



# Eastern Region Section 9

## ORDER OF THE ARROW

### Order of the Arrow Section E9 Officer Election Code of Conduct

Section officer elections in the Order of the Arrow are a unique opportunity for young people to select their leaders and thus help shape the future of our Order. These elections should reflect the highest standards of fairness, respect, and integrity.

This Code of Conduct exists to guide candidates and electors alike in ensuring that our elections strengthen unity, inspire service, and uphold the values of the Scout Oath and Law as well as the Order of the Arrow Obligation. By following these principles, we affirm that the Order of the Arrow is best served when its leaders are chosen through a process that is honest, respectful, and worthy of the trust placed in us.

As a **candidate** for section office in the Order of the Arrow, I **will**:

- Conduct a campaign that is based in a good-faith exchange of ideas and a vision for improving the Order of the Arrow
- Build support based on shared goals and the advancement of the Order's mission, not personal advancement
- Use language that is uplifting, inclusive, and hopeful, and never demeaning, harmful, or divisive.
- Ensure that any person who assists me in promoting my candidacy conducts themselves according to the same standards by which I am promising to hold myself
- Act always in accordance with the Scout Oath and Law and Order of the Arrow Obligation

As a **candidate** for section office in the Order of the Arrow, I **will not**:

- Degrade, defame, or slander, through words or deeds, any other candidate for section office
- Promise any office, position, favor, or other award to electors in exchange for their vote
- Engage in any bullying, harassment, intimidation, bribery, retaliation, or coercion of any voter or any other candidate for section office
- Knowingly spread any misinformation or false rumors about mine or any other persons' candidacy for section office
- Discriminate against any other candidate or elector based on their gender, ethnicity, or any other aspect of their identity
- Solicit or accept the influence of any current or former national or section officer or adult leader to promote my own candidacy

As an **elector** of our section officers in the Order of the Arrow, I **will**:

- Evaluate candidates based on their ideas and qualifications for office, and commitment to the Order of the Arrow's mission, vision, and purpose, not a perceived level of popularity or external influence
- Prepare thoughtfully for the election by reviewing the section officer candidate petitions thoroughly and reflecting on the qualities and values that I believe a section officer should uphold
- Discourage any campaign tactics that violate this code of conduct, and report any observed violation of this code of conduct
- Act always in accordance with the Scout Oath and Law and Order of the Arrow Obligation.

As an **elector** of our section officers in the Order of the Arrow, I **will not**:

- Demean or tear down any candidate for section office in favor of my preferred candidate
- Seek the promise of any office, position, favor, or other award in exchange for my vote
- Vote for a candidate solely based upon their membership in a certain coalition, group, or other collective (i.e. "bloc vote")
- Engage in any bullying, harassment, intimidation, bribery, retaliation, or coercion of any voter or any other candidate for section office
- Discriminate against any other candidate or elector based on their gender, ethnicity, or any other aspect of their identity

As the **election administrator** or **election escort**, of the Section E9 election in the Order of the Arrow, I **will**:

- Follow all section officer election procedures exactly as prescribed in Appendix 6 of the Order of the Arrow [Field Operations Handbook](#) by following the E9 [Election Script, Procedures, and Preparation document](#).
- Not show any favoritism or preference for any one candidate during any campaign activities or the election process itself, or influence the electors to cast their vote in any way
- Ensure that the votes are counted accurately and fairly and in accordance with the [Field Operations Handbook](#) and E9 [Election Script, Procedures, and Preparation document](#).