

Shawnee Tribe Election Committee
2026 Poll Watcher Rules and Regulations

The role of a poll watcher is to observe and monitor the election, without violating voter privacy or disrupting the election.

Poll watchers may be removed from the place of voting by the Election Committee for a violation of the Election Act or any regulations enacted by the Election Committee.

Poll Watcher General Rules:

- Each candidate shall be permitted to appoint one (1) poll watcher per election and have them present at the voting place. A poll watcher cannot be the candidate for office and must be a Shawnee citizen.
- The identity of the poll watcher must be disclosed to the Election Committee at least forty-eight (48) hours before the start of voting and the poll watcher must sign a form indicating they agree to comply with all regulations governing poll watching established by the Election Committee.
- Poll watchers are authorized to observe a portion of the election process, so long as they do not interfere with voters or with election officials performing their duties.
- The poll watcher must wear the designated badge while in the designated area.

Poll Watcher Regulations:

- Must stay within an area chosen by the Election Committee and clearly posted as the observation area designated for poll watchers.
- Do not enter any area designated for election officials or for voters in the act of voting unless the poll watcher is there to cast their own vote.
- Shall not interfere with or impede the election process or handle election materials.
- Prohibited from using photographic or other electronic monitoring or recording devices.
- Cell phone usage is prohibited within the observation area designated for poll watchers.
- Must direct any questions regarding the election process to the designated election committee point of contact.