

Disciplinary Policy

BSA Troop 13

In order to create and maintain an interesting and enjoyable experience for a scout, as well as the adult participants, it is necessary to adopt a disciplinary policy in which everyone can abide by and is fair and equal to all. To accomplish / assure a good scouting experience to everyone, a point system will be adopted.

Policy:

~ Every scout will start with 10 points at the beginning of meetings in the fall. The slate begins clean every year, nothing is carried over.

~ Violations of the following acts will result in the appropriate points being deducted from a scout's point total.

* 1 point deduction – Behavioral disruption by a scout to another scout or to the Troop in general. No uniform – unprepared. (Unless specified otherwise)

* 2 point deduction – Using abusive / crude language or hand gestures, cussing.

* 3 point deduction – Hitting or kicking another scout with the intent to cause harm.

* 5 point deduction – Fighting

* Termination - Inappropriate abusive language towards any scoutmaster, assist. scoutmaster, chartered member or any adult volunteer associated with a scout outing or meeting.

** Note: A scout may lose points for each incident. Example: Keith is being told about being disruptive (4) times in one meeting. He will lose (3) points. He will be warned once, and then points will be deducted.

~ A scout may also be awarded points for the following:

• ½ point awarded – wearing full uniform / having scout handbook at meetings, when required.

• 1 point awarded – participation in community service or fundraising activities. (approved by the scoutmaster)
- Specific service during meetings. Example: lead training (approved by scoutmaster)

Note: Service points will ONLY be awarded to scouts who do not violate this procedure during such meeting.

~ Any scout whose points total falls below (5) points will NOT be permitted to participate in any troop outings and be required to attend a board of conduct with the scoutmaster, assist. scoutmaster, and the senior patrol leader. A scout whose total points fall to zero (0) or below will NOT be permitted to attend meetings or outings until he goes in front of a board of conduct with the scoutmaster, assist. scoutmaster, senior patrol leader and one of the scout's parents.

~ A scout in this situation will need to improve his behavior and accumulate additional points to bring his total up to above (5) to be eligible for troop outings and above (0) to be eligible to attend meetings. Additional points may be accumulated by performing community service time, which will need prior approval by the scoutmaster, at one (1) point for each two(2) hours of service performed.

~ A three (3) strike rule will also be in effect. If a scout falls below the minimum of five (5) points:

- First offense: scoutmaster's approval to perform service time to accumulate points
- Second offense: suspension – 60 days loss of eligibility from attending meetings or outings. Downgrade of position (ex: Patrol leader will lose position, return to scout rank) A scout may not perform community service for points until his suspension has been completed.
- Third offense: Termination

The scoutmaster, or his designee, and the senior patrol leader will be responsible to log and maintain a spreadsheet on each scout. Points will be tallied and adjusted after each meeting or outing.

Points will be awarded or deducted only by the scoutmaster, assist. scoutmasters, senior patrol leader, or patrol leaders. At a minimum 2, (one must be an adult) of the above persons must agree on either awarding or deducting of points to a scout.