



Wipala Wiki Lodge #432

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Clarification of Troop/Team Election Procedures

1. Only one election may be conducted for the Troop/Team each year.
2. Upon the arrival of the election team, the Scoutmaster/Coach provides the election team with the following:
 - a. Verification that at least 50% of the registered active unit membership under the age of 21 is present.
 - b. A listing of names, addresses, telephone numbers, BSA member numbers, ranks, and dates of birth of all eligible individuals under the age of 21. Although recommended, the eligible individuals do not have to be present to be elected.
 - c. The Scoutmaster/Coach certifies that those listed meet all eligibility requirements set forth by the Order of the Arrow, including attitude and participation. Youth membership qualifications are:
 - i. Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America under the age of 21. (Registered in a Troop or Team)
 - ii. Attained the rank of First Class of the Boy Scouts of America.
 - iii. After registration with a Troop or Team, have experienced 15 days and nights of camping, including 6 consecutive days (including 5 nights) of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America, within 2 years immediately prior to the election to candidate status.
 - iv. Must have the approval of his unit leader prior to his election. The unit leader must certify his Scouting spirit, his adherence to the Scout Oath and Law, and participation in unit activities.
 - d. Only those persons certified by the Adult Leader shall be considered for election.
3. The election team explains the rules of election conducted as follows:
 - a. The election will be conducted using the current rules of the national committee of the Order of the Arrow, governing such election.
 - b. All eligible youth who receive at least 50% of the votes on ballots submitted are elected.
 - c. If no one is elected on the first balloting, a second vote will be taken immediately. The results of this vote are final.
 - d. The team explains the number of candidates, which may be elected using the current guidelines found in the most recent printing of the Guide for Officers and Advisers and in the Camp Leaders Guide.
4. All election results are final. No additions or substitutions may be made then or at a later date for any reason.
5. The Scoutmaster/Coach has the option of whether the results of the election are to be announced immediately or kept secret until the candidates are called out.
6. The Scoutmaster/Coach has one year from the election date to arrange to have the elected candidates called out under the auspices of Wipala Wiki Lodge and complete their ordeal. It is up to the Scoutmaster/Coach to see that this happens. Delays in having an individual called out can decrease the number of opportunities for him to participate in an ordeal. If the individual is not called out and has not completed his ordeal within this year, his eligibility expires.