

Naguonabe Lodge Rules

I. MISSION

The mission of this Lodge is to fulfill the purpose of the Order of the Arrow as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

II. NAME AND AFFILIATION OF LODGE

- A. The Lodge shall be known as: Naguonabe Lodge, Central Minnesota Council No. 296, Boy Scouts of America, and shall be under the supervision of the council camping or Scouts BSA committee and the administrative authority of the scout executive.
- B. The totem of Naguonabe Lodge shall be that of the TILTED FEATHER.

III. ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP

- A. The requirements for membership in this Lodge are as stated in the current printing of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and the *Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers*.
- B. The procedure for the Ordeal shall be as stated in the current printing of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and the *Guide to Inductions*.

IV. LODGE OFFICERS

- A. The elected officers of this Lodge shall be: Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice Chief of Administration, Lodge Vice Chief of Ceremonies, Lodge Secretary, and Lodge Treasurer. These elected officers must be under 21 years of age during the entire term of office.
- B. In the event a Lodge officer resigns or is unable to fulfill their term of office, the successor for the unexpired term of office shall follow national policy and/or the LEC will appoint a member to fulfill the unexpired term.
- C. Lodge Officers shall be elected annually at the Spring Conclave.
 1. They shall be ceremoniously installed at the annual banquet.
 2. Newly elected Officers will hold an immediate Committee seat to the existing Officer.
 - If Spring's voted officer declines the seat before fall conclave, a special election shall be held at fall conclave.
 3. Their term in office shall officially begin January 1st and end December 31st.
- D. The term limit for an officer is 2 years* in a position.
 1. *Additional duration from special elections shall not reduce a 2 full year term election
 2. Special Installation officers to fill a vacated officer seat shall extend term limits beyond 2 years to accommodate extra time served. Not to exceed 3 years total.
- E. The Lodge Executive Committee shall be comprised of the following:
 1. The elected Lodge officers.
 2. The immediate past Lodge Chief if under the age of 21.
 3. The Lodge operating committee chairperson(s).
 - Each committee's Chair will be inclusive to the LEC.
 4. Lodge Adviser.
 5. Appointed district youth representatives.
 6. One member of the council camping or Scouts BSA Committee if appointed by the Scout Executive.
 7. Scout executive.
 8. Lodge Staff Adviser.
- F. Voting members of the Lodge Executive Committee are youth elected officers, committee chairpersons and Head Elangomat. Ex-officio non-voting members are: adults over the age of 21 and at any duly called LEC meeting 51% of the elected Officers must be present to constitute a quorum before business can be transacted or motions made or passed.

1. Lodge Adviser shall hold executive approval to hold a meeting with less than 51% quorum to hold Lodge meetings.

G. Arrowmen under the age of 21 who are primarily registered with a unit in this council and whose dues are currently paid in this Lodge may vote in matters of Lodge business.

V. BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

A. Completion of Brotherhood membership shall be in accordance with the requirements in the most recent printing of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and the *Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers*.

VI. VIGIL HONOR MEMBERSHIP

A. Attainment of the Vigil Honor shall be in accordance with the requirements in the current printing of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and the *Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers*.

B. Vigil selection shall take place on or before Spring Conclave.

C. All Vigil Nominations shall be submitted to the Vigil Adviser annually by May 1st of the current year, all nominations submitted after will be considered in the following year's nominations.

VII. DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

A. There shall be four district youth representatives. One from Gateway, North Star, Pine Tree, and Scenic Districts.

B. District representatives will be appointed by the Lodge Vice Chief of Administration with approval of the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser.

VIII. LODGE COMMITTEES

A. All committee chairpersons are appointed by the appropriate Officer with approval of the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser.

B. Committee chairpersons may pick their own committee members subject to the approval of the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser. Each committee shall have no less than the chairperson, with a goal of three members, including, the chairperson has the right to sit on the Lodge Executive Committee.

C. Naguonabe Lodge shall operate the following committees:

1. Unit Elections/Camping Promotion

2. Native American Affairs

3. Elangomat

4. Service

5. Vigil

6. Awards

D. Other committees may be instated by the Lodge Chief, with the approval of the Lodge Executive Committee

IX. LODGE MEETING

A. The Lodge shall schedule Lodge events as follows: Spring Conclave, Spring Activation, Fall Conclave, Fall Activation, Annual Banquet, and Winter Fellowship.

B. The Lodge Executive Committee shall be able to call special meetings of the Lodge, as they feel necessary.

C. The Lodge Executive Committee shall hold at least four meetings a year, one being a planning meeting.

D. The Lodge Executive Committee shall conduct at least one LLD during the year with qualified instructors using current materials.

E. Special meetings of the Lodge Executive Committee maybe called by the Lodge Chief with approval of the Lodge Adviser.

- F. The outgoing Lodge Chief and LEC are responsible for hosting the annual banquet following their term of office.
- G. Each meeting of the Executive Committee shall begin with the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow.

X. FINANCES

- A. There shall be an induction fee consisting of the cost of the OA Ordeal sash, OA Handbook, and one year's dues, which will pay the new members' dues through the remainder of the year.
- B. Dues shall be collected annually by the Lodge treasurer in the amount that is determined annually by the Lodge Executive Committee.
- C. All Order of the Arrow funds shall be handled through the council.

XI. SPECIAL LODGE AWARDS

- A. Lodge Awards may be established by the Lodge and/or the Lodge Executive Committee. All awards shall specify the purpose, restrictions, and method(s) for recipient(s).
- B. A committee, appointed by the Lodge Chief and approved by the Lodge Executive Committee, shall have the sole responsibility and authority to investigate and name qualified recipient(s) (if any) for Lodge awards.

XII. LODGE POCKET FLAPS

The standard membership pocket flap shall have a tilted feather, a horizontal red arrow, and a silver/gray background as the standard design.

XIII. REVIEW OF RULES

- A. Rules shall be reviewed annually to comply with National's updates. Updates shall be modified after every National Order of the Arrow Conference or as published by the National Order of the Arrow Policy Updates, to ensure that they comply with current national Order of the Arrow standards and policies.
- B. If any part of these Rules is in conflict with current National Order of the Arrow standards or policies or the most recent printing of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and the *Guide to Officers and Advisers Handbook*, the part of these Rules in conflict is void and will not apply.

XIV. AMENDMENT TO THESE RULES

- A. Any member of Naguonabe Lodge may propose an amendment to these Rules by submitting it, in writing, to the Lodge Executive Committee of Naguonabe Lodge.
- B. A simple majority vote of approval by the Lodge Executive Committee of Naguonabe Lodge shall be required on any proposed amendment before it may be announced and/or submitted to the general membership.
- C. A two-thirds majority vote of the voting members present at any of our Lodge events (previously outlined in this document) shall be required to pass the amendment.

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