



2026 Basic Election Judge Training Knowledge Check

Opening the Polls

1. When setting up the polling place, which of the following should be considered?
(select all that apply)
 - a. Traffic flow
 - b. Voter privacy
 - c. Accessibility

2. **TRUE or FALSE?**
All election judges must take the oath and sign the Official Precinct Certification Form, regardless of what shift they are working.

3. If the Public Count on the ballot counter is any number other than 0 (zero) when you turn on the machine before polls open, you should:
 - a. Proceed as normal
 - b. Put that number of ballots in the ballot counter
 - c. Contact election headquarters immediately for guidance
 - d. Postpone the opening of the polling place

4. **TRUE or FALSE?**
Candidate names must be in the same order on the ballot and the zero tape from the ballot counter.

5. **TRUE or FALSE?**
After the zero tape prints from the ballot counter, you should tear it off.

6. How many sample ballots must be posted near the entrance to the polling place?
 - a. None
 - b. 1
 - c. 2 – each at a different height

7. Once you have been assigned your role in the polling place, you should:
(select all that apply)
 - a. Review your station's duty card and section in the Election Judge Guide
 - b. Make sure you have all the supplies you need
 - c. Ask any questions you may have about your duties

8. **TRUE or FALSE?**
If you finish polling place setup before 7 AM, you can open the polls early.

9. **TRUE or FALSE?**
You can open the polls later than 7 AM if you are having technical difficulties or if there are no voters waiting in line outside the polling place.

10. When you open the polls at 7 AM, what should be in the ballot box?
 - a. Unopened packs of ballots
 - b. Extra supplies
 - c. ExpressVote blank ballot cards
 - d. Nothing

Election Day Rules & Procedures

1. **TRUE or FALSE?**
A voter can wear campaign materials of a political party, candidate, or issue/question that is NOT on the ballot.
2. Party balance is required for all of the following polling place tasks, except:
 - a. Curbside voting
 - b. Initialing ballots
 - c. Duplicating ballots
 - d. Emptying the ballot box
 - e. Helping a voter mark their ballot
3. News media are not allowed to:
(select all that apply)
 - a. Approach within 6 feet of a voter
 - b. Talk to voters in the polling place
 - c. Make a list of people voting or not voting
 - d. Interfere with the voting process
4. **TRUE or FALSE?**
Election judges can have political discussions in the polling place.
5. **TRUE or FALSE?**
Exit polling may be conducted inside the room where the polling place is located.

Greeter Judge

1. As the Greeter Judge, you should:
(select all that apply)
 - a. Maintain traffic flow
 - b. Verify that voters are in the correct precinct
 - c. Answer questions from non-registered voters regarding how to register
2. The Greeter's List contains:
 - a. Suggested greetings for voters who enter the polling place
 - b. The name and address of every registered voter in the precinct
 - c. The address of every polling place in the county
3. **TRUE or FALSE?**
If a voter's name is not on the Greeter's List, you should use the Precinct Finder to verify they are at the correct precinct/polling place.
4. **TRUE or FALSE?**
If any voters enter the polling place wearing prohibited campaign apparel, you should ask them to remove said apparel or turn it inside out.

Poll Book Judge (*checking in registered voters*)

1. **TRUE or FALSE?**
A voter must show ID to be checked in on the poll book.
2. The rosters on your poll books include all voters registered in:
 - a. The country
 - b. The state
 - c. Your city
 - d. Your precinct
3. If you are having trouble finding a voter by first/last name in the poll book, try searching by:
(*select all that apply*)
 - a. Date of birth
 - b. Address
 - c. Hair color
4. If you look up a voter's name in the poll book and see a "Jr." and a "Sr.," what should you do?
(*select all that apply*)
 - a. Select either one; it doesn't matter
 - b. Clarify with the voter if they are Jr. or Sr.
 - c. Confirm the voter's date of birth to make sure you select the correct voter
5. Examples of notations next to a voter's name in the poll book include:
(*select all that apply*)
 - a. A.B.
 - b. Challenged
 - c. Not Registered
6. Which of the following are reasons to fill out the Election Day Voter Information Corrections form?
(*select all that apply*)
 - a. Incorrect/missing date of birth
 - b. Name typo
 - c. Address change within same precinct
7. **TRUE or FALSE?**
When you get to the Voter Confirmation screen on the poll book, turn the poll book towards the voter and ask them to review and confirm the information displayed.
8. When you finish checking in a registered voter, what should print from the poll book printer?
(*select all that apply*)
 - a. Voter Receipt
 - b. Voter Signature Certificate
 - c. Ballot
9. **TRUE or FALSE?**
Before being issued a Voter Receipt, the voter must sign the oath on the poll book.

Poll Book Judge (*registering voters*)

1. **TRUE or FALSE?**
You should manually type the full street name when registering a voter on the poll book.
2. If a registered voter in the precinct moves to a new address in the same precinct, what is the simplest proof of residence they can use?
 - a. Minnesota driver's license with their new address
 - b. Recent utility bill with their name and new address
 - c. Voucher
 - d. Valid registration in same precinct
3. **TRUE or FALSE?**
A receipt for a Minnesota driver's license (temporary license) can be used as proof of residence.
4. **TRUE or FALSE?**
A voter can show an approved document on an electronic device as part of their proof of residence.
5. Which of the following is not an accepted proof of residence to register?
 - a. Receipt for a Minnesota driver's license
 - b. Minnesota driver's license with previous address + current bank statement with current name and address
 - c. Florida state ID + residential lease with current name and address that is valid through Election Day
 - d. Store credit card + property tax statement
6. **TRUE or FALSE?**
If a voter was vouched for on Election Day, they can then vouch for someone else.
7. When you finish registering and checking in a voter, what should print from the poll book printer? (*select all that apply*)
 - a. Voter Signature Certificate + Election Day Registration Application
 - b. Voter Receipt
 - c. Ballot
8. **TRUE or FALSE?**
To avoid data entry errors, you should double-check that you are entering the voter's correct name and address when registering them.

Challenges

1. Who can challenge the eligibility of a voter to vote in the precinct?
(select all that apply)
 - a. Appointed challenger
 - b. Election judge
 - c. Eligible voter in the same precinct
2. If a voter is marked “Challenged” in the poll book and their answers to the challenge questions indicate they are eligible to vote, select:
 - a. Clear Challenge
 - b. Challenge Failed
 - c. Challenge Refused
3. If a voter’s answers to the challenge questions indicate they are not eligible to vote, select:
 - a. Clear Challenge
 - b. Challenge Failed
 - c. Challenge Refused
4. If a voter is not willing to take the oath and answer the challenge questions, select:
 - a. Clear Challenge
 - b. Challenge Failed
 - c. Challenge Refused
5. **TRUE** or **FALSE**?
If a voter is marked as “Challenge Failed” or “Challenge Refused,” they can come back later in the day and go through the challenge process again.

Demonstration Judge

1. **TRUE** or **FALSE**?
You can use an official ballot to demonstrate to voters how to fill out a ballot.
2. What is a crossover vote in a partisan primary?
 - a. When a voter crosses out a selection on their ballot
 - b. When a voter selects candidates of more than one party
 - c. When a voter votes for candidates of the party they do not support
3. **TRUE** or **FALSE**?
A voter should mark their choices on their ballot by circling the candidate’s name.
4. What is an overvote?
 - a. When a voter casts more than one ballot
 - b. When a voter marks their candidate selection above the oval instead of filling in the oval
 - c. When a voter selects more candidates in a race than is permitted

Ballot Judge

1. After opening a sealed pack of ballots, the first thing you should do is:
 - a. Count the number of ballots in the pack and record the number on the Ballot Tracking Form
 - b. Have 2 election judges initial each ballot
 - c. Put the ballots away until they are needed
2. **TRUE** or **FALSE**?
You should notify your Head Judge when the ballot supply gets low.
3. **TRUE** or **FALSE**?
A voter can spoil their ballot and get a replacement ballot as long as they have not yet deposited their ballot in the ballot counter.
4. Which of the following are reasons for a ballot to be spoiled?
(select all that apply)
 - a. A ballot abandoned at a voting booth
 - b. A ballot where the voter mistakenly selected candidates in both party columns
 - c. A ballot where the voter changed their mind and crossed out selections
5. **TRUE** or **FALSE**?
You can issue a ballot to a voter even if they don't have a Voter Receipt.

Ballot Counter Judge

1. **TRUE** or **FALSE**?
If a voter brings in their mail absentee ballot, you can allow them to put it in the ballot counter.
2. If an error message appears on the ballot counter screen, the first thing you should do is:
 - a. Shut down the ballot counter
 - b. Read the error message and explain it to the voter
 - c. Have other voters place their ballots in the auxiliary compartment of the ballot counter
 - d. Give the voter a new ballot
3. **TRUE** or **FALSE**?
If a ballot counter error occurs, you must confirm with the voter if they prefer to CAST or RETURN their ballot.
4. If the ballot counter stops working because of a jam, what should you do?
 - a. Have voters go home and come back later
 - b. Open the ballot box and have voters put their ballots directly inside
 - c. Have voters put their ballots in the auxiliary compartment of the ballot counter until the jam is cleared
5. **TRUE** or **FALSE**?
You should look at each voter's ballot before they put it in the ballot counter to make sure they filled it out correctly.

Closing the Polls

1. **TRUE** or **FALSE**?

All (eligible) voters in line at 8 PM are allowed to vote.

2. **TRUE** or **FALSE**?

The public is allowed to enter the polling place and observe the poll closing process.

3. At the end of the night, unused ballots should be:

- a. Recycled
- b. Sealed in a ballot transfer case and brought back to election headquarters
- c. Secured in the ballot box

4. At the end of the night, voted ballots should be:

- a. Recycled
- b. Sealed in a ballot transfer case and brought back to election headquarters
- c. Secured in the ballot box