

FEBRUARY 3RD, 2020: THE FIRST-IN-THE-NATION

IOWA CAUCUSES

The Iowa Democratic Party is instituting the most historic changes to the caucus process since its creation in 1972. These changes include opportunities for people to participate at satellite caucus sites, streamlined realignments, and new recount procedures.

Democrats have always been about welcoming new people into our political discourse, and these changes will do just that. The innovative solutions will ensure the 2020 caucuses are a success, and they will continue to be a beacon of the presidential nominating process for years to come.

The changes lie at the essence of what our party is all about — participating in the Democratic process. Having a say in who leads our country. And ensuring that caucusing is easy and accessible.

Satellite Caucus

Keeping with the IDP's goal of expanding access to the nominating process, the IDP is expanding the satellite caucus program to give Iowa Democrats the opportunity to caucus during extended hours at a location other than their assigned precinct on February 3, 2020. This change builds on the 2016 satellite caucus structure, and will increase overall turnout, and expand participation for people who cannot attend their in-person precinct caucus. To learn more about satellite caucuses, visit: thecaucuses.org

Early Check-In

For the first time ever, Iowa Democratic caucusgoers can check-in to their caucus early, saving time during the caucus night check-in process. To learn more about Early Check-In, visit: thecaucuses.org

Streamlined Realignment

This year, only members of non-viable groups will be allowed to realign. For viable preference groups, their first alignment numbers will be locked and can only increase if members of non-viable groups choose to join. This change will make the caucus process more efficient.

Recount/Recanvas

Presidential campaigns will be able to request a recount of the caucus results either by congressional district or statewide if they can show that the result could affect the allocation of delegates to the national convention.

Presidential Preference Cards

Presidential preference cards will be used to aid in the recount/recanvas effort and to record what happens in each precinct and satellite caucus.

More Information Released

The IDP will release the raw totals from the first alignment, final alignment and the state delegate equivalents earned by each presidential preference group. State delegate equivalents will be used to determine the allocation of national delegates.

Caucus Night Results are Locked

The allocation of national delegates will now be determined by the results on caucus night, not as a result of the convention process.