



Mikanakawa Lodge – Quatahemeltsh Chapter Order of the Arrow Election Rules



Before the election:

Please make sure a DVD player is available.

Scoutmaster must be present. Since the election results are usually confidential until the scout is called out either the Scoutmaster must be present or he must assign an adult representative who is an Order of the Arrow member to assist counting the votes.

Scoutmaster must provide a list of eligible scouts including the **Scout's BSA Number, Address, Phone Number, Rank, and DOB**. The scouts BSA number is available on their card, your recharter record or the Circle 10 on-line advancement system.

Eligibility consists of:

- 1) Being a First Class Scout,
- 2) Having 15 nights of camping including 1 long term camp (5 Nights) within the prior 2 years. Only 1 long term camp may apply towards the 15 Nights,
- 3) The scout is active in troop activities
- 4) The scout's attitude exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law. **The Scoutmaster may strike any youth from the list that he feels does exemplify the Scout Oath and Law before the election is started.**

Half of the active youth must be present.

During the presentation/election:

There must be no talking by scouts or the Scoutmaster unless a scout has a question regarding voting requirements. Only the OA representative is allowed to talk.

Vote submittals for people not on the eligible scouts will invalidate the process.

A scout need not turn in a vote if he does not know the eligible candidates.

A scout may turn in a blank ballot if he feels that no candidates qualify for his vote.

A scout may vote for as many eligible scouts as he wishes.

After the elections:

The OA representatives count the vote in the presence of the Scoutmaster or his representative.

Any scout receiving $\frac{1}{2}$ of the **ballots submitted** is elected.

If no scout is elected **one** re-ballot may be conducted.

Elections are final.

Votes are usually held confidential until the call-out; but this is the Scoutmaster's call.

The troop may submit an Adult Nomination Form to the Lodge council per the form available on miki.org.