



Charter of the Yankee National Party

As Amended January 22, 2026 by Convention

Preamble

“When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”

The words are old, but not as old as the values we hold dear in New England and the rest of the northeast. Our values are, at the founding of our organization, facing an existential crisis. We come together now, in the face of a government that has become destructive towards these values, to protect, preserve, and fight in their defense.

Article I: Purpose & Scope

The Party, known as the Yankee National Party, is hereby formed for the express purpose of promoting New England and northeastern values including Self-Determination, Integrity, Democracy, Empathy, and Sustainability, by means of electoral and governmental processes, community organizing, and other related political activities. We are a center-left, social democratic Party that organizes locally and regionally to accomplish our goals. To achieve our ends, we shall:

- I. Nominate and assist in the election of endorsed Yankees for public office;

- II. Adopt and promote statements of policy, known as our Platform;
- III. Assist regional, state, and local subdivisions in the election of endorsed Yankees and the education of voters;
- IV. Create a steering committee for Party operations, known as the National Committee;
- V. Establish standards and rules of procedure for the fair, transparent, and expedient operation of the National Committee, known as the Bylaws;
- VI. Raise and disburse funds needed for the successful operation of the Party;
- VII. Work with public officials and citizens at all levels to achieve the objectives of the Party; and
- VIII. Adopt and enforce a Code of Ethics for our members, endorsed candidates, and their political committees to ensure that Yankees are known throughout the nation as having ethical standards beyond reproach.

Article II: Membership

Section A: Criteria for Membership

Membership in the Yankee National Party shall be open to all individuals residing in New England and surrounding states who:

- I. Support the Party's purpose and a majority of policies outlined in the Platform; and
- II. Agree to abide by the Party's Charter, Bylaws, and Code of Ethics.

Section B: Physical Parameters of Nation

While we encourage collaboration and cooperation with all our supporters from every corner of the earth, for the purposes of this Party, official membership is limited to residents of the six New England States (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island), and may include nearby states including New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, should they so choose.

Section C: Party Enrollment

Individuals must enroll in the Party through the Party enrollment procedure adopted by the state in which they live; if no such procedure exists or the Party does not have ballot access in a prospective member's state, they may enroll on the Party's website.

Article III: Yankee National Committee

Section A: Responsibilities of the National Committee

The Party shall have a National Committee, which shall be responsible for the general affairs of the Party. To that end, they shall:

- I. Appoint a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Clerk;
- II. Ensure the selection of a National Convention Committee, which will be responsible for the planning of the annual National Convention;
- III. Assist in the coordination of the activities of the various Party subdivisions;
- IV. Drafting annual Platform revisions, through a Citizens Assembly process, for consideration by the National Convention;
- V. When funding allows, hire an Executive Director (who may double as the Chair) to manage the Party's staff and generally oversee, provide direction to, and evaluate that Executive Director; and
- VI. Conduct any other business that is not explicitly reserved for the National Convention, the Executive Director, or Party subdivisions.

Section B: Membership

The National Committee shall consist of:

- I. One representative per state, territory, or recognized tribal nation with registered Party members;
- II. One additional representative per state, territory, or recognized tribal nation that has a Yankee currently elected or appointed to public office; and
- III. Two at-large members, chosen through a random selection of registered members.

Section C: Selection of Members

Each state's Party subdivision shall be responsible for democratically electing National Committee Members using a method of rank-choice voting, sortition (random selection), or a combination thereof.

Section D: Terms & Term Limits

National Committee terms span 4 years; members may only be elected to a maximum of two four-year terms. An exception shall be made in instances where a State subdivision can prove that they have no alternative candidates from which to select. Terms begin on January 1st and end on December 31st and are staggered in the following manner:

- 1st term running from 2025 - 2026: Connecticut & Rhode Island delegates.
- 1st term running from 2025 - 2027: Massachusetts & Vermont delegates.
- 1st term running from 2025 - 2028: New Hampshire & Maine delegates.
- 1st term running from 2025 - 2029: All other state, territory, tribal nation, and at-large delegates.
- When the second term begins, the delegates selected in that process shall be appointed to four-year terms at that time.

Section E: Structure of Subcommittees

The National Committee may create roles within the Committee structure and may create subcommittees, by majority vote, for the orderly implementation of Party activities.

Section F: Recall & Removal of Delegates

State Party subdivisions shall have the power to recall their delegate(s); such rules for a recall shall be defined by each individual State Party subdivision.

By $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of the remaining members of the Committee (not including the person called for removal), National Committee members shall have the power to remove another member of the national committee for cause. "Cause" shall exist when there is a preponderance of evidence to suggest that the given member has engaged in theft, violence, harassment, dishonesty, multiple party policy violations, chronic absenteeism, disclosure of confidential information, fraud, or any other activity that may negatively impact the reputation of the Party and its membership. In instances where a claim is made against a National Committee member, that member shall have the right to plead their case to an independent jury selected by sortition.

In instances where removal occurs, the National Committee shall be responsible for informing the State Party subdivision that delegate represents of the removal and the reason for the removal in no less than five (5) days. The State Party subdivision shall be responsible for filling the given vacancy within sixty (60) days from the date of that notification provided by the National Committee.

Article IV: National Convention

Section A: Responsibilities of the National Convention

The National Convention shall be convened no less than annually, and shall be responsible for:

- I. Hearing and accepting an Annual Report from the National Committee;
- II. The annual adoption of a Platform;
- III. The annual nomination of candidates for public office in instances where a state or local Party subdivision has not been created;
- IV. Review and possible approval of proposed Bylaw revisions; and
- V. The nomination of candidates for the office of President, Vice President, and any other nation-wide offices as required.

Section B: Voting Rights at the National Convention

Each registered member of the Yankee National Party shall have the right to vote at the National Convention.

Section C: Moderation of the National Convention

The Convention shall be moderated by the National Committee Chair, who shall not vote at said conventions except in the event of a deadlocked vote.

Article V: Party Subdivisions

Section A: Creation of Party Subdivisions

Each state, municipality, and tribal nation within the Party's jurisdiction shall be permitted to create a geographically-based Party subdivision.

Section B: Party Subdivision Responsibilities

State subdivisions shall be responsible for overseeing the general operations of the Party within that state, in collaboration with the National Committee, and shall nominate candidates to run for statewide office and for local office in instances where a municipality or tribal nation does not have its own Party subdivision.

Municipal and tribal subdivisions shall be responsible for overseeing the general operations of the Party within the bounds of that area, in collaboration with the state's Party subdivision, and shall nominate candidates to run for local and state legislative offices.

Section C: Membership Requirements

Each Party subdivision shall include their proposed subdivision's name in their initial registration filing to the National Committee, and the National Committee shall have the discretion to approve or request a modification to the proposed name. Preferred subdivision names will include "Yankee National Party" where legal and appropriate, but shortened names including "Yankee Party" shall be acceptable when legally prudent.

Section D: Jurisdiction of Party Subdivisions

In the event of the creation of a Tribal subdivision, the Tribal subdivision shall have political jurisdiction and responsibility for overseeing elections occurring in territories that are owned and managed by the given Tribe; these territories shall not be subject to the jurisdiction of the State Party subdivisions to which they associate.

Article VI: Code of Ethics

Section A: Code

Members of the Yankee National Party are sworn to uphold the following vow of ethical behavior:

On my honor, I will uphold the Party's core values, as defined by the YNP's Charter. I will put others before myself in my service to my country and in my daily life. I will advocate for those who cannot advocate for themselves and speak out against injustice even when I know I stand alone. I will not partake in any activity that may bring discredit to the Party or to my fellow Party members, and I will avoid all conflicts of interest and disclose potential conflicts immediately. I refuse to use the Party or positions of public office for my own profit and reject corruption in government. I will oppose government ideology that stands in opposition to our essential values and will strive to always be inclusive and transparent in my work with the Party. I accept that a violation of this oath makes one unfit to be a member of this Party, and I will uphold this Code of Ethics in myself and hold my fellow Party members equally accountable.

Section B: Enforcement

The National Committee shall review reported violations of the Code of Ethics; violations of the Code is considered Cause that may lead to termination of Party membership.

Article VII: Amendments

The Charter and Bylaws may only be amended by a majority vote at a convening of the National Convention (see Appendix A for itemized list of changes).

Appendix A: Amendment Itemization

Items Adopted at January 22, 2026 Virtual Convention:

Shall Article V, Section C of the YNP Charter be amended to include sentences reading: “Each Party subdivision shall include their proposed subdivision’s name in their initial registration filing to the National Committee, and the National Committee shall have the discretion to approve or request a modification to the proposed name. Preferred subdivision names will include “Yankee National Party” where legal and appropriate, but shortened names including “Yankee Party” shall be acceptable when legally prudent.”? YES, 83.3%

Shall the YNP Charter Preamble’s final paragraph be amended to read: “The words are old, but not as old as the values we hold dear in New England and the rest of the northeast. Our values are, at the founding of our organization, facing an existential crisis. We come together now, in the face of a government that has become destructive towards these values, to protect, preserve, and fight in their defense.”? YES, 86.7%

Shall Article I’s listing of the organization’s core values be amended to change the word “Independence” to “Self-Determination”? YES, 66.7%

Shall Article I’s listing of the organization’s core values be amended to include the term “Integrity”? YES, 80.0%

Shall Article VI, Section A be amended to read: “Members of the Yankee National Party are sworn to uphold the following vow of ethical behavior: On my honor, I will uphold the Party’s core values, as defined by the YNP’s Charter. I will put others before myself in my service to my country and in my daily life. I will advocate for those who cannot advocate for themselves and speak out against injustice even when I know I stand alone. I will not partake in any activity that may bring discredit to the Party or to my fellow Party members, and I will avoid all conflicts of interest and disclose potential conflicts immediately. I refuse to use the Party or positions of public office for my own profit and reject corruption in government. I will oppose government ideology that stands in opposition to our essential values and will strive to always be inclusive and transparent in my work with the Party. I accept that a violation of this oath makes one unfit to be a member of this Party, and I will uphold this Code of Ethics in myself and hold my fellow Party members equally accountable.”? YES, 90%