

Bylaws
Connecticut Region
Eastern Division - National Ski Patrol
Revised April 15, 2021

1. Preamble and Purpose

- 1.1 The Connecticut Region of the Eastern Division of the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. (NSPS) shall operate pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the NSPS congressional charter, the certificates of incorporation and the bylaws of the Eastern Division, the NSPS Policies and Procedures and the provisions of these bylaws.
- 1.2 The purpose of these bylaws is to establish procedures for the governance and operation of the Connecticut Region. Nothing contained herein shall be inconsistent with the aforesaid governing documents of the NSPS and the Eastern Division, which shall control in case of conflict with these bylaws.

2. Connecticut Region - Organization

- 2.1 The Connecticut Region shall consist of two (2) or more Sections, each of which shall consist of two (2) or more Patrols consisting of two (2) or more Patrollers.

3. Administration

- 3.1 The Connecticut Region shall be administered by an individual bearing the designation of "Region Director".
- 3.2 Each Section shall be administered by an individual bearing the designation of "Section Chief".
- 3.3 Each Patrol shall be administered by an individual bearing the designation of NSP "Patrol Representative" (a.k.a. Patrol Leader or Patrol Director).
- 3.4 Region officers shall consist of the Region Director, Alternate Region Director and Section Chiefs, who shall be elected, and Treasurer, who shall be appointed.

4. Elected Officers - Eligibility and Requirements for Office

- 4.1 Eligibility for election to and holding the office of Region Director and Alternate Region Director shall be the requirements established by and provided for in the Eastern Division and NSPS bylaws current at the time the election is conducted. The Region Director and Alternate Region Director shall maintain primary NSPS registration with a Connecticut Region Patrol.
- 4.2 Eligibility for election and holding of the office of Section Chief shall be a minimum of five seasons of patrolling experience, have knowledge of NSP, Eastern Division and CT Region policies and procedures and if the Candidate has not achieved Senior Alpine, Senior Nordic, or Certified status, they must have demonstrated knowledge of NSP Programs. Each Section Chief shall maintain primary NSPS registration with a Connecticut Region Patrol.

- 4.3 No Patroller registered in the Connecticut Region shall hold more than one (1) elected Region office simultaneously.

5. Terms of Office

- 5.1 The term of office for Region Director and Alternate Region Director shall be two (2) years.
- 5.2 The term of office for Section Chiefs shall be two (2) years.
- 5.3 The term of office for Region Director and Alternate Region Director shall commence on April 1, after the election.
- 5.4 The term of office for Section Chief(s) shall commence with the acceptance of a simple majority vote by eligible voters (refer to Section 6 of this document) cast at the Spring Meeting of the Connecticut Region.
- 5.5 The Region Director shall maintain and distribute a schedule of offices for which an election is to be held. The distribution shall be made by the Region Director or designate (normally the Nominating Committee Chairperson) no later than one month prior to the election date. Qualification for each office shall be clearly defined per NSPS, Eastern Division, and Connecticut Region bylaws and-or guidelines.
- 5.6 The Region Director and Section Chief(s) may serve a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms of office.

6. Elections - Procedures

- 6.1 The Region Director and Alternate Region Director shall be elected via electronic vote or as approved by the Election Committee for good cause, paper ballot by all active members of the Region prior to the Fall Outdoor Emergency Care Refreshers in accordance with the Eastern Division bylaws. At no time shall both electronic and paper ballots be used by a single member.
- 6.2 The Chairperson of the Election Committee shall provide a report of the election results to any interested patroller after the election similar to a Teller's Report in Robert's Rules of Order.
- 6.3 Each Section Chief shall be elected via electronic vote or as approved by the Election Committee for good cause, paper ballot by the Patrol Representatives for the Patrols in the relevant Section prior to the Spring Meeting of the Connecticut Region. At no time shall both electronic and paper ballots be used by a single member. Each elected Section Chief will take office immediately after the election result(s) announcement at the meeting.
- 6.4 The Connecticut Region shall allocate monies in order to implement annual electronic balloting.
- 6.5 The Region Director and Alternate Region Director shall be elected in odd numbered years and take office the following April.
- 6.6 One Section Chief shall be elected in even numbered years. The remaining Section Chief shall be elected in odd numbered years.

- 6.7 The Region Director shall appoint an Election Committee, consisting of three (3) or more Patrollers registered with Connecticut Region patrols, to supervise and conduct the nominations and election of Region Officers. This appointment shall be completed at least 90 days before balloting.
- 6.8 Any Patroller registered with a Connecticut Region Patrol may submit nominations to the Election Committee Chairperson.
- 6.9 Nominations for the offices of Section Chief shall be submitted to the Election Committee Chairperson on or before the date of the Spring Meeting of the Connecticut Region. The Election Committee Chairperson shall provide a list of nominees for each office open for election to all eligible voters and to all nominees for their respective office.
- 6.10 Each Section Chief shall be elected by a simple majority of those qualified to vote for that particular office.
 1. If the first round of balloting fails to provide a majority vote for one Candidate, a run-off election shall be held between all candidates tied with the highest vote count.
 2. If the run-off election results in a deadlock, the next higher line officer within the Connecticut Region shall cast the deciding vote.
 3. If a candidate for any elected office holds a voting position for that Office at the time of the election, all other candidates for that office shall have the right to cast one (1) vote.
- 6.11 Elections of Region Officers shall be completed in time to forward the results to the Eastern Division Director prior to the Annual Spring Officer's Meeting of the Eastern Division. (This should normally be done before 1 April.)

7. Assistant Officers

- 7.1 Connecticut Region Officers may appoint Assistants as needed to properly fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office. The term of office of any Assistant shall be concurrent with the term of the appointing officer and may be terminated at the discretion of the appointing officer.

8. Vacant Offices

- 8.1 If for any reason the office of Region Director becomes vacant, the procedure Outlined in the Eastern Division by-laws determine actions to be taken. If for any reason an elected office, other than Region Director becomes vacant, the next higher line officer shall appoint a replacement to fill such vacancy until the next regularly scheduled election for that office. A special election may be held at the appointing officer's discretion.

9. Meetings

- 9.1 The Connecticut Region shall hold a Meeting of Region Officers, Patrol Representatives and Region Advisors (refer to section 10 of this document) prior to the date set for the Annual Spring Officer's Meeting of the Eastern Division. The exact date shall be set by

the Region Director.

- 9.2 Each Region Officer, Patrol Representative and Advisor is responsible for submitting an Annual Report pertaining to the scope of their activities and responsibilities for the past season. Reports shall be submitted in written or electronic form no later than at the Spring Meeting of the Connecticut Region.

10. Advisors, Committees and Other Appointed Positions

- 10.1 The Region Director may appoint Advisors and Committees as needed. Advisors may appoint Committee Members to assist them with their responsibilities. Each Advisor shall serve as Chairperson of their Committee and shall provide an annual written or electronic report of the activities.
- 10.2 Appointees shall serve per the needs of the Region Director and shall serve terms only in concurrence with the term of office of the Region Director.

11. Procedures at Meetings and for the Conduction of Regional Business

- 11.1 Region business and meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order unless otherwise indicated by the Region Director with regard to the content and climate of a particular agenda.

12. Finances

- 12.1 The Region Director or Treasurer shall submit an annual budget to be voted on and approved by the elected Region Officers and Patrol Representatives at the Spring Meeting of the Connecticut Region.

13 Amendments

- 13.1 Proposed amendments to the Connecticut Region bylaws shall be submitted in writing by any Patroller registered with a Connecticut Region Patrol, to the Region Director or designee, not less than thirty (30) days prior to a Meeting of the Connecticut Region. Distribution to those eligible to vote shall be made not less than ten (10) days prior to that meeting.
- 13.2 Those eligible to vote on amendments to the Connecticut Region bylaws shall be the Region Director, Section Chief(s) and Patrol Representatives.
- 13.3 At such Meeting, the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the whole number of Region Director, Section Chiefs and Patrol Representatives voting at such meeting shall be required to adopt any amendment.

14. Disbursement of Funds Upon Dissolution

- 14.1 Upon termination of the functions of the Connecticut Region for any reason, all funds and other property belonging to the Connecticut Region, after payment of debts and obligations of the Connecticut Region, shall be passed over to the Eastern Division Board of Directors, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Eastern

Division bylaws

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