

Host Unit Selection Process

Per Section 2.9.1 of the Skirmish Rules of the North-South Skirmish Association, Inc., “[t]he Commander or his designee shall assign member organizations to the hosting staffs of National Skirmishes.” As of the date of this document, and subject to change at the pleasure of the National Commander, the Program Chairs, Executive Secretary and IT Manager, acting as designees of the Commander, select National Skirmish host teams based on a rotational calendar and individual team rosters.

Per Skirmish Rule 2.9.2, updated on August 3, 2019, teams selected to host a National Skirmish will be considered to have ‘participated fully’ if the team “*supplies adequate personnel, as determined by the Board of Directors to be 80% of the regular (shooting) members, to effectively perform its assigned responsibilities.*” Non-Shooting Members and non-members (spouses, children, friends, etc.) may be used to obtain the required number, however non-members may not work scoring targets or in front of the safety line on any range.

If a member organization fails to participate fully, it shall be reported to the Board of Directors by the Skirmish Director. A Peer Review Board (Rule 2.9.3.2) will then be assigned to review the Skirmish Director’s report and present recommendations for action, if deemed necessary.

Penalties are defined in Skirmish Rule 2.9.3.3 and consist of:

- a. The required number of members reporting to Fort Shenandoah for the work weekend prior to the next National Skirmish to do work assigned to them by the Property Manager. Individuals who worked the National Skirmish to which the organization was assigned shall be counted toward the number required to fulfill the penalty.
- b. Failing that, the organization and its individual members shall be placed on probation and barred from participation in the next TWO National Skirmishes.

Individuals who worked the National Skirmish to which the unit was assigned will be permitted to participate in National Skirmishes as competitors in individual matches and as pick-ups in company matches while their unit is barred from competition (rule 2.9.4.2).

If a unit’s Commander knows there will be an issue fulfilling their minimum participation obligation, they should contact the National Commander at least six months prior to the skirmish to which they are assigned requesting an exception. If the National Commander refuses to grant an exception, the decision can be appealed to the Board of Directors, whose decision is final (Rule 2.9.4.1).

Method of Selection

- Minimum number of total National Skirmish Staff = 150
- Unit Participation = 80% of Unit Roster establishes the minimum number of people who must attend and work the National Skirmish for the unit to be considered to have participated fully.
- National Commander/designees will use the list of teams and a rotational calendar to determine the number of units needed to ensure a minimum of 150 required staff.
- All National Skirmish staffs should contain at least 1 unit familiar with artillery functions.