

Sunshine of the Spirit High Desert Convention Standing Rules

These standing rules are the procedures and general policies of the Sunshine of the Spirit – High Desert Convention, not covered in the Guidelines. Standing Rules make frequent and/or common actions simpler and provide for fairness and continuity of Board decisions.

1. Standing rules are adopted, revised, and/or suspended (no more than one (1) year) by a majority vote of the Board of Directors when a quorum is present.
2. The Sunshine of the Spirit – High Desert Convention will be held the first (1st) weekend in June.
3. The SOTS-HDC committee will meet monthly, July through June. The debriefing meeting following the convention will be held at the June meeting. Meetings will be held on the fourth (4th) Thursday of the month. The Convention Chairperson will determine the location of the committee meetings.
4. Badges, indicating convention registration, shall be worn for admission to activities including meetings, workshops, seminars, meals, and entertainment.
5. Convention registration is not required to attend the Marathon meetings.
6. Any volunteer charged with the handling of money shall have one (1) or more years of sobriety.
7. All volunteers must be registered for the convention. In the event a volunteer is unable to pay for the conference registration, he/she may request a scholarship or seek outside help.
8. In the event a position on the SOTS-HDC committee cannot be filled by a qualified individual, the Convention Committee may make a recommendation to the SOTS-HDC Board of Directors to consider revising the requirements on a one-time basis. This action will not change the requirements as stated in the Guidelines for this position in the future.
9. No member of the Alcoholics Anonymous fellowship who is serving on the Sunshine of the Spirit High Desert Convention Committee as a subcommittee chair shall receive compensation for, either directly or indirectly, any services or merchandise provided to the convention by their subcommittee. This policy is intended to avoid conflicts of interest and to preserve the integrity and spiritual principles of the convention.

AMENDED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors on this 5th day of January, 2026