

2026 National Philoptochos Convention

June 29 – July 2, 2026

Cleveland, Ohio



GENERAL INFORMATION and 2026 CONVENTION STANDING RULES

The Ladies National Philoptochos Society and the Metropolis of Pittsburgh welcome you to the Philoptochos Conference being held in Cleveland, Ohio. Join us in faith, fellowship, and service as we rise, build, and continue the vital work of Philoptochos in the world.

This year's convention will be more than a gathering. It will be a time to conduct the important work of our organization, strengthen our sisterhood, and renew our commitment to the sacred mission of Philoptochos. In Cleveland, members from across the country will come together to share ideas, build connections, and grow in purpose.

2026 Convention Standing Rules

1. Registration

All members must register before they can participate in the Convention and before they can vote. Observers must also register in order to be admitted. Observers will receive all the same materials and hear all the sessions as the Delegates; however, they will not be able to vote and registered delegates will have priority to speak before the delegation.

2. Rules Relating to the Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee shall report the number of delegates and observers registered as present directly following the Opening Ceremonies of the first Business Meeting. The Credentials Committee shall make a supplementary report after the opening exercises of each business session.

3. Delegate Responsibility

- a. All voting members must register before assuming their status as delegates.
- b. A delegate should remain for the entire period of the convention and should be present at all business meetings. In the event that it becomes impossible for the delegate to remain, she should report to the Registration Chair.
- c. A delegate shall be in her seat five minutes before the commencement of each session.

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4. **Resolutions**

- a. The Resolutions Committees shall submit Resolutions to the Convention.
- b. Since the resolutions have been distributed both electronically and via paper, per Robert's Rule of Order Newly Revised (12th Edition) 4:5, reading of the resolutions is waived.
- c. A two-thirds vote of the delegates present at a business meeting of the National Philoptochos Biennial Convention, (Bylaw VI:4:1) is required to adopt a Legislative Resolution (one that changes the Bylaws).
- d. All other resolutions require majority vote of the delegates present at the business meeting.
- e. Time Limits:
 - The resolution's presenter will have a one-minute period in which to move adoption of the resolution and to speak in support of the resolution.
 - All speakers will have a maximum of one (1) minute in support of or opposition to the resolution.
 - After introduction of the resolution, the chair will call first on a delegate speaking in opposition.
 - The chair will recognize speakers alternating in support and opposition.
 - No delegate may speak more than twice on the same resolution.
- f. Speakers must identify themselves by Name, Metropolis and Chapter, to be recognized by the chair before speaking.
- g. No resolution shall be considered without a motion for its adoption having been made by the proponent and seconded.
- h. The session for considering resolutions will end with the disposition of the Resolution(s) being considered at 4:30 pm EDT on Wednesday, July 1, 2026.
- i. Any resolution not considered by the close of the Resolution Session will revert to its source entity and may be resubmitted at the 2028 Biennial Convention, if they choose.

5. **Voting**

Each delegate shall be free to vote according to her best judgment on any questions presented at the Convention but is encouraged to seek guidance from her Metropolis President.

6. **Minutes**

The minutes of this Convention shall be prepared and approved the following day by the General Assembly. The three Convention delegates appointed by the National President shall approve the minutes of the final day.

7. **Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Convention in all cases to which they are applicable and not inconsistent with the Bylaws (2024) and Procedural Manual (2025) or the 2026 General Convention Standing Rules.



Procedure for Addressing a Main Motion

1. Obtaining and Assigning the Floor

- a. The member will raise her hand when she wishes to speak and will be recognized by the Convention or Session Chair as applicable.
- b. The member will give her Name, Metropolis, Chapter and registration status.

2. How a Main Motion is Brought Before the Assembly

- a. A registered delegate makes the motion, “I move that...” or “I move to...”.
- b. Another registered delegate seconds the motion: “I second the motion,” or “I second it,” or “Second”.
- c. The Chair/Presiding Officer states the question on the motion: “It is moved and seconded that (or to)...Is there any discussion?”
- d. Are you ready for the question?

3. Consideration of the Motion

a. Members may debate the motion

1. Before speaking in a debate, a registered delegate obtains the floor as described above.
2. Debate must be confined to the merits of the motion.
3. Debate can be closed only by order of the assembly (2/3 vote) or time limitations as previously set forth.

b. The Chair/Presiding Officer puts the motion to vote

1. The Chair/Presiding Officer inquires; “Are you ready for the question?” If no one rises to claim the floor, the Chair/Presiding Officer proceeds to put the question.
2. The Chair/Presiding Officer states:
 - “The question is on the adoption of the motion that (or “to”) ...All in favor say **Yes or hold up Green Voting Card as directed** OR any opposed say **No or hold up Red Voting Card as directed**.
3. Voting may also be conducted electronically as directed by the chair.