

Example 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary Ballot Explanations  
Republican Party

- #1 -
- M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 1: “The ballot shall be printed with black ink on white paper.”
  - M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 1: “The ballot shall be printed so as to be easily legible and in mixed upper and lower case, with suitable lines for divisions between candidates, offices, instructions, and other matter proper to be printed on the ballot.”
  - M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 17: “**Extraneous marks.** No election official may place marks on the ballot other than those provided in Minnesota Statutes section 204C.09, subdivision 1, or 206.86, subdivision 5.
  - M.S. 207A.14, subd. 2: “**Example Ballots.** No later than 70 days before the presidential nomination primary, the secretary of state must supply each county auditor with example ballots to be used at the presidential nomination primary. The example ballots must illustrate the format required for the ballots used in the presidential nomination primary.”

#2 – M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 3: “...On the front of the ballot the words “Official Ballot” must be printed in as large as practicable but no smaller than 8-point bold type and the word “Judge” in as large as practicable but no smaller than 8-point type with lines for initials of at least two election judges.”

#3 – M.S. 207A.13, subd. 1(b): “There must be separate ballots for the names of the candidates of each political party. Each Ballot must be headed by the words “Presidential Nomination Primary Ballot”. The heading must also indicate the part that appears on the ballot.”

#4 - M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 3: “...The ballot heading must be printed in no smaller than 10-point type....”

#5 – M.S. 206.90, subd. 6: “...On the front of the ballot must be printed the words "Official Ballot" and the date of the election and lines for the initials of at least two election judges....”

#6 - M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 3: “...The name of the jurisdiction preparing the ballot may be added within the heading in no smaller than 8-point type. The date of the election must be printed within the heading in no smaller than 8-point type....”

#7 - M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 4: “**Instructions to voters.** Under the heading at the top of each side of the ballot, the words “**Instructions to Voters:**” must be printed in bold and in as large as practicable but no smaller than 12-point bold type. The words “To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: (R).” or a similar wording or mark if a different target shape is used by the electronic voting equipment must follow and be printed in as large as practicable but no smaller than 8-point bold type. The

county may include an image demonstrating the instructions if approved by the secretary of state.”

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- M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 2A: “On the partisan primary ballot, the names of the political parties that head the political party columns must be printed in as large as practicable but no smaller than 14-point bold type and must be shaded with a screen of at least 10 percent.

- M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 2A: “When a party does not have candidates within a given precinct, the party headings are to remain on top of each column, regardless of whether the party has a contest on the given ballot.

#9 - M.R. 1850.1810, subp. 5: “**Order and form of office type.** When more than one of the following types of offices is on the ballot, the offices must appear on the ballot in the following order and must be identified as follows:

Federal Offices...”

#10 - M.R. 1850.1810, subp. 6: “**Order and form of offices.** The offices must appear on the ballot in the following order and must be identified as follows in as large as practicable but no smaller than 10-point bold type. The office titles must be shaded with a screen of at least ten percent:

“President and Vice President”...”

#11 - M.R. 1850.1810, subp. 4: “..Immediately under each office title and district identified, one of the following instructions must be printed in bold type in as large as practicable but no smaller than 8-point type:

Vote for One Team

**Vote for One**

Vote for Up to ... followed by the number of candidates to be elected.”

#12 - M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 12: “**Vote targets.** The target used to indicate to the voters where to mark their votes may be either a horizontal oval next to the candidate name or similar target if used by certified equipment. The target may be highlighted or outlined in a color that does not affect the ability of the ballot counter to read the ballot.”

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- M.S. 206.61, subd. 4: “Subd. 4. **Order of candidates.** On the "State Partisan Primary Ballot" prepared for primary elections, and on the state general election ballot prepared for the general election, the order of the names of nominees or names of candidates for election shall be the same as required for paper ballots. More than one column or row may be used for the same office or party. Electronic ballot display and audio ballot readers must conform to the candidate order on the optical scan ballot used in the precinct.”

- MS. 204D.08, subd. 3: “Subd. 3. **Rotation of names.** On state primary ballots the name of each candidate for nomination to a partisan or nonpartisan office shall be rotated with the names of the other candidates for nomination to that office so that the name of

each candidate appears substantially an equal number of times at the top, at the bottom, and at each intermediate place in that group of candidates. If the number of candidates for an office is equal to or less than the number to be elected, no rotation of candidate names is required and the official preparing the ballot shall determine the position of the candidates by lot.”

#14 – M.S. 207A.13, subd. 1(c) “...If requested by a party chair, the ballot for that party must contain a blank line printed below the other choices on the ballot so that a voter may write in the name of a person who is not listed on the ballot.”

#15 - M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 1: “...Each ballot must have printed on it both the name of the precinct and an electronically readable precinct identifier or ballot style indicator. A ballot style used in more than one precinct may have the names of all precincts in which it is used printed on the ballot.