mills
Mississauga Lakeshore
Mississauga Centre
Mississauga--Streetsville
Mississauga--Malton
Etobicoke Centre
Etobicoke--Lakeshore
Etobicoke North
Oakville

Section 10: Centre West(12)

Barrie--Springwater--Oro--Medonte
Barrie--Innisfil
Newmarket--Aurora
York--Simcoe
King--Vaughan
Simcoe North
Simcoe--Grey
Aurora--Oak Ridges--Richmond Hill
Thornhill
Richmond Hill
Bruce--Grey--Owen Sound
Dufferin--Caledon
Perth--Wellington
Huron--Bruce

GUIDELINE

Neutrality of Officials

Officials Governed by this Guideline

1. If any member of the Party Executive is seeking re-election and he or she is also a member Convention Committee, as the case may be, and give up all duties in respect of said Committee, by no later than 48 hours after the Elections Chair receives the Candidate's paperwork.
2. Neither the Convention Co-Chairs, nor any member of the Convention Committee, nor a Regional Presiding Officer, nor any individual employed or retained as a consultant by the Office of the Leader, PC Caucus Services, the Party or the PC Ontario Fund shall be a candidate.
3. No member of the Convention Committee, nor a Regional Presiding Officer, nor any individual employed or retained as a consultant by the Office of the Leader, PC Caucus Services, or the PC Ontario Fund shall directly or indirectly lend any support or assistance in any manner to any candidate or person seeking to become a candidate.
4. A person referenced in this document as covered by this section shall not be a candidate.
5. Any person acting as an Official Observer shall be bound by these rules while attending a Delegate Selection Meeting. Any person acting as an Official Observer shall cease to act in that capacity upon becoming a candidate or upon becoming involved in a candidate's campaign.
6. In the case of a candidate for the position of Regional Vice President or Regional Representative on the PC Ontario Fund Board of Directors, such person may act as an Official Observer in a region other than the region in which the candidate is seeking office.
7. In the case of a Regional Presiding Officer, these rules shall apply only in respect of a candidate in the region for which he or she is the Regional Presiding Officer.

Limitations

1. A person referenced in this document as covered by this Section shall not directly or indirectly lend any support or assistance in any manner to any candidate or person seeking to become a candidate. Prohibited activities shall include, without limitation:
 - a. Verbal or written endorsements of a candidate;
 - b. Wearing any item (such as T-shirt, cap, button, etc) identifying a candidate; and
 - c. Nominating or seconding a candidate either on the nomination papers or at the Convention.
2. A member of the registration staff at the General Meeting shall not offer any endorsements of a candidate nor wear any item identifying a candidate while on duty at the registration desk.
3. This rule shall not restrict a committee member's right to seek and become a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the Convention.

Administration

1. Persons selected to be Chairs, registration staff or Regional Presiding Officers shall be advised, when selected or appointed, of the provisions of this section as they apply to the respective positions.
2. The Elections Chair is obliged by this document to ensure that all persons covered by this section shall read and confirm in writing to having read and be governed by the Guideline.
3. The Elections Chair, in consultation with the Convention Committee, is authorized to issue interpretations and make such rulings and orders as may be necessary to ensure a fair and democratic application of the rules and conduct of the process.

GUIDELINE 2

Candidate Rights and Obligations

Refer to paragraph 4.6 of the Rules.

PRIOR TO CONVENTION:

1. Lists

- a. Each nominated Candidate shall be entitled to:
 - i. Receive a copy of a riding directory;
 - ii. Periodically receive from the Elections Chair lists of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Convention, in such form and manner as the Elections Chair may determine; and
 - iii. Send his or her promotional literature in the Convention Committee's bulk mailing to delegates of record upon payment of an additional bulk mailing fee of \$400.

2. Bulk Mailings

- a. The bulk mailing referred to in paragraph 1 (iii) above will be a mailing sent to all Delegates and Alternate Delegates of record as of 11:59 pm Friday, January 9th, 2025.
- b. Each Candidate's literature may not exceed two (2) pages (which may be double-sided), each of which is not larger than 8 ½ inches by 11 inches.
- c. Each Candidate must ensure that the Convention Committee receives sufficient copies of his or her literature by noon on Monday January 5th, 2025 for the bulk mailing. The Convention Committee will not make extra copies.
- d. Literature from a Candidate for election to the office of Regional Vice President or for election as Regional Representative on the P.C. Ontario Fund Board of Directors shall only be mailed to Delegates and Alternate Delegates originating from that respective region.

AT THE CONVENTION:

1. Official Agent

- a. Each Candidate shall appoint an Official Agent and notify the Election Chair of his or her choice by 5:00 PM on Friday, October 31st, 2025.
- b. Such notification will include the address at which, or hotel and (when known) room number in which, the Official Agent will reside during the Convention, along with a telephone number and email address at which the Official Agent may be contacted or messages may be left.
- c. Exclusive Representation
 - i. The Elections Chair, Credentials Chair and Convention Committee will only accept communications, appeals or other representations from Candidates and their Official Agents. No other person will be allowed to deal with the Committees on behalf of a Candidate. Further, communications with the Official Agent shall be deemed to be a direct communication with his or her candidate.
- d. Meeting(s)

- i. The Elections Chair will hold at least one meeting of all Official Agents in order to conduct a draw for the order of speaking and to review balloting procedures. The times and locations of all meetings will be communicated to all Official Agents prior to or during the Convention.

2. Administration

- a. Upon a failure by a certified candidate to comply with the applicable rules, or any regulations or orders made hereunder, or any instrument provided or required to be provided hereby, the Elections Chair may, after making reasonable efforts to notify the candidate of failure to comply:
 - i. De-certify the candidate;
 - ii. Remove the candidate's name from the ballot; or
 - iii. Declare that the putative election of the candidate is void.
- b. Appeal of any action by the Elections Chair in connection with this paragraph may be made forthwith to a three-person panel made up of the Presiding Officer, the Credentials Chair, and a third person to be agreed between the Presiding Officer and the Credentials Chair. Any decision made by this panel under this section shall be final and not subject to further protest.

3. Candidates Promotional Materials

- a. Limitations of Use
 - i. In consultation with the management of the facility, the Convention Committee will agree on a list of areas of the Convention Centre in which promotional materials may be affixed or erected, if any. A list of designated areas will be made available to all certified candidates by the Elections Chair as soon as possible but in any event no later than 3:00 pm on Friday January 30th, 2026.
 - ii. Promotional materials may be affixed or erected only in those areas of the Convention Centre that are designated pursuant to this section. No promotional materials shall be affixed to stages, podiums or in areas designated as Convention Committee locations.
 - iii. In addition, there may be restrictions on food promotional materials (including cookies, fruit, candies and the like) by order of the Convention Centre management. A list of any prohibited items will also be made available to all certified Candidates by the Convention Committee as soon as possible but in any event no later than 3:00 pm on Friday, Friday January 30th, 2026.
- b. Commencement, Allocation & Method of Affixing
 - i. Promotional materials supporting Candidates may be affixed in the Convention Centre at a time to be determined by the Elections Chair on Friday, January 30th, 2026.
 - ii. Promotional materials that are not intended to be affixed to or erected on any structure may be distributed at any time, in a manner that is not disruptive of the proceedings of the convention.

- iii. Promotional materials may be attached only with such methods as shall be determined by the Elections Chair in consultation with the Convention Centre.
- iv. Information regarding such methods of affixing promotional materials shall be communicated to certified Candidates by the Elections Chair as soon as possible but in any event no later than 3:00 pm on Friday, January 30th, 2026.

c. Candidate's Responsibility

- i. Candidates are individually responsible for damage caused to the Convention Centre, the Convention Committee or the Party by their own promotional materials, howsoever erected or affixed;
- ii. Candidates should ensure that all materials are erected in accordance with this Guideline and any additional regulations set by the Convention Committee;
- iii. All promotional materials must be removed from the Convention Centre immediately following the elections and, in any event, not later than 1:00pm Sunday February 1st, 2026.
- iv. Where a Candidate's promotional material has been erected or affixed in a manner contrary to this Guideline, or in a manner that has caused or will cause damage to the property of the Convention Centre, the Convention Committee or the Party, the Elections Chair may require the Candidate to pay all costs of remedying such damage or infraction. For greater clarity, each Candidate agrees to indemnify and hold the Party and/or the Convention Committee harmless from any claims, damages or fines imposed by the Convention Centre arising from a breach of this Guideline.

4. Appeals

- a. The decision of the Elections Chair in respect of any such order shall be final and not subject to further protest.

5. Speeches

- a. Prior to the opening of the polls, each Candidate will be allowed time for his or her speech or other presentation to Convention participants, speeches by the nominator, seconders and/or other supporters, demonstrations of support, or any other use determined by the Candidate. The use of this time lies solely within each Candidate's discretion. Speeches by nominators and seconders are not mandatory.
- b. A Candidate's allotted time shall begin to run from the moment his or her name is announced, regardless of when the speech or demonstration begins. Once the Candidate's time has expired, the microphone and power to any sound system or other equipment used by the Candidate will be turned off, the Candidate and any supporters shall leave the podium, and participants in any demonstration will return to their seats.
- c. Each Candidate for the office of President shall be allowed a total time of fifteen (15) minutes.
- d. Each Candidate in a contested nomination for the office of Vice President, Regional Vice President or for the position of Regional Representative to P.C. Ontario Fund Board of Directors shall be allowed a total time of five (5) minutes.

- e. Speeches by candidates in a contested nomination for the office of Regional Vice President or for the position of Regional Representative to the P.C. Ontario Fund Board of Directors will be made to delegates originating from each respective region and not to the entire Convention, at a time and at locations determined by the Convention Committee.

6. Scrutineers

- a. Each Candidate will be allowed to appoint, in writing, one scrutineer per voting line for the office to which such Candidate is seeking election. These scrutineers will be allowed to observe the balloting process provided that they do not obstruct, interfere with, or negatively affect the process in any way.
- b. From among the voting line scrutineers, each Candidate will be allowed to appoint, in writing, one scrutineer per ballot box for the office for which such Candidate is seeking election.
- c. Each scrutineer must sign an agreement, in the form and manner prescribed by the Elections Committee, by which he or she undertakes to adhere fully to these rules and any regulations hereunder, to comply with the orders of the Elections Chair, and to accept such restrictions on his or her communication and movement as are necessary to ensure the integrity of the tabulation process.
 - i. Any scrutineer who does not sign such agreement will be denied access to the tabulation of results.
- d. Each scrutineer will be allowed only one opportunity to challenge each ballot for the office to which the scrutineer's Candidate is seeking election.

7. Candidates Hospitality Suites

- a. A Candidate or any other person acting on behalf of or in support of a Candidate shall not knowingly or carelessly offer or make available alcoholic beverages to any person under the age of 19 years.
- b. A Candidate or any other person acting on behalf of or in support of a Candidate shall not operate a hospitality suite in which alcoholic beverages are made available unless non-alcoholic beverages (other than tap water) are also made available, without cost, at all times that the suite is in operation.
- c. A Candidate or any other person acting on behalf of or in support of a Candidate shall not operate a hospitality suite during an official function of the Convention.
- d. A Candidate or any other person acting on behalf of or in support of a Candidate shall comply with an order made by the Elections Chair.
- e. A Candidate or any other person acting on behalf of or in support of a Candidate shall not deny access to a hospitality suite to the Elections Chair or any person empowered by him or her to inquire into compliance with this Guideline.

- f. All hospitality suites shall comply with all applicable laws of the Province of Ontario, the federal laws of Canada and all applicable by-laws of the City of Toronto, and shall be subject to the regulations of the hotel or other building in which they are located.
- g. Candidates are responsible for any and all damages arising out of hospitality suites they operate and this shall be acknowledged in the Agreement to Comply. For greater clarity, each Candidate agrees to indemnify and hold the Party and/or the Convention Committee harmless from any claims, damages or fines imposed by any third party arising from a breach of this Guideline.

8. Orders

- a. Any fines shall be deducted from a Candidate's security deposit. Once the security deposit has been exhausted, any fine(s) must be paid, in cash or by certified cheque, prior to the opening of the regular poll. If any fine remains outstanding at the opening of the regular poll, the Candidate shall be de-certified and his or her name removed from the ballot.
- b. Following any and each contravention of any of the rules contained in this Guideline by a Candidate or any other person acting on behalf of or in support of a Candidate, the Elections Chair may order the Candidate to do any or all of the following to comply with this Guideline:
 - i. To pay a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$1,000.00;
 - ii. Cease operation of a hospitality suite;
 - iii. Cease any action that is in contravention of this guideline;
 - iv. De-certify the Candidate.
- c. Orders made pursuant to this section shall be in writing and contain a brief statement of the nature of the infraction. The Elections Chair may prescribe forms for this purpose.
- d. In the event that a candidate fails to comply with orders from the Elections Chair, fails to pay fines prescribed by the Election Chair, or fails to pay for damages caused by the candidate or their campaigns, the Elections Chair may issue any or all of the following orders:
 - i. Fines, no less than \$100.00
 - ii. De-certification of the candidate;
 - iii. Removal of the candidate's name from the ballot; or
 - iv. Declare that the putative election of the candidate is void.



Rules of Conduct at Ontario PC Party Meetings

Any active member of the PC Party of Ontario may attend any Nomination Meeting held by a Constituency association. No member is allowed to interfere with the process of the meeting. If a member believes that a party member, staff or volunteer is acting inappropriately, then they can file a complaint with the Meeting Chair or their designate, in writing, and request a ruling on said matter.

All Members must:

- 1) Register when they arrive at the meeting.
- 2) All members must treat staff in a courteous and polite manner.
- 3) All members must treat all other attendees with respect.
- 4) Members must refrain from using any foul language, threats, intimidation tactics or accuse staff or volunteers of malfeasance.
- 5) Failure to comply with the Rules of Conduct, will result in a warning from the Chair. If the Chair levels 3 warnings to the same individual, that individual will be removed from the meeting by the Chair.
- 6) If a member is removed by the Chair, the Chair will immediately inform the Credentials Chair or their designate of the removal.
- 7) If a member is removed from a meeting by the Chair, then said member will be barred from attending any further PC Party of Ontario meetings for the period of one (1) year.