

# RANKED CHOICE VOTING COUNTING GUIDE

## WHAT

In all state and federal general elections, voters rank candidates in order of preference, instead of only choosing one.

## HOW

Ballots are counted in rounds. If a candidate gets 50% + 1 vote in round one, they win. Candidates are eliminated until two candidates remain and the candidate with the most votes wins.

### ROUND 1

Only your 1st choice ranking is counted.

If a candidate gets 50% + 1 vote, they win.

If not, the counting goes to Round 2.



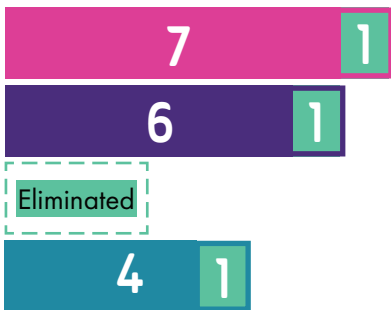
50% + 1 vote to win

### ROUND 2

The candidate with the fewest votes gets eliminated.

If you voted for that candidate, your vote goes to your next choice and *you still have a say in who wins.*

If more than two candidates are left, counting continues.

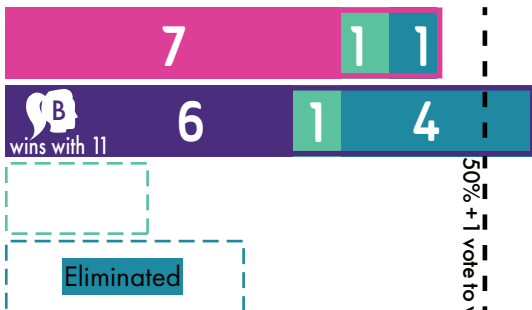


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### ROUND 3 (and beyond)

The candidate with the most votes wins.

If two candidates are left, the candidate with the most votes wins.



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## CORRECT:

Fill in one oval per candidate, in each column.

Ranking other candidates does not affect your 1st choice but you do not have to rank all candidates.

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
Candidate A	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate B	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate C	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate D	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write in: Tom	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

*Optional Write-in:* Write their name on the "write-in line" and fill their oval in the column of your choice.

## WRONG:

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
Candidate A	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate B	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate C	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate D	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Do NOT** rank a candidate more than once. Your vote only counts once for that candidate no matter how many times you rank that candidate.

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Candidate A	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate B	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate C	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate D	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Do NOT** give multiple candidates the same ranking. This is an overvote and counting stops at the point of the overvote.

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Candidate A	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate B	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate C	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate D	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Do NOT** skip two or more sequential rankings. If you do, only the rankings before the skipped rankings will count.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

1st choice results reported

**General Election Night**

Ongoing ballot counting

For eligible absentee and questioned ballots

Counting rounds start

**15 days after Election Day**  
Final unofficial results reported