

# Proposed Rules

## **Rules for the 2026 National Council of Catholic Women Convention Grand Rapids, Michigan**

1. An individual desiring to speak shall use the microphone, which shall be available on the floor; take a place in line; and upon being recognized, state name, affiliation, and its location (i.e., diocese and province).
2. Only members of the voting body may introduce motions, and these must be presented in writing to the Secretary at the time the motion is presented.
3. Voice, but no vote, shall be granted to the non-voting members and Spiritual Advisors. When time is of the essence, voting delegates shall be allowed to speak prior to nonvoting members.
4. No person shall speak more than once on the same issue on the same day, or longer than two (2) minutes, without the permission of the convention granted by a two-thirds vote without debate.
5. Each voting delegate shall exhibit a voting card when voting on motions at the business meetings (provided this is requested by the chair).
6. According to the NCCW Bylaws Article XI Resolutions (Sections 2,3, and 4), the only resolutions to be presented, discussed, and voted upon at the business meeting are:
  - those submitted to the NCCW office by the deadline, considered by the Resolutions Committee, and approved by the NCCW Board of Directors;
  - emergency resolutions submitted by the Board of Directors no later than the day before the opening date of the convention. A copy of all proposed emergency resolutions shall be distributed to delegates at the convention at least 24 hours prior to consideration of said resolution;
  - rejected resolutions, if they receive a two-thirds (2/3) vote (without debate) of the voting members when a request to consider them is made.
7. Minutes of this convention shall be approved by a committee of three (3) appointed by the President.

*Approved by the EC 4-9-2026. Approved by the Board of Directors \_\_\_\_\_.*