

Troop Officer Eligibility Criteria

Senior Patrol Leader & Assistant Senior Patrol Leader:

- Must be Star rank or higher at time of election;
- Must have served for 6 months as Patrol Leader OR must have served 12 months as Assistant Patrol Leader or other Troop Leadership position;
- SPL must have attended and successfully completed an NYLT course (or, for May elections, must be signed up for May/June NYLT course);
- ASPL must have completed an approved Troop Leader Training (TLT) course (Troop, District or Council) within 2-1/2 years preceding election date.

“Tickets”, on a 3x5 index card, of a paired SPL and ASPL who are running together for office are to be submitted to the Scoutmaster no later than the start of PLC prior to elections. A “Ticket” must receive a majority vote to be elected. If no ticket receives a majority, there is a run-off between the top two tickets. A candidate can appear on multiple tickets but this may divide the vote in an undesirable manner.

Patrol Leader:

- Elected by a majority vote within the patrol.
- Must be present to be elected, or, must have indicated to Scoutmaster prior to election that he is willing to serve.
- Must be First Class rank or higher at time of election, unless 50% or more Scouts in patrol have less than one year of service in the BSA.
- Must have completed an approved TLT course within 2-1/2 years preceding election date.

Troop Guide:

- Must be First Class rank or higher at time of appointment;
- Must have completed an approved TLT course within 2-1/2 years preceding appointment date.

All Other Troop Leadership Positions:

- Must have completed an approved TLT course within 2-1/2 years preceding appointment date.

General Note: Completion of an approved TLT course as well as fulfillment of duties outlined in the BSA Junior Leader Handbook is required in order to receive advancement credit for leadership service.

Den Chief Leadership Positions:

- Must coordinate position with Den Chief Liaison ASM (presently Pamela Roberts).
- Must attend District Den Chief Training before accepting position or at the earliest time it is offered during the term of Den Chief service.
- Den Chief Liaison ASM and Den Leader will consult regarding expectations, participation and credit for service.