



Rules for the County Caucus Montezuma County March 2026

Inclusion: The Colorado Democratic Party and the participants in this caucus are required to take steps to encourage participation in the delegate and candidate selection process of the Democratic Party at all levels – by young people, women, minority groups, and people of all abilities. Inclusion should occur in reasonable relationship to any given groups' presence in the full population. This goal shall not be accomplished, either directly or indirectly, by imposition of mandatory quotas.

Who May Participate: A person may vote at the precinct caucus, be elected a delegate from the caucus and/or be elected as a precinct Organizer if they have been:

Qualifications for Participation in Caucuses.

1. In order to vote at any precinct caucus of a political party,
 - a. The elector shall be a resident of the precinct for twenty-two days,
 - b. Shall have registered or pre-registered to vote no later than twenty-two days before the caucus, assembly, and
 - c. shall be affiliated with the Democratic Party holding the caucus for at least twenty-two days as shown in the statewide voter registration system;
 - d. except that any registered elector who has attained the age of eighteen years or who has become a naturalized citizen during the twenty-two days immediately preceding the meeting may vote at any caucus or convention even though the elector has been affiliated with the political party for less than twenty-two days.
2. **The Democratic Party of Colorado allows a pre-registrant**, 16 years of age or older, to vote at any Democratic Party caucus if the pre-registrant has been a resident of the precinct for twenty-two days before the caucus and has been affiliated with the Democratic Party for at least twenty-two days as shown in the statewide voter registration system, except that a pre-registrant who pre-registered within the twenty-two days immediately preceding the meeting may vote at any caucus even though the pre-registrant has been affiliated with the Democratic Party for less than twenty-two days.
3. **An elector who moves from the precinct** where registered during the twenty-one days prior to any caucus may participate in and vote at the caucus in the precinct of the elector's former residence but shall not be eligible for election as a delegate or for nomination as a precinct Organizer (hereinafter referred to as precinct organizer) in the former precinct. C.R.S. 1-3-101 (1), C.R.S. 1-3-101 (2)
4. **Additional Rules:** Participants in the caucus may adopt additional rules, provided they do not conflict with either state, county or national party rules, state election laws or other instructions to the caucus chair.

5. **Disputes:** Any person desiring to dispute any matter concerning the caucus must file a written protest with the County Chairperson within 7 days of the caucus. Otherwise, the certification of the caucus results will be final.
6. **Secret Ballot:** All Democratic meetings are open; a secret ballot is permitted in precinct caucus, if requested.
7. **Proxies:** No proxy voting shall be permitted at the caucus. One must be present to vote in the caucuses. If an individual is unable to attend their individual caucus, they may submit a request to the caucus to be considered for a delegate slot. The decision to approve the request rests with the individuals attending the precinct caucus.
8. **Late Arriving/Early Leaving:** A person must be present to participate. Those arriving late or leaving early may only take part in caucus business occurring while they are present.
9. **Open Voting:** No delegate shall be instructed to vote for or against any candidate or measure.
10. **Election Procedure:** Persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected as delegates and as committee people. No delegate may be added to the list of elected delegates after the close of the caucus. Unfilled slots are considered "lost".
11. **Ties:** If two or more candidates for delegate receive an equal number of votes, the winner is to be determined by lot (coin toss or drawing straws). If two or more candidates for the position of Organizer receive an equal number of votes, the winners shall be determined by lot of such candidates.
12. **Delegate Selection:** Delegates to all party assemblies and conventions are to be chosen in a manner that fairly reflects the division of candidate preference, expressed by those participating in the nominating process, including those expressed by minority and divergent views. Equal division between men and women is to be achieved, if possible.
13. **Threshold:** There are no official candidate preference polls taken at Caucus. Preference polls will be taken at the County Assembly.
14. **If this virtual meeting ends unexpectedly** the meeting will be considered to be in recess and any required voting will be conducted via an electronic ballot emailed to all credentialed caucus attendees due by MARCH 7TH AT 8 PM.