

Patriots' Path Council

Shooting Sports Committee

Purpose of BSA Shooting Sports

Shooting sports have the ability to attract and retain youth in the BSA movement. Millions of young people participate in one or more of the sports annually—archery, rifle shooting, shotgun activities, pistol, etc.—guided by certified adult volunteers who have the skills and knowledge to provide quality programs in a safe and effective way.

Shooting Sports is an important part of our BSA camping operations. In order to have a safe and fun shooting sports program, the BSA has set forth safety standards and training for all volunteers and staff who will be in charge of Shooting Sports Activities.

PPC Shooting Sports Committee Objectives

TRAINING:

The PPC Shooting Sports Committee supports the BSA National goals with regard to this activity. Consistent with the national policies, the committee will insure its volunteers are sufficiently trained in the disciplines and roles in which they serve. All members will have the appropriate NRA, USA Archery/NFAA, Youth Protection and other BSA training certifications as required by policy.

Since training credentials are for a finite period of time, training occurs on a continual basis at the expense of the volunteer committee person. Training may be taken at any official NRA training course including those offered by PPC Shooting Sports Committee NRA trainers. Many of the NRA training disciplines require several days of training to complete the coursework, so a commitment from committee volunteers is required to insure completion of these courses.

Other non NRA training courses will be offered as required in order to have a pool of qualified individuals to staff BB, sling shot and archery activities.

A current roster of all members including their training records will be maintained by the committee.

ACTIVITY STAFFING:

The PPC Shooting Sports Committee will make every effort to help staff all council, district and unit level shooting sports activities that require NRA certified instructors and/or range safety officers. Examples include .22 caliber rifle, pistol, shotgun and black powder. These types of

activities require specific training qualifications be held by all instructors participating in the activity in order to be compliant with BSA National policies and to insure the deliverance of a quality, safe program to the participants. Requests should be made to the committee chair well in advance of the event to insure adequate time to obtain volunteers.

Activities that do not require an NRA certified instructor or safety officer will be staffed from a pool of certified range masters. Examples include archery, LaPorte archery and BB gun. The trained range master list will be maintained by the Shooting Sports Committee and provided upon request to any individual within council who wishes to provide one of these program activities. It shall be the responsibility of the individual running those events to recruit range masters from the list of qualified individuals that is provided to them.

NJ Firearms Law Compliance

In addition to insuring properly trained staff and running a safety and educational program, all members must be familiar with NJ State laws with regard to firearms. The committee will disseminate any changes to current laws to its members as it becomes aware of them; however, every committee member, instructor, safety officer, range master and program coordinator involved in shooting sports activities is solely responsible to insure they are in compliance with all applicable laws.

It is important to note that the state of NJ considers a BB gun as a firearm and all laws that apply to rifles in NJ also apply to BB guns. This includes the possessor of the BB gun to have the appropriate background checks, hold a valid State of NJ Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and be compliant with all state and local laws with regard to transporting, possessing and discharging the firearms in any municipality in which the program is being delivered.