

**GOVERNING POLICIES  
TROOP 462  
NORTHWEST DISTRICT  
NORTHERN STAR COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

**I. ESTABLISHMENT**

**Section 1.01 Establishment**

The following policies, which became effective on 3/8/02, are established for the general operation of Troop 462, in accordance with Article V, Section 5.01 of the By-Laws of Troop 462, Northwest District, Northern Star Council, Boy Scouts of America, hereinafter referred to as Troop or Troop 462.

**Section 1.02 Troop Philosophy**

The Troop vision is to have a completely boy led Troop, one which focuses on learning through camping and high adventure opportunities. To do this, we count on the boys to establish and implement ideas. This is often a challenge for the boys and the adults alike, but the rewards of such a program are tremendous. The adult leaders are available for guidance and safety purposes, not to establish and run the program.

**II. FEES**

**Section 2.01 Youth Registration Fees**

Each registered member of Troop 462 shall pay, as designated by Northern Star Council, the registration fee to become a member of, or to maintain membership in, the Boy Scouts of America. The Troop expects all members to participate with fundraising projects that provide the funds necessary to run the troop. If a family decides not to participate with fundraisers, they are expected to make an annual donation of \$100 to cover Troop expenses.

**Section 2.02 Youth Activity Fee/Camping Account**

Each youth member, in addition to paying the annual registration fee, shall maintain a minimum amount, set by the Troop Committee, in his personal camping account. This will be accomplished through fundraising, and if needed, by collecting an activity fee at the time of the Troop's rechartering. The Troop Committee may authorize the collection of additional fees from one or all youth members as their accounts diminish. This personal *Camping Account* cannot be depleted or the boy will have to pay for each event as they come up, or he might not be allowed to attend the event. The Troop Treasurer or his/her designate shall maintain accurate records of each youth member's *Camping Account*. When a scout leaves the scouting program with funds remaining in his account, that credit is transferred to the Troop's *Campership Fund*.

**Section 2.03 Financial Hardship**

The Financial Committee (comprised of Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, and Treasurer) may order the payment, from the Troop's *Campership Fund*, any registration or camping fee of any youth member of the Troop, if financial hardship is an issue for the youth member's family. For confidential assistance, contact an Adult Leader for details.

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**Section 2.04 Campership Fund**

This fund is intended to assist families in keeping their son active in the Troop. The Financial Committee will review applications on an individual basis. No stipulations have been established for meeting the requirements. This fund will contain a maximum of \$500. Contributions over that maximum will be directed into the Troop's general fund.

**Section 2.05 Adult Registration and Camping Fees**

Membership and camping fees of any registered adult member of Troop 462 may be paid from the Troop's general funds, if the Troop's financial condition warrants. If the Troop's financial condition does not warrant such payment, the adults will be responsible for such payment.

**III. ATTENDANCE**

**Section 3.01 Troop Meetings**

(a) **YOUTH MEMBER** Youth are encouraged to attend as many scheduled Troop meetings as possible, since attendance is crucial to the success of the troop and each boy's progress. Troop meeting attendance will be considered when determining if the youth qualifies for rank advancement. It's important that boys communicate with their patrol leader, if they are unable to attend meetings or events. Should Troop meeting attendance fall below 75%, the scout should discuss the issue with the Scoutmaster or designate.

(b) **YOUTH LEADERSHIP** Members of the PLC (Patrol Leader's Council) should attend 100% of Troop Meetings. If unable to attend, they should communicate with the Senior Patrol Leader, Scoutmaster, or designate. Attendance by youth leadership is crucial to the operation of the Troop and fulfillment of the program they are actively planning. If attendance becomes an issue, rank advancement and/or continuation in the leadership position may be in jeopardy.

(c) **ADULT LEADERSHIP**

• **SCOUTMASTER**

The Scoutmaster shall attend 100% of Troop and Committee meetings unless prior arrangements are made with a designated backup.

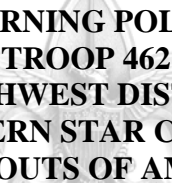
• **ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER**

Registered leaders shall attend a minimum of 60% of Troop meetings.

• **COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Committee members shall attend a minimum of 80% of Troop Committee meetings.

Registered leaders are expected to participate in Troop and/or Committee meetings or to provide some area of support within their expertise. Leaders who are not actively involved in Troop activities, but who wish to stay connected, are expected to cover the cost of their own rechartering or the committee may decide not to recharter them.



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**Section 3.02 Troop Events/Camping**

(a) **YOUTH MEMBER** In addition to attending the required Troop meetings, each youth member of the Troop shall attend: a minimum of three events, such as camping or touring, and three of the scheduled service projects per year. The scouting program depends upon attendance, and it is considered when determining if the youth qualifies for rank advancement.

(b) **ADULT LEADERSHIP** In addition to attending the required Troop or Committee meetings, each registered adult leader shall attend at least three other Troop events during the year (i.e. service projects, camping, touring, etc.).

(c) **FAMILY MEMBERS** The scouting program would not be successful without the support and encouragement from the boy's entire family; however, the program is not designed or intended for family members. The Troop will occasionally invite parents and/or family members to participate in troop events, but unless otherwise noted, scout functions are for registered scouts and scouters only.

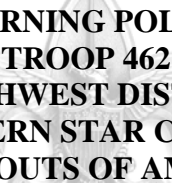
**IV. GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT**

**Section 4.01 Governmental Laws**

All members of Troop 462 shall comply with the laws of the United States of America, the State of Minnesota or any other State in which we travel.

**Section 4.02 Troop Policies**

Scouts are expected to follow the Scout Oath and Scout Law and adhere to the policies of the Boy Scouts of America at all meetings and events. The following conduct shall not be permitted: fighting, threats of physical harm, intentionally causing physical harm, actions which are reckless or careless which cause or may cause physical harm, harassment of any kind, swearing or use of other inappropriate language, destruction of Troop property or property of others, intentionally failing to obey a request or demand of a person in authority, or other conduct which may be deemed to be detrimental to the well-being of others or the well-being of the Troop.



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**V. DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

**Section 5.01 Confidentiality Clause**

Any disciplinary action will be kept confidential and won't be openly shared beyond the Boy Scouts of America, Northern Star Council, Troop Committee, Troop Leaders, parents or other persons involved with a need to know.

**Section 5.02 Youth Safety**

No disciplinary action taken by or on behalf of Troop 462 shall intend to result in physical harm or the potential for physical harm.

**Section 5.03 Consequences for Inappropriate Action**

(a) Consequences for violating the *General Rules of Conduct* (as determined by the Troop Committee), may result in any of the following: restitution for damaged or destroyed Troop or personal property, removal from any office or position held in the Troop, denial of rank advancement through a Board of Review, extra duty at Troop camping or other events, suspension or expulsion from Troop 462, or other consequences not in conflict with the policies of the Boy Scouts of America.

(b) In addition to any of the consequences stated in (a), violation of *the General Rules of Conduct* may also result in the scout's immediate removal from any Troop event, including any camping event, as determined by the Scoutmaster or designate. Any transportation cost incurred would be the responsibility of the boy's parents.

**Section 5.04 Authority for Disciplinary Decision Making**

In most cases requiring disciplinary action, the youth member shall be referred to the Scoutmaster or his/her designate to discuss the incident, allowing the scout to explain his version of what happened. The Scoutmaster may, however, refer any matter pertaining to discipline to the Troop Committee at his/her discretion. The Troop Committee will review any Scoutmaster referral for conduct violations, including those issues that may lead to suspension or expulsion from the Troop. Parents will be informed of conduct violations and may be required to attend any formal review involving their child.