

ELECTION OBSERVER RULES

Malheur County

An observer's function is to observe that procedures and processes are followed, not challenge or debate the conclusions.

Check in Procedures:

1. All observers must have pre-registered to be an observer.
2. All observers must report and sign-in daily at the Clerk's Office front counter.
3. All observers must complete, sign and comply with the Malheur County Observer Oath (Agreement).
4. An "Official Election Observer" badge will be issued and must be worn at all times.
5. All observers must be escorted by designated election staff to and from designated observer stations.
6. All observers must return the badge to the check-in counter when they leave for the day.

General Agreement/Rules:

1. Guns, knives, pepper spray or anything recognized as a weapon by the Malheur County Clerks' Office is prohibited.
2. Observers must have an appointment and arrive on time. (PCP members must go through the County PCP Chair to schedule.) If you do not arrive at your scheduled time, you may not get to observe as there may be other observers scheduled.
3. Observer agrees to conduct themselves in a professional manner.
4. Observer agrees to wear the official observer badge provided while in the designated election area.
5. Observer agrees to be escorted by County Election staff to the designated election area and remain silent and at the distance designated.
6. Observer agrees that conversations are not permitted in the designated election area.
7. Observer agrees to remain in the chair provided or stand directly by the chair in the area designated.
8. Observer agrees rotation between observer stations must be escorted by County Election staff.
9. Observer agrees that he/she will not handle any ballots or official election material.
10. Observer agrees that he/she will not bring into the designated election area any cell phones, smart watches, cameras, laptops, tablets, video or other electronic/recording devices.
11. All personal items, including purses, bags, and those items listed in #10, will either be left in a vehicle, in the designated cabinet in the Clerks' Office or the personal office of the County Clerk.
12. Observer agrees to address all questions in writing to the County Clerk or Election Deputy at the end of the observation shift.
13. Observer understands that the Election Deputy and County Clerk's main focus is processing and counting the ballots, therefore may not have time to answer all questions that day but will respond as quickly as possible.
14. Observers agree not to wear political badges, insignia or buttons in the County Clerk's Office.
15. Observers understand that due to space restriction that they may be asked to leave so others wishing to observe the election process may be accorded the privilege to do so.
16. Any observer who fails to adhere to these rules will be asked to leave the premises.