



Ahoalan-Nachpikin Lodge Rules

Preamble: Recognizing the need to develop and maintain camping traditions by enriching camping experiences, and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life of leadership in cheerful service to others, we establish these rules for our lodge.

ARTICLE I MISSION, NAME, AND AFFILIATION

Section 1. Mission. The mission of this lodge is to fulfill the purpose of the Order of the Arrow as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

Section 2 – Name and affiliation of lodge. The lodge shall be known as the Ahoalan-Nachpikin Lodge, Chickasaw Council #558, Boy Scouts of America, and shall be under the supervision of the council camping or Boy Scout committee and the administrative authority of the Scout Executive.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The requirements for membership in the lodge are as stated in the current printing of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and the *Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers (GOA)*.

Section 2. The procedure for the Ordeal shall be as stated in the latest editions of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and the *Guide to Inductions*.

Section 3. Unit elections shall be conducted in accordance with the *Guide to Unit Elections*. The lodge shall provide appropriate training for unit election teams on at least an annual basis. The lodge shall establish a schedule for unit elections each year in accordance with the *Guide to Unit Elections*. Call-out ceremonies shall be conducted by the Lodge Chief or his representatives, and due record made of the candidates called. The candidates will be informed of their opportunities to take the Ordeal.

Section 4. The Lodge Executive Committee may select District or Council Scouters to be inducted into the Order of the Arrow as provided in the *Guide to Unit Elections*.

Section 5. There shall be an induction fee for each new Ordeal member based on the cost of the following items:

- Membership Card;
- Order of the Arrow Ordeal Sash;
- Order of the Arrow Handbook;
- Ahoalan-Nachpikin Lodge Pocket Flap;
- Ahoalan-Nachpikin Lodge Planbook;
- Annual dues;
- Current copy of Lodge Rules;
- Subsistence during the Ordeal; and
- Other material deemed necessary by the Ordeal Committee

**ARTICLE III
BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Brotherhood membership. Completion of Brotherhood membership shall be in accordance with the requirements in the current printing of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and the *Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers*.

Section 2. The procedure for the Brotherhood induction shall be as stated in the latest editions of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook*, the Brotherhood Ceremony Pamphlet, and the *Guide to Inductions*.

**ARTICLE IV
VIGIL HONOR MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. The Vigil Honor. Attainment of the Vigil Honor shall be in accordance with the requirements in the current printing of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and the *Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers*.

Section 2-The procedure for the Vigil Honor induction shall be as stated in the latest editions of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and the Vigil Ceremony Pamphlet.

**ARTICLE V
LODGE STRUCTURE AND LEADERSHIP**

Section 1. The Ahoalan-Nachpikin Lodge shall consist of 5 Chapters: Lippoe Blaknik Chapter, serving the Wolf River District; Macheu Machque Chapter, serving the Thunderbird and Twin Banks Districts; Nashoba Tohbi Chapter, serving the Malmaison, Tallaha, and Washington Districts; Okla Kamassa Chapter serving the Northwest Mississippi District; Sakima Machque Chapter, serving the Eastern District.

Section 2. The officers of this lodge shall be:

- Lodge Chief;
- Lodge Vice Chief;
- Lodge Secretary; and
- Lodge Treasurer.

These elected officers must be younger than 21 during their entire term of office.

Section 3. The officers of each chapter of the lodge shall be Chapter Chief, Chapter Vice Chief, and Chapter Secretary. The officers must be under the age of 21 for their entire term. Chapters should have committees corresponding to lodge committees and the chapter committee chairman should serve on the corresponding lodge committee.

Section 4. A vacancy in the office of Lodge Chief shall be filled by the Lodge Vice Chief. Vacancies in other lodge offices shall be filled by appointment by the Lodge Chief, after consultation with the Lodge Adviser and Staff Adviser. This appointment must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Lodge Executive Committee. Vacancies in chapter offices shall be filled in the same manner.

Section 5. The Lodge Chief and Chapter Chiefs will establish standing committees and appoint chairmen, after consulting with their adviser(s). The Lodge or Chapter Adviser will appoint the committee advisers. The Lodge Chief and Chapter Chiefs may also appoint ad hoc committees throughout the year, as deemed necessary for the successful functioning of the lodge and its

members. All committee chairmen shall be under the age 21 for their entire term of office. All advisers must be at least 21 during their entire term of office.

Section 6. Standing Committees will be as follows:

Program. The program committee shall be responsible for planning activities and training at events. The Program Committee Chairman may appoint chairmen of various events with the approval of the Lodge Chief. The Program Committee Chairman reports to the Lodge Vice Chief.

Communications. The communications committee is responsible for all lodge promotion and communication with members. The Communications Chairman reports to the Lodge Secretary.

Camp Promotions. The camp promotions committee is in charge of promoting council camps to all units. The Camp Promotions Chairman coordinates camp promotion teams to go to troop and crew meetings to promote camping. The Camp Promotions Chairman reports to the Lodge Secretary.

Ceremonies. The ceremonies committee is responsible for planning and conducting all ceremonies. The Ceremonies Committee Chairman will coordinate practices and maintaining ceremonial regalia. The Ceremonies Committee Chairman reports to the Lodge Secretary.

Service. The service committee plans and conducts service projects throughout the year, including one or two larger projects. The Service Committee Chairman reports to the Lodge Vice Chief.

Merchandise. The merchandise committee directs the development and guides the sales of lodge branded merchandise such as patches, t-shirts, hats, and such to raise funds for the general use of the lodge in accordance to the Order of the Arrow branding guidelines. The committee conducts trading post operations. The Merchandise Committee Chairman reports to the Lodge Treasurer.

Section 7. Ad Hoc Committees. Ad hoc committees that are temporary, such as nominations, Vigil Honor nominations, lodge rules revision, a single service project, banquet, awards, or other major lodge activity, shall be formed from time to time by the appointment of the Lodge Chief in consultation with the Lodge Adviser and Staff Adviser. Chairmen of these committees shall report to the Lodge Vice Chief or other lodge officer as may be designated by the Lodge Chief when the ad hoc committee is appointed.

Section 8. The Lodge Executive Committee shall be composed of all elected Lodge Officers, the immediate past Lodge Chief, the Chapter Chiefs, all standing lodge committee chairmen, the Lodge Adviser, the Staff Adviser, and the Scout Executive.

Section 9. Lodge officers shall be elected in the Fall at the annual Fall Fellowship or a lodge meeting called for the purpose of electing officers. The term of the officers shall be for a calendar year and officers should be installed at the annual lodge banquet. Officers may succeed themselves.

Section 10. The Lodge shall hold an annual training and planning conference for the purpose of training the newly elected officers and standing committee chairmen.

Section 11. An elected officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Lodge Executive Committee for failure to perform his duties in a satisfactory manner. The vacancy shall be filled as provided in these rules.

Section 12. All officers must reside within the boundaries of the Chickasaw Council during the entire term of office.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

Section 1. The Lodge shall hold at least one business meeting during the calendar year. Other business meetings may be held with notification to the general membership with at least ten days notice.

Section 2. The Lodge Executive Committee shall meet at least six times during the calendar year. The Lodge Key 3 (Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser, and Staff Adviser) or the Scout Executive may call special meetings of the Lodge Executive Committee.

Section 3. Voting. Arrowmen under the age of 21 may vote in matters of lodge business.

Section 4. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the Lodge where applicable and not inconsistent with the rules of the lodge.

Section 5. Chapters shall hold at least four meetings during the calendar year.

Section 6. The minutes and other pertinent data from these Lodge Executive Committee meetings will be provided to all members of the committee by the Lodge Secretary or secretary of the meeting within 21 days following the meeting.

ARTICLE VII FINANCES

Section 1. Finances. All Order of the Arrow funds shall be handled through the council service center and go through all normal council accounting procedures. No chapter may handle its own funds.

Section 2. Dues shall be collected annually in an amount set by the Lodge Executive Committee. Those lodge members serving in the Armed Forces of the United States are to remain active members, without payment of dues, throughout their term of service. Nonpayment of dues by July 15th or the First Induction Weekend of the next year shall disqualify active membership.

Section 3. Inactive members may be reinstated upon payment of the present year's dues plus one year's back dues.

Section 4. Any registered Scout or Scouter in the Chickasaw Council, having been inducted into the Order of the Arrow of another lodge, may become a member of Ahoalan-Nachpikin Lodge upon presentation of proper credentials and payment of the current year's dues.

Section 5. The Lodge financial year shall run from January 1 to December 31, in accordance with the council financial year. At the first Lodge Executive Committee meeting, a budget of estimated income and expenditures for the coming year will be presented for consideration and adoption.

ARTICLE VIII LIMITATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Limitations. No lodge rule, policy, or procedure may deviate from or change in any manner a requirement in the current printing of any of the Order of the Arrow's literature. To the extent there is any conflict between these Lodge Rules and national policy as stated by the national Order of the Arrow committee, the national policy shall prevail.

Section 2. The rules may be amended at any regular or special lodge meeting. The proposed changes must have been submitted in writing to the Lodge Executive Committee, at least 30 days prior to the lodge meeting. Due notice will have been made to all lodge members at least ten days prior to the lodge meeting. A two-thirds vote of members present shall be required for approval. Any revision in the rules will be made known to the lodge membership.

Section 3. The Scout Executive has ultimate responsibility for the supervision of the lodge program, and as such, may deem special procedures be followed if circumstances warrant.

Note: The current rules were last ratified on September 10, 2017 by the lodge membership. They supersede all previous Ahoalan-Nachpikin Lodge Rules.