

## Delaware Democratic Party Summary of the 2008 Delegate Selection Plan

- Delaware receives a total of 23 delegates and 4 alternates
- Subdivision-level delegates and alternates
  - Delaware is allotted 10 subdivision-level delegates and 3 subdivision-level alternates
  - Subdivision-level delegates and alternates are apportioned among the 4 subdivisions based on a formula giving equal weight to total population and to the average vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2000 and 2004 presidential elections
    - City of Wilmington – 2 delegates
    - New Castle County – 4 delegates, 1 alternate
    - Kent County – 2 delegates, 1 alternate
    - Sussex County - 2 delegates, 1 alternate
      - Delegates and alternates will be equally divided between men and women.
  - Any person who has registered to vote as a Democrat by December 1, 2007 can become a delegate to the 2008 Democratic National Convention by applying with the Delaware Democratic Party.
  - Delegate/alternate candidate forms will be available at Party HQ on January 7, 2008. Individuals must return his/her delegate/alternate form to the Delaware Democratic Party Headquarters by 5:00 PM EST on January 31, 2008, in order to be eligible to participate in the representative district caucuses.
- Selection of Subdivision-level delegates and alternates
  - Each of the 41 Representative Districts will hold a caucus to elect representative-district level delegates that will go onto to the state convention.
  - Each representative district will hold its caucus between February 8, 2008 and February 29, 2008.
  - The respective representative district chair will officiate the caucus. The Wilmington Democratic City Committee Chairperson will appoint a Chairperson to convene, and officiate over the delegate selection process for its respective Representative Districts 1 through 4.
  - The location and time of each representative district caucus must be given to the Delaware Democratic Party by January 3, 2008.
  - Each representative district chair will be provided with a list of all registered Democrats in their district.
  - Representative districts chairs must verify that all participants are registered Democrats and have signed a pledge of support for a Presidential candidate or for unaffiliated status.
  - Each representative district will elect 4 delegates to the state convention. In addition, 2 alternates will be elected in the event that a delegate cannot attend the state convention.

- Once elected to the state convention, a delegate/alternate candidate must sign a pledge of support for a presidential candidate or uncommitted status as well as a national convention delegate/alternate application by March 5, 2008. If a delegate/alternate fails to do this, they cannot be elected as a delegate or alternate to the national convention.
- The presidential preference listed on the state convention and national convention delegate/alternate candidacy forms must be identical for that person's application to be valid.
- At the conclusion of the representative district caucus, the representative district chair must submit the name, address, phone number and pledge of support for each of the delegates and alternates elected by March 5, 2008.
- At the state convention, only those delegates selected at the representative district level will be eligible to participate.
- At the state convention, the four subdivisions will caucus to elect subdivision-level delegates and alternates.
- Each subdivision caucus will be comprised of the representative district delegates.
- Subdivision Chairs are automatic delegates to the state convention and will serve as Chair of the subdivision caucus.
- State Convention
  - The Delaware Democratic Party's state convention will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2008 in Dover.
- Unpledged Delegates
  - Unpledged delegates consist of the following:
    - 4 Democratic National Committee Members
      - State Chair – John Daniello
      - Female Vice Chair – Harriet Smith Windsor
      - National Committeeman – Rhett Ruggerio
      - National Committeewoman – Karen Valentine
    - 2 U.S. Senators
      - U.S. Senator Joe Biden
      - U.S. Senator Tom Carper
    - 1 Governor
      - Governor Ruth Ann Minner
- Unpledged Add-on Delegate
  - Delaware is allotted 1 unpledged add-on delegate.
  - The unpledged add-on delegate is elected at the state convention after the selection of subdivision-level delegates and alternates.
  - The unpledged add-on delegate is elected by a quorum of subdivision-level delegates.
  - No form of candidacy has to be filed.
- Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates (PLEO)
  - Delaware is allotted 2 pledged party leader and elected official delegates.
  - Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged party leader and elected official delegate positions according to the following priority:

- Big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration)
    - State legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders.
  - An individual must file a statement of candidacy by March 5, 2008 at 5:00PM EST.
  - PLEOs will be elected at the state convention by a quorum of subdivision level delegates.
  - The Delaware Democratic Party will provide ballots with those candidates within each category.
  - Each category of pledged party leaders will be considered sequentially, beginning with statewide elected officials and big-city mayors.
  - Each voting delegate in the presidential preference caucus may vote for a number of candidates, which does not exceed the number of PLEO positions remaining to be filled by the caucus. A majority vote is required
  - PLEOs are selected by a quorum of subdivision-level delegates.
- At-Large Delegates and Alternates
  - Delaware is allotted 3 at-large delegates and 1 at-large alternate.
  - Individual must file a state of candidacy by March 5, 2008.
  - Presidential candidate must receive at least 15% of the vote in order to be considered for an at-large delegate or alternate.
  - At-large delegates are elected after the unpledged delegates, and pledged party leaders and elected official delegates.
  - At-large delegates and alternates are selected by a quorum of subdivision-level delegates.
  - Priority is given to those groups named in the affirmative action section of the Delegate Selection Plan.
- Standing Committees
  - Delaware is allotted 1 member on three standing committees.
  - Permanent standing committee members will be selected at the state convention.
- Delegation Chair
  - Selected at state convention
- Convention Pages
  - Delaware is allotted 2 convention pages
  - Selected at the state convention by the State Chair and National Committee Members.