

Calendar, Timelines, and Deadlines

Toastmasters International **Protocol 9.0 (1)** specifies various deadlines for the DLC Chair and committee. These deadlines have proven effective for the annual District leader elections to be fair, effective, and in the best interest of the entire District membership.

This section expands the deadlines chart to include helpful suggestions and an example to determine dates for Protocol 9.0 (1).

Date	Action
Sept 1–Nov 1	District Director appoints District Leadership Committee (DLC) Chair.
Oct 1–Dec 1	DLC members are recommended by the DLC Chair and approved by the District Director.
Nov 1–Jan 15	Call for candidate declarations.
Eight (8) weeks before District Annual Council meeting (5/14/25) and elections (4/2/25)	Nominations deadline to run for District leader positions.
Six (6) weeks before the District election date (4/2/25)	DLC notifies District Director of nominated candidates.
Four (4) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting of the District Council (4/16/25)	DLC report and biographical forms are emailed to voting members of the District Council and posted on the District website. Eligible floor candidates shall declare their intent to run in writing to the District Director after the DLC report has been published and no later than one (1) week prior to the annual District Council meeting.
March 15 – June 1 (5/14/25)	District Council annual meetings occur (actual dates set by each District).

Please review the example below for the annual District Council meeting being held on May 20, 2023:

Business Meeting Date	Nominations Due to District Director	Publish Nominations
	(6 weeks prior to Business Meeting)	(4 weeks prior to Business Meeting)
May 14, 2025	April 2, 2025	April 16, 2025

As soon as the District Director confirms the DLC Chair and/or committee, the “Call for Candidates” may happen immediately. The deadline is January 15 of the current program year.