



2025 HOUSE OF DELEGATES APPROVED AMENDMENTS

**Standing Rules for the House of Delegates
Key Club International Convention**

- Rule 1: The official language of this convention shall be English.
- Rule 2: Only delegates with official delegate credentials may be present or speak on motions and vote.
- Rule 3: Only delegates may be seated in the area designated for delegates. Access by non-delegates shall be limited to those designated by the director of Key Club International.
- Rule 4: The House of Delegates shall remain open. Delegates shall be allowed to leave and re-enter; however, ballots and/or electronic keypads shall not leave the House.
- Rule 5: Delegates may not leave or enter the House of Delegates while any vote is being taken.
- Rule 6: The maker of a motion shall be entitled to speak first in support of such motion or may immediately yield the floor to another delegate.
- Rule 7: No delegate may speak in debate more than three minutes at a time unless allowed to do so by a majority vote of the delegates.
- Rule 8: No delegate may address the assembly a second time in the same question until all delegates who desire to speak on the topic have spoken.
- Rule 9: Debate shall alternate between those speaking for and those speaking against a motion.
- Rule 10: Microphones shall be designated by number. Speakers for the main motion shall use the odd-numbered microphones, and speakers against the motion shall use the even-numbered microphones. The chair will recognize microphones in rotating order.
- Rule 11: A delegate shall not speak for or against a motion and move to close debate on the same recognition.
- Rule 12: Debate on any proposed resolution or amendment to the Bylaws, including all amendments thereto, shall not exceed 20 minutes.
- Rule 13: A motion to move the previous question shall not be in order until 10 minutes or debate has taken place.
- Rule 14: Any main motion or amendment shall be written in English, signed by the maker, and presented to the director before it is moved.

- Rule 15: A member of the Sergeant-at-Arms Committee shall be positioned at each microphone to relay to the chair priority motions, such as a point of order, a request for information, etc.
- Rule 16: Candidates for the offices of president, Vice President, trustee shall be allowed to address the House of Delegates as set forth: President - 3 minutes; and Vice President and trustee - 1 minute.
- Rule 17: Any of the above rules may be suspended by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote.
- Rule 18: Robert's Rules of Orders Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the Constitution and Bylaws of Key Club International, the Board Policies and these standing rules.
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Text that would be added by the proposed amendment is underlined (underlined), and text that would be deleted is lined out (~~lined out~~).

Example:

Original wording: Each club may hold a program.

Proposed changes: Each club ~~may~~ shall hold ~~a~~ an annual program.

New wording: Each club shall hold an annual program.

Amendment 1:

ARTICLE VIII. CLUB MEMBERS

Section 2. Each member of an individual Key Club must be willing to perform at least 50 hours of combined service to their home, school and community annually. The service must include a minimum of 15 hours of Key Club chapter, division, or internationally led service opportunities.

Rationale:

Member Involvement: Requiring that 15 of the 50 service hours be from Key Club-led opportunities will encourage members to be more active within the club itself. This will boost participation in Key Club-sponsored events and motivate members to diversify their service. In turn, the increased engagement will uplift the club's morale and strengthen the sense of community within the chapter or division.

Endorsed by Modesto High School Key Club (CA)

Amendment 2:

ARTICLE II. OBJECTS (10/23)

Section 1. The Objects of Key Club International shall be:

- To develop initiative and leadership.
- To provide experience in living and working together.
- To serve the school and community.
- ~~To cooperate with the school principal.~~
- To prepare for useful citizenship.
- To accept and promote the following ideals:
 - To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to material values in life.
 - To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
 - To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.
 - To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, active ~~aggressive~~ and serviceable citizenship.
 - To provide a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render unselfish service and to build better communities.
 - To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill.
 - To promote diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Rationale:

The proposal to remove 'To cooperate with the school principal' ensures that the objects apply to all Key Clubs. Not all Key Clubs are based in schools. Not all Key Clubs refer to their school administrator as 'principal'. Finally, if a school principal encourages behavior that conflicts with Key Club values or goals, the club should not be expected to cooperate in that situation.

Regarding 'active' vs. 'aggressive', this change is intended to modernize outdated language.

Amendment 3:

ARTICLE V. ORGANIZING AND CHARTERING OF CLUBS

Section 2. A Key Club may be established only with the approval and support of the high school principal, if applicable. The principal and/or the faculty advisor shall ~~select or~~ approve all charter members of the club. ~~and shall approve of the selection of all future members.~~ The principal and faculty advisor shall have full authority over all functions of the club. (10/19)

Rationale:

A core value of Key Club is inclusiveness and being student-led. Allowing school administrators to have control over who can join Key Club violates these values.

Amendment 4:

ARTICLE VII. DISCIPLINE OF CLUBS

Section 1. Any member club more than 60 days in arrears for any indebtedness shall be considered not in good standing and may have its charter and membership herein suspended or revoked by action of ~~the~~ Key Club International ~~Board~~, provided that notice of said indebtedness shall have been duly sent by the Key Club International director to the club and the sponsoring organization. ~~The~~ Key Club International ~~Board~~ may restore such club to membership in Key Club International upon payment of its indebtedness. (2024)

Rationale:

These actions are completed by Key Club International staff, not the International Board. This updated language better reflects current practice.

Amendment 5:

ARTICLE VIII. CLUB MEMBERS

Section 4. Any member club ~~within a co-ed school~~ that does not have the same membership qualifications and process of admission for membership for all genders, minorities, individuals with religious affiliations and individuals with diverse sexual orientations, may have its charter and membership in Key Club International suspended or revoked by action of the Key Club International Board. (10/19)

Rationale:

Update to remove unnecessary language.

Amendment 6:

ARTICLE XVII. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS (1/15)

Section 2. The committee on elections shall have general charge of the election and of ~~the printing,~~ the distributing and the counting of ballots. The President (with approval of the Key Club International Director) shall appoint a member to chair the committee in regard to Article XVII, Section 3. That Chairperson shall have general oversight of the committee, be in charge of providing information to candidates before and at convention, chair the Nomination Conference, and have other duties as assigned by the President or Director.
(10/19)

Rationale:

Ballots are often electronic now, rather than being printed.

Amendment 7:

ARTICLE XVII. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS (1/15)

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D. 1. Each district shall submit ~~vote by written ballot~~ the percentages obtained at the conclusion of its caucus. Percentage points will be totaled from all districts by the Committee on Elections. (10/19)

Rationale:

Ballots are often electronic now, rather than being printed.

Amendment 8:

ARTICLE XIX. COMMITTEES (1/15)

Section 3. The committees shall consist of as many members as the president deems necessary, at least one of whom shall be appointed by the president as chair and confirmed by vote of the Key Club International Board.

Rationale:

Allows the president the flexibility to include more members by appointment.