

League of Women Voters of Coos County

Forum Participant Ground Rules & Procedures

1. Participants will sign and return the **Confirmation, Acceptance, and Agreement to Comply form**, which states that they have read and understood these ground rules and have agreed to comply with them.
2. The purpose of the forum is to educate citizens about how to run for the nonpartisan political offices of mayor and city councilor and what those offices entail. Participants shall present accurate information and not deliberately falsify information about these positions or engage in personal promotion of, or attacks against, current or prospective officeholders.
3. The League does not support or oppose any candidate for a political office and strives to ensure that any League-sponsored public event will create no advantage or disadvantage for a candidate who is running for office. Therefore, we require that all participants in the forum confirm that they are not running for office in the November 2022 General Election. Also, during the forum discussion, no one should make any comments, favorable or unfavorable, about any candidates for office in an upcoming election, nor shall they display any banner, button, clothing, or other sign indicating support or opposition to a candidate.
4. The forum will be recorded by the City of North Bend. It will be streamed and subsequently made available on YouTube to the general public, including on the League's website. No part of the recording may be used by a participant or a candidate to promote or damage the candidacy of any person, participant or not, nor to promote (or support opposition to) an issue. News media may broadcast neutral, nonpartisan clips of the event. The League prohibits recording via cell phone or any other medium.
5. Participants may use personal notes and visual aids, if desired.
6. Participants will adhere to the time limits for presentations and responses to questions. The moderator can use discretion to allow extra time for a participant's response. Participants may not interrupt one another; the moderator will attempt to provide ample opportunity for each panel member to provide information.
7. The League will provide an advance copy of questions and topics and the proposed time limits for participants to review and prepare their remarks.
8. Cell phones shall be silenced during the forum.