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NATIONAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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To : National Office Directors and Executives
Regional Scout Directors and Executives
Council Scout Executives and Officers-In-Charge
All Others Concerned



SUBJECT : OBSERVATIONS ON THE APPLICATION FOR THE
BSP NATIONAL HIGHER AWARDS

1. This National Office Memorandum aims to clarify and address issues and concerns referring to the disapproval of applications for BSP National Higher Awards from your respective Local Councils and Regional Offices vis-à-vis the observance of our prescribed **BSP National Awards Guidelines and Procedures**.
2. The **Awards Section** of the Program and Adult Resources Development Unit, Field Operations Division have conducted its technical screening and evaluation of all nominees and applications for BSP National Higher Awards last **21 – 22 March 2019** which basically runs through all nomination forms from candidates and nominees submitted by the Local Councils.
3. The **National Court of Honor (NCoH)** headed by the BSP National President, convened last **26 March 2019**, together with its members, to carefully validate, made necessary recommendations, other due considerations and finally confirmed the **2019 Official List of National Awardees**, on the basis of basic requirements prescribed for each award categories for Bronze, Silver and Gold Usa and Tamaraw Award.
4. The National Office, BSP, has sent official communications last **26 – 27 March 2019** to Local Councils via email and telefax, indicating the names of Scout Leaders whose award was duly approved by the NCoH.
5. In view of the foregoing, the following observations on the application for the BSP National Higher Awards based on BSP National Award Guidelines are hereby shared to all for your future references, viz:
 - a. **Disapproval due to Tenure.** Disapproval due to tenure means that the nominee lacks the number of years indicating the services rendered for a specific National Higher Awards. With the approval of the revised schedule of Awards tenure by the NCoH, below are the time interval for your easy reference.

i. Gold Medal of Merit to Bronze Usa	1 Year Interval
ii. Bronze Usa to Silver Usa	from 2 Years to 1 Year
iii. Silver Usa to Gold Usa	from 3 Years to 2 Years
iv. Gold Usa to Bronze Tamaraw	1 Year Interval
v. Bronze Tamaraw to Silver Tamaraw	from 4 Years to 2 Years
vi. Silver Tamaraw to Gold Tamaraw	from 5 Years to 3 Years
vii. For the Lifetime Achievement Award	At least 3 Years after continuous service and completion of the Tamaraw Category
viii. For Tanglaw ng Kabataan Award	At least 3 Years after continuous service and completion of the Lifetime Achievement Award

- b. **Disapproval due to Lack of Participation and/or Attendance.** This means that the nominee lacks the required number of attendance and/or participation in any International, National and Regional Scouting Events and Observances, especially those specific events that are included in the official Calendar of Events and Observances by the National and Regional Offices. Please find below the number of activities/events that the nominee has attended and participates, to wit:

Usa Award

- Minimum of two (2) National Activities/Events
- Minimum of two (2) Regional Activities/Events
- Minimum of two (2) Council Activities/Events

Tamaraw Award

- Minimum of two (2) International Activities/Events
- Minimum of two (2) National Activities/Events
- Minimum of two (2) Regional Activities/Events
- Minimum of two (2) Council Activities/Events

- c. **Disapproval due to Lack of Information.** This means substantial information needed were not provided or supplied in the official Application Form such as Occupation/Position, Age, Scouting Position, and Date registered. These are vital information which helps in the decision of the NCoH, especially for those considerations due to our partners in the LGUs and DepEd who plays integral role in our membership growth. Primary considerations include all the support and assistance given and extended by LGUs and DepEd officials to Scouting events and activities at the local and regional levels.

Relatively, the amount of substantial information needed for **Lifetime Achievement Award** and **Tanglaw ng Kabataan Award** is very important and must have been included in the official Application Form.

This includes but are not limited to:

1. Significant accomplishments and contributions as well as the meritorious and continuous outstanding services that the candidate has rendered to Scouting within the duration of his/her active involvement at the Local Council, Regional and/or National level especially for the Lifetime Achievement Award and Tanglaw ng Kabataan Award, respectively.
2. Proof of continuous membership registration to the Boy Scouts of the Philippines to help establish veracity and basis of the Lifetime Achievement Award.
3. Notable and distinguished contribution to the cause of Scouting, its mission and vision, aims and purposes for the Tanglaw ng Kabataan Award.

- d. **Disapproval due to Incorrect or Inaccurate Awards Recommendation.** This means that the Scout Leader being nominated for either Usa and Tamaraw category must have missed or skipped 1 or 2 consecutive awards he/she must receive accordingly.

- i. Several nominations were recommended for Bronze Usa, while the Award Records is due for Gold Medal of Merit within the regular time interval in years.
- ii. Several nominations were recommended for Tamaraw category when the Award Records shows due for either Silver or Gold Usa only.

In this case, the Award Section shall follow the prescribed next higher award instead of the recommendation as stated in the Application Form.

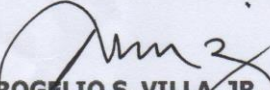
- e. **Disapproval due to Required Signatories.** This means the Endorsement and Application Forms lack 2-3 signatures of the Local Council Executive Board and/or the Regional Scout Committee once the recommendation emanates from the Regional Offices.

This includes the signatures of the;

- i. Council Chairperson, Council Scout Commissioner and the Council Scout Executives
- ii. Regional Chairperson, Regional Scout Commissioner and the Regional Scout Directors

We have received signed endorsement from Regional Offices but the Individual Application Forms were not duly signed by the Regional Scout Directors.

6. This memorandum shall also serve as reminders to other Local Councils whom may have overlooked their recommendations and failed to submit the same for the last 2-3 consecutive years.
7. All concerned are hereby enjoined to keep track of our Nominations and Endorsement Deadlines at your respective Regional Offices, seeing to it that an ample time to forward the same at the National Office, BSP is strictly observed.
8. Should you have further queries, you may refer them directly to **Mr. Yasser F. Sarona**, Program and Adult Resources Development Executive, Field Operations Division, National Office, BSP at (02) 527-83-17 loc. 524 or via Telefax at (02) 527-5112 and email at yaz.sarona@scouts.org.ph
9. For information, guidance, wide dissemination and compliance of all concerned.


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