Council Advancement Committee Guide (Council Guide)  
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Cub Scouting/Scouts BSA/Venturing/Sea Scouting  
Rank Advancement during the Coronavirus (COVID-19)


This Council Guide is in effect under the delegation of James Gillick, Scout Executive & CEO Jersey Shore Council (Council) and the directive provided from National through September 30, 2020.

Sharon McKenna, Staff Advisor for Advancement

Guide to Advancement (GTA), which remains the primary source for information related to Scouts BSA advancement.

All Scouting Programs

The Council Advancement Committee (Committee) encourages youth and adult leaders within the Jersey Shore Council to continue with activities, within the limitations imposed by Scouts BSA, local, state and federal government, that promote advancement in rank and the underlying achievements. Refer to the Scouts BSA link for the most up to date information https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/

Scouting units should use ScoutBook to record and track advancement.

By employing common sense and creative solutions, many requirements – even Scoutmaster conferences – can be fulfilled through videoconferencing or telephone calls.

Youth and adult leaders are reminded of the Guide to Safe Scouting and BSA’s social media guidelines

The following shall be considered in the evaluation of granting extensions under this Council Guide -

1. When Council receives a COVID-19-related request for a time extension, Council shall forward the request to the Council Advancement Committee Chair (Chair) for distribution.
2. The Chair will distribute the request to the Committee, assemble a review board of at least three (3) Committee members, and establish a forum for evaluation of the request (e.g. email, teleconference, videoconference, etc.).
3. Following the National Guide, the review board will evaluate the request and determine whether to approve or deny as appropriate.
4. The Chair will draft a response granting or denying the request for extension and provide the draft determination of the Committee to the Council Staff Advisor.
5. Council will provide a written response to the youth stating the outcome of the extension request.
6. If a protest is filed during the COVID-19 delegation period James Gillick, Scout Executive & CEO Jersey Shore Council, retains the sole discretion to adjudicate the final determination.