

Standing Rules of
THE JACKSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
Central Committee

Standing Rule 1 – Regarding Meeting Decorum

Adopted September 27, 2018

The Stated Purpose of the JCDP is to:

- Elect Democratic candidates and pass measures that promote the interests of the Democratic Party within Jackson County, the State of Oregon and the United States.
- Register people as Democrats.
- Adopt a Jackson County Democratic Platform.
- Organize Democrats in Jackson County.
- Represent Jackson County in the Democratic Party of Oregon (DPO) State Central Committee (SCC), the DPO Congressional District 2 (CD2) Committee and DPO Caucuses.

In order to achieve the Stated Purpose of the JCDP, it is important that meetings be conducted in a manner conducive to achieving said purpose. Among the norms expected to be honored by all members are the following, adapted from Robert’s Rules of Order:

Confining Remarks to the Merits of the Pending Question: All discussion should directly pertain and be germane to the question immediately being considered by the assembly and directly address whether the question should be adopted. Additionally, a member is not ordinarily allowed to speak more than twice on a question and may only speak for a second time on the question after others have been given the opportunity to speak for the first time.

Refraining from Attacking a Member’s Motives: Be respectful of differing opinions and remember that the discussion is always about the measure, never the member.

Addressing All Remarks Through the Chair: To maintain respect, do not address another member directly. If a member has a question for a member, rise and ask the chair for permission to ask the member a question. Additionally, do not interrupt one another and do not speak unless directly recognized to do so by the Chair.

Avoiding the Use of Members’ Names: To maintain respect, refrain from directly calling out another member; it is better to describe a member such as by saying “the member who spoke last” or “the PCP from precinct 1.” Officers should always be referred to using their official titles.

Refraining from Speaking Adversely on a Prior Action Not Pending: Once a question has been properly addressed, it is inappropriate to adversely refer back to that question in other debate, unless there is a motion pending to in some way reconsider that question or the member is going to make a motion to that effect at the end of their remarks.

JACKSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY STANDING RULES

Refraining from Speaking Against One's Own Motion: The proper way to inform the assembly a member no longer supports their motion is by requesting permission to withdraw it. While a member may certainly vote against their own motion, they may not speak against it.

Reading from Reports, Quotations, Etc., Only Without Objection or with Permission: While members are usually permitted to read from short, pertinent, written material during discussion, it may only be done with the consent of the assembly and that privilege should not be abused.

Being Seated During an Interruption by the Chair: When the Chair interrupts the proceedings of the assembly, any member who is speaking should cease immediately and, if they are near their seat, sit down or, if speaking from a microphone, step back from the microphone.

Refraining from Disturbing the Assembly: Be courteous of others in the assembly and refrain from whispering or talking with others, walking in front of the assembly, or doing anything else that might disturb others while the Chair or another member is speaking, or while others are voting.

If at any point a member feels proper decorum is not being followed, they should feel free to rise and address a point of order to the Chair.

The following rules are also to be followed:

1. The parliamentarian shall give a brief overview of proper parliamentary procedure at the beginning of each meeting.
2. There shall be a prescribed time limit for each agenda item in the agenda. If no time limit is prescribed, the agenda item shall not exceed 20 minutes. If there is new business brought up at the meeting, each new business item shall not exceed 10 minutes. To extend these limits, the motion must specify how much additional time is to be given.
3. Unless otherwise prescribed by the agenda or by the Chair per the Bylaws, no person may speak for more than 2 minutes at a time.
4. During debate, there shall be a queue for those wishing to speak in favor of the question, opposition to the question, and those who wish to make a motion.
5. Debate shall automatically end when there are no more members wishing to speak for one side of a question, provided that both sides have been given the opportunity to have the same number of speakers.
6. Unless otherwise specified in the agenda, meetings shall not exceed two hours in duration. To extend the duration of a meeting, the motion must specify how much additional time is to be given.

A motion to suspend any of these rules requires a 2/3rds vote and is undebatable.

JACKSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY STANDING RULES
