

Troop 95 Elections Guidelines

- Scouts learn citizenship and democratic principles by participating in bi-annual elections (May and November) for various leadership positions (see leadership positions below).
- Elections are held on regular, Tuesday night meetings and shall be announced on the monthly calendar by the PLC.
- Nominations for leadership positions shall be conducted at least one week in advance of the election. Only active members of the troop who are in good standing may be nominated and make nominations; the Scribe and ASM's will maintain attendance records. All nominations are subject to approval by the Scoutmaster.
- Eligibility to vote and run for leadership: Scouts must be active members of the troop and in good standing to be eligible to cast ballots and hold positions. There are no term limits for leadership positions.
 1. "Active" membership means that a scout must have attended at least two outings in the previous six months (inclusive). Also, he must have attended at least one meeting per month in the previous six months (inclusive). To run for a leadership position a scout must have participated in at least three outings in the previous six months (inclusive) and attended at least one meeting per month.
 2. "Good Standing" means that a scout must not have violated the Disciplinary Policy with serious penalty resulting (probation or suspension, nor have been sent home from an outing).
 3. The minimal rank requirements for holding troop level positions (not Patrol level), is 1st Class unless there are no other eligible scouts nominated.
 4. To run for leadership positions, scouts must commit to attend all or most outings & meetings (esp. PLC's) during the 6 month term for elected scout leaders.
- Electioneering: Scouts who are interested in being nominated or who are nominated for leadership positions may ask other scouts to nominate or vote for them prior to the election, but may not trade anything of value nor make any prior agreements in exchange for votes. Time shall be provided for nominees to deliver short speeches to the troop. Scouts are to avoid unfair and unseemly electioneering prior to and during elections. Violations may result in nullification of nominations, ballots and/or election results as well as consequences per the Disciplinary Policy.
- Balloting: Scouts are on their honor to vote honestly and for the best leaders for the troop. The outgoing SPL shall run the troop election with the assistance of the Scribe. The Scribe and Assistant Scoutmasters shall insure that eligible scouts are provided ballots. After speeches by nominees the SPL and Scribe will distribute ballots for scouts to fill-in the names of their choices, secretly. Assistant Scoutmasters will collect and count the ballots, announcing the

winners at the end of the meeting. The new troop leaders will assume their positions at the next regular meeting.

- Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders: Two ASPL's are chosen by the newly elected SPL as top members of his leadership team. The SPL is free to select any active scouts in good standing who are at least 1st Class rank. However, between the SPL and his ASPL's, no two of them shall belong to the same patrol. The SPL shall make known his selections to the Scoutmaster prior to the next regular meeting after the election, and are subject to his approval.

Elected Leadership Positions:

1. Senior Patrol Leader
2. Patrol Leaders
3. Scribe
4. Quartermaster
5. Instructor
6. Chaplain's Aide
7. Historian
8. Webmaster