

Council Shooting Sports Committee

Purpose: The Shooting Sports Committee has overall responsibility for the local council's live-fire shooting sports activities in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouts, Venturing and Exploring programs. Within the local council organization the Shooting Sports Committee reports to the Council Camping Committee Chairman or designee.

Members of the Shooting Sports Committee should either be experienced Scouters with a background in shooting sports, NRA certified personal or shooting sports specialist interested in becoming involved in the Scouting program. The committee should include at least one individual with a current National Camp School Shooting Sports Director, BSA trained card and at least one individual with an NRA Training Councilors credentials (to support the training functions of the committee).

In addition to shooting sports specialists the committee should include specialists for the type of activities prevalent in the local council (e.g., rifle, shotgun, black powder, pistol, archery & Hunters Safety). Select committee members should either be members of or liaisons to other council committees that touch the Shooting Sports Committees' areas of responsibility including Training, Advancement, Health & Safety, etc.

The Summer Camp Shooting Sports Director and staff members should be ex-officio members of the committee during the term of their employment and afterwards encouraged to become full-time, year-round volunteer members.

The Shooting Sports Committee officers should include a committee chairman, vice-chairman for administration, & vice-chairman for program.

The Shooting Sports Committee should meet quarterly for training, special projects and/or fellowship.

The Shooting Sports Committee's main responsibilities include the following year-round activities tailored to the local council's shooting sports activities and opportunities:

Training – Work with the Council Training Committee to provide shooting sports training (NRA certification, Cub Day Camp, Hunters Safety, etc.) for adults and youth.

Program – Provide and promote a broad array of basic and high-adventure shooting sports activities to support all parts of the Scouting program.

Advancement – Provide advancement opportunities for youth.

- Cub Scout electives & Sports Awards for BB's & Archery
- Rifle, Shotgun & Archery Merit Badge clinics (non-summer camp)
- Venturing shooting sports related core requirements (non-summer camp)

Safety – Actively assess safe operation of council and district led shooting sports activities including summer camp and promote shooting sports safety at the unit level

- Promotion of National Rifle Association certification programs
- Review of council and district safety training and procedures for shooting sports activities including Cub Day & Boy Scout resident camps and Venturing activities
- Develop and implement standing operating procedures (SOP) for range safety
- Inspection of summer camp and other council/district shooting sports activities facilities and equipment

Attraction, Development and Retention of Shooting Sports Leadership – A primary role of the committee is attracting, developing and retaining qualified shooting sports leadership for the training, program, advancement, and safety activities above. This includes summer camp and year-round council and district led shooting sports activities and should include a succession planning of key roles.

- Develop and maintain enough qualified instructors, distributed throughout the council, to timely meet all local shooting sports training needs.
- Assist with sourcing qualified candidates for council shooting sports program and safety leadership needs.
- Assist with interviewing candidates to ensure necessary shooting sports experience, training certificates and leadership exists.
- Establish a succession plan process identifying the next leaders for key leadership roles.
- Establish a program to train, develop and retain younger shooting sports staff members to become leaders in the future. This includes staff for summer camp and year-round council and district led shooting sports activities. The staff training process for summer camp staff ideally would begin in the January to April time period each year to ensure that a well trained staff exists prior to their arrival at summer camp.