

Election Guidelines

The following are guidelines in regard to your school nominating a candidate for a North Dakota Association of Student Council office:

A. The state constitution indicates that you must be an underclassman and an official delegate to be eligible as a candidate. No school may nominate more than one candidate.

B. Speeches will be given on Sunday evening, and the primary election will be held Monday morning. The top two candidates for each office will give a speech at the general session on Monday night. They will oppose each other in the final election Monday evening after the general session.

C. Speeches on Sunday evening will **not exceed three minutes** (this includes skits, introductions and entrances). Speeches should address the **reasons why a candidate wishes to serve as a state officer, should be serious in nature, and shall be reviewed by the candidate's advisor.** The candidates should be available for questions and comments during the Sunday evening activities.

D. Campaign materials will be provided by the candidate. We are concerned about wasting paper and the environment; therefore, we have the following guidelines for campaign materials.

1. The candidates will be allowed **one poster up to 6' by 6'** and it must be hung in the courtyard. **All campaign materials will be limited to the courtyard.** Any material found in hallways, or the ballroom area will be removed. **You must have a cleanup committee to clean courtyard after speeches Sunday evening. The only materials that will be allowed in the courtyard after the speeches will be the 6 by 6 poster.**

2. The candidates will be allowed **100 sheets of 8 1/2 by 11 paper** to be handed out to voting delegates in the courtyard.

3. The candidates will have an eight-foot table in the courtyard that they may decorate, and hand out campaign material. Please do not hand out any other paper products. The cost of buttons, pencils, etc. will be limited to \$200.00. **It does not matter if it is purchased or donated the value should not exceed \$200.00.**

4. The candidates will be allowed to select their table and location in the courtyard at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday afternoon. Please do not hang your single poster before 1:00 P.M. **From 3:30 p. m. to 4:00 p. m. candidates must clean their campaign area.**

E. The candidate's advisor will be responsible to monitor the entire election process.

F. The candidates will not be allowed to throw candy or any other objects during, before or after their speech. **No food, beverages or candy allowed during the campaign.**

G. Boys dressing like girls are not allowed during the campaign skits. (no cross dressing allowed)

H. If a candidate uses a DVD it can only be one minute and 30 seconds. The remaining time should be a live presentation. NDASC will provide a computer and video projector.

I. Sound systems are not allowed. The state officers will provide music for the courtyard area.