

Lodge Standing Rules

(Adopted by Wenasa Quenhotan Lodge LEC July 19, 2020)

I. LEC Voting Protocol

- A. When the LEC decides a vote is required, for the changing the Standing Rules, approving the movement of finances, or the approval of proposed Bylaw changes the protocol is as follows.
1. There is to be adequate discussion for all voting members to understand the proposed change or financial movement.
 2. A youth member of the LEC must set forth a motion, in which they must describe exactly what the LEC is voting on.
 3. A youth member of the LEC must then second that motion. If no second is heard, the LEC may restart discussion or someone can make a different motion.
 4. A vote of the youth members of the LEC is to follow a seconded motion. This can be by a show of hands, spoken, submitted electronically, or any other form that the LEC deems acceptable for the circumstance.

II. LEC Meeting Place

- A. The LEC shall have no official meeting place or meeting time so long as all LEC members and the general membership have been informed of the place and time for any given meeting.
- B. Voting may only occur if a quorum is met and the meeting follows rules set in place by the Bylaws Article IX Sections B,C, and D.

III. Out-of-Date Bylaws and Standing Rules

- A. If the LEC finds that the Bylaws and/or Standing Rules are out of date and must

be revised, the LEC shall appoint a committee to revise and edit the Bylaws and Standing Rules and present them to the LEC for approval.

- B. If the LEC deems it necessary to invoke Standing Rules Article III Section A, the youth LEC members may vote to circumvent the adoption process for changes to the Bylaws as described in Bylaws Article XIII Section A.

IV. Finances and Funds Policies

1. Youth Camping Financial Assistance

- A. The purpose of the Youth Camping Financial Assistance program is to provide limited financial assistance to registered Boy Scouts in the W. D. Boyce Council for the purpose of camping at Ingersoll Scout Reservation (ISR).

B. Guidelines

1. All allocated funds in the Youth Camping Financial Assistance or "Camperships" budget line item are maintained exclusively for use under these guidelines.
2. Youth applicants must be registered and active with a Boy Scout or Venture Crew in the W.D. Boyce Council.
3. Financial assistance will be awarded based on merit and financial need, without regard to race, gender, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or anything else as described in Standing Rules Article VIII.
4. All requests must be submitted to the selection committee no later than 90 days before the first day of summer camp at ISR. This date will change from year to year, depending on the camp schedule.
5. This program is intended only for youth Boy Scouts who are 17 years old and younger, regardless of their membership in the Order of the Arrow. OA youth who are 18 to 21 and all other adults are not eligible.

C. Criteria for Selection

1. The criteria for financial assistance include merit and financial needs of the applicant and family, as documented on the Wenasa Quenhotan Financial Assistance Application.
2. Applicants must be registered and active members of a Boy Scout

Troop or Venture Crew in the W.D. Boyce Council at the time of application. The Unit Leader will attest to the qualifications of the applicant by signing the application.

3. Applicants do not need to be members of Wenasa Quenhotan lodge to apply for financial assistance.
4. In all cases, the financial assistance will only cover a portion of the total fee for a week of summer camp at ISR. Based on the total registration fee and the Scouts other financial resources, the assistance may be less than half the registration fee but will not exceed half of the registration fee.
5. Financial assistance can only be used for a Scout to attend a full week of summer camp at Ingersoll Scout Reservation. Scouts attending camps outside of the W.D. Boyce are not eligible and will not be considered.
6. Only one Financial Assistance Application from an individual will be considered each calendar year.
7. To be considered for financial assistance, a Scout must participate, to the best of his or her ability, in all fundraising programs and opportunities presented by their troop.
8. The Scout must include a minimum 250-word essay with their application explaining why camping is an important part of the Scouting experience. This essay should be his or her own, original work.
9. The selection committee will consist of at least two adults and three youth representatives from Wenasa Quenhotan.

2. Youth NOAC Subsidy Fund

- A. The purpose of the Youth NOAC Subsidy Fund is to assist youth members of the Wenasa Quenhotan Lodge in attending the National Order of the Arrow Conference.
- B. Guidelines
 1. All funds contributed and revenue earned specifically for the Youth NOAC Subsidy Fund are maintained by the W.D. Boyce exclusively for use under these guidelines.
 2. Funds designated specifically for the Youth NOAC Subsidy Fund shall be used for no other purpose than as outlined in these

guidelines.

3. Youth NOAC Subsidy Fund shall be used for the sole purpose of assisting youth members of the Wenasa Quenhotan Lodge with payment of fees and necessary additional costs to attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC).
4. To be eligible to receive Youth NOAC Subsidy Funds, a youth (under age 21) must be a registered and active member of the Boy Scouts of America in the W.D. Boyce Council, and a member in good standing in Wenasa Quenhotan Lodge.
5. To be eligible to receive Youth NOAC Subsidy Funds, Arrowmen must be current in their annual dues to Wenasa Quenhotan Lodge.
6. Adult members of Wenasa Quenhotan Lodge (are 21 and over) are not eligible to receive Youth NOAC Subsidy Funds.
7. Youth NOAC Subsidy Funds will be awarded to eligible Arrowmen without regard to race, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or anything else outlined in Standing Rules Article VIII.
8. Youth NOAC Subsidy Funds will be awarded to eligible Arrowmen regardless of membership level: Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil.
9. Youth NOAC Subsidy Funds will be awarded to eligible Arrowmen regardless of financial need; all members of a NOAC contingent will receive the same amount.
10. An individual Arrowman may decline Youth NOAC Subsidy Funds; by doing so, the Arrowman forfeits any future claim to the funds that would have been awarded to that event.
11. Youth NOAC Subsidy Funds will not be awarded directly to eligible Arrowmen. Funds will be transferred from Lodge accounts maintained by the W.D. Boyce Council for payment of costs incurred for attending NOAC.
12. The amount of each Arrowman's subsidy shall not exceed half of the total cost of attending NOAC.
13. The amount of each Arrowman's subsidy shall be determined by a majority vote of the Lodge Executive Committee as outlined in Standing Rules Article I.
14. As a youth member of Wenasa Quenhotan Lodge, an Arrowman can receive Youth NOAC Subsidy Funds to attend more than one NOAC event.

V. The Golden Kernel Program

- A. The purpose of the Golden Kernel program is to encourage the membership to plan to attend all the lodge events of the year and to give them a time where they can pay for all three events, Winter Banquet, and Spring and Fall Fellowships and yearly dues, at the same time.
- B. Registration in the Golden Kernel program opens at the Winter Banquet and closes two weeks prior to Spring Fellowship.
 - a. The registration cost shall be \$68.
 - b. If they would like to seal their membership by doing Brotherhood at any event then an extra \$12 shall be charged.
- C. Those who register for the Golden Kernel program shall receive a golden ear of corn pin that they can wear on their uniform.

VI. Membership

- A. Other than by Sash, no member of the lodge shall be able to have the level of their membership identified by any outside item or article of clothing.

VII. Lodge State of Emergency

- A. The Lodge State of Emergency program is activated by a vote by the youth membership of the LEC, that vote shall follow guidelines set forth by Standing Rules Article I.
- B. A State of Emergency can only be declared if one of the following reasons.
 - 1. Natural disaster
 - a. Weather

- b. Illness
- c. Any other uncontrollable, natural circumstance

2. BSA and OA major drop in membership

- a. If six months or later into a calendar year and BSA and/or OA have seen a 50% drop in registration from the previous year.
- b. Changes in higher levels that are beyond the control of the LEC.
- c. Changes in State or Federal government, Council, Section, Region, OA or BSA policy that immediately affect the purpose, operation, or structure of the Lodge.

C. Once activated the lodge shall be in a State of Emergency for a maximum of six months.

- 1. The youth LEC members may vote to end the State of Emergency before the six-month period is up if the emergency situation is no longer present.
- 2. The youth LEC members may vote to extend the State of Emergency so long as the original concern that prompted the initial vote is still in effect.

D. Once a State of Emergency has been declared the youth LEC members can vote on temporary changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules without conforming to the adoption process as described in Bylaws Article XIII Section A.

- 1. After the lodge is no longer in a State of Emergency, all changes that were voted on during this time revert back to their original position.
- 2. If the LEC wishes to keep any changed Bylaw or Standing Rule, that Bylaw or Standing Rule must be re-presented to the LEC for approval and approval must follow all processes stated in Bylaws Article XIII.
- 3. Before, during, and after the State of Emergency, the LEC cannot create or change a Bylaw or Standing Rule that does not conform to National BSA or National OA policy.

VIII. Anti-Discrimination

- A. This Lodge shall not discriminate against anyone based on scouting background, race, nationality, gender, sexual orientation or preference,

religion (within BSA policy), or physical or mental ability. So long as they are members of our society, local, national, or world communities, or our organization.

- B. In accordance with BSA and OA national policy this lodge does not tolerate hashing of any kind or the creation of any internal secret groups.