

RULES OF THE 2008 DEMOCRATIC STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

General:

Language: English is the official language of the Committee. If another language is used, an accurate English translation must be provided.

Agenda: As the Committee will be considering a wide scope of issues related to the campaign at any given time, a formal agenda will not be set. The Chair may limit debate to a given issue at his discretion.

Debate structure: The Committee will be run in moderated caucus and will not initially make use of a speakers' list. If, in the opinion of the chair, such a list becomes necessary, it will be implemented.

Debate:

Speaking Time: The default speaking time is one minute, however speaking times are at the discretion of the Chair. He will, however, consider the wishes of the Committee if they wish to change the default.

Speeches: No member may address the committee without first having been recognized by the Chair.

Yields: If a speaker's time has not expired he/she may:

A. **Yield to Points:** Points of inquiry directed towards the speaker will be entertained at the discretion of the chair. Only the time used answering these points is deducted from the speaker's speaking time. The yield expires when the advisor's speaking time expires.

B. **Yield to the Chair:** The remainder of the advisor's speaking time is absorbed by the chair. No Points are in order.

Motion for an Unmoderated Caucus: An advisor may motion for an unmoderated caucus of a specified duration for the purpose of discussing a specific topic. If this motion is entertained by the Chair, a procedural vote follows. A simple majority of the advisors present is required for the Motion to pass.

Written Work:

Press Releases

Prior to selection of a Democratic Presidential Nominee:

Any member of the committee is welcome to utilize his contacts in the media to make his opinions known to the populace. Press releases from the candidates themselves however must be written by the candidate's campaign managers.

After the Nominee has been selected:

After the selection of a nominee, press releases from the candidates themselves must be passed by a majority of the committee

Directives:

Prior to selection of a Democratic Presidential Nominee:

Directives from the committee must be introduced and passed through simple majority vote. Any member of the committee may write a directive. Directives concerning the actions of the candidate will be considered binding only if it has been written by that candidate's campaign manager. Directives with the intention of influencing a specific candidate passed prior to the selection of the nominee will be considered to be a suggestion and will not be considered binding.

After the Nominee has been selected:

After the selection of a nominee all directives must be passed by a simple majority of the committee. After the selection of a nominee, directives passed by a majority of the committee will be considered binding.

Polling Data:

Any member of the committee may request polling data pertaining to the questions, demographics, candidates of their choice. Polling data will be distributed throughout the committee periodically.

Congressional Action:

Members of the committee that are also members Congress should be aware of the legislative avenues available to them. These include congressional hearings.