

Supplementary Rules Governing the 2020 Liberal Party of NL Leadership Convention

As of March 23, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. (NST), the 2020 LPNL Leadership Election and Leadership Convention have been suspended indefinitely due to the public health emergency related to COVID-19 in our province, Canada, and the world.

These Supplementary Rules Governing the 2020 Liberal Party of NL Leadership Convention (the “Supplementary Rules”) have been prepared and duly adopted by the Newfoundland and Labrador Liberal Leadership Election Committee (“NLEC”), as well as the Executive Board and Executive Committee of the LPNL. The Supplementary Rules shall govern all matters related to the suspension of the Leadership Election and the process which governs the eventual resumption of same.

1. The 2020 LPNL Leadership Election shall be suspended indefinitely effective as of 12:00 p.m. (NST) on March 23, 2020 (the “Suspension”).
2. At the time of the Suspension, all campaigning activities of the Leadership Candidates shall cease immediately, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Leadership Candidates will be prohibited from campaign-related media commentary until such time as the Leadership Election resumes, with the exception that each Candidate may comment on the LPNL’s decision in respect of the Suspension;
 - b. campaign websites and social media sites shall be made inactive, and personal websites/social media accounts shall remove all references to the Leadership Election, the Leadership Candidate’s campaign, voting, and/or donations;
 - c. no Leadership Candidate shall accept donations during the Suspension; and
 - d. no Leadership Candidate can incur any expenses in relation to the Leadership Election, with the possible exception of existing contractual obligations such as rent, phone bills, insurance to maintain campaign infrastructure, etc. For further certainty, at such time that the Leadership Election resumes, all Leadership Candidates must submit to the NLEC or its designate an accounting of all expenditures which took place during the Suspension.
3. All Member and Supporter sign-ups/voter registrations shall cease immediately as of the time of the Suspension. Leadership Candidates and their campaigns may continue to access NLLiberalist for the purposes of data-entry until Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. (NST).

4. All Leadership Candidates and their campaigns will be prohibited from accessing NLLiberalist after March 25, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. (NST) until such time as the Leadership Election resumes.
5. The third instalment of the nomination fee, being a payment of \$5,000.00, originally scheduled for April 3, 2020, shall be deferred until the Leadership Election resumes. Following resumption, the third instalment shall be paid by not later than the day immediately preceding the day upon which the Member/Supporter sign-up period is to come to a close.
6. The NLEC shall meet on May 1, 2020 to review the Suspension and to determine whether it will recommend to the Executive Board and Executive Committee of the LPNL to resume the Leadership Election. The decision to resume the Leadership Election or continue with the Suspension shall be based on the below factors:
 - a. whether the Newfoundland and Labrador Minister of Health and Community Services, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, have continued to invoke the Public Health State of Emergency under the *Public Health Protection and Promotion Act*; and
 - b. whether there exists any other extraordinary public health measures, inclusive of a province-wide State of Emergency, in effect.

In the event that the NLEC, Executive Board and/or Executive Committee of the LPNL do not believe it is appropriate to resume the Leadership Election on May 1, 2020, the NLEC shall meet at a future time(s), at its sole discretion, for the purpose of reviewing the Suspension.

7. At such time that the Executive Board and Executive Committee of the LPNL determine that it is appropriate to resume the Leadership Election, the LPNL shall provide each Leadership Candidate with seven (7) days' notice of the resumption of the Leadership Election.
8. Upon the resumption of the Leadership Election, the voter registration/sign-up period for Members and Supporters shall resume and be open for twenty-one (21) days. This period shall supersede the voter registration/sign-up period for Members and Supporters within the Rules Governing the 2020 Liberal Party of NL Leadership Convention.
9. At such time that the Leadership Election resumes, the NLEC, in conjunction with the Executive Board and Executive Committee, shall endeavour to amend the Rules Governing the 2020 Liberal Party of NL Leadership Convention to set new dates for the timelines therein.

10. Should any Leadership Candidate breach these Supplementary Rules, the NLEC and/or its designate, may discipline the Leadership Candidate in question. The penalty for any contravention of these Supplementary Rules may take the form of a written reprimand, monetary fine, disqualification, and/or any other form suitable to the NLEC, and any disciplinary decision shall be in the NLEC's sole and unfettered discretion.
11. The NLEC reserves the right to clarify any matter described herein and shall do so at its sole discretion.
12. These Supplementary Rules shall be interpreted and applied in a manner which is fair and equitable to all Leadership Candidates, having regard to all the circumstances, and in the best interests of the LPNL.