



Part II - The Regional Youth Representatives
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I. Introduction

The inclusion of Regional Youth Representatives (RYR) in the Asia Pacific Regional Operational Framework demonstrates the APR Scout Committee's belief in the capability of young people to take responsibilities at regional level and provides young people with experience in operating with regional level structures.

At each Regional Scout Youth Forum, commencing with the 4th APR Scout Youth Forum in Brunei, young people will be invited to elect young persons from among the participants to compose the RYR.

II. Description and Eligibility

- 1) The APR Circular on the Call for Nominations of RYR shall be circulated **at least six months** before the Youth Forum. Only one candidate can be nominated by an eligible national Scout organization with full WOSM membership. A candidate, when elected, shall serve a term of three years, from conference to conference.
- 2) Candidates for the RYR should be registered WOSM members and must be a delegate to the Youth Forum. Candidates must not have reached their 26th birthday at the start of their appointment, when they are officially announced as RYR during the conference.
- 3) Candidates must be present during the entire duration of the Youth Forum.
- 4) Candidates must understand that s/he will manage her/his time in order to carry-out his/her responsibilities including to attend meetings, even on her/his own travel costs.
- 5) The nomination of RYR by NSO shall be submitted to the Asia-Pacific Support Centre **at least three months** in advance. On that same period, the Asia-Pacific Support Center will announce to NSOs the RYR Candidates to allow participants of the forum to assess the competencies of candidates and make constructive decisions.
- 6) The number of young people to be elected will be based on the number of the sub-committee created for the next triennium and an additional member (the Chairman) to the APR Scout Committee.
- 7) It is important for delegates to take into account the various factors when exercising their right to vote, including but not limited to the balance of gender and geographical aspects, the competence and suitability of the candidates in carrying out their duties and function as RYR.
- 8) A member of RYR is not eligible for re-election.
- 9) If a vacancy of RYR occurs before the next Youth Forum, the candidate to be appointed as a successor will be according to the order of higher votes received from the Youth Forum and s/he will serve her/his term until the next Youth Forum. Prior to any appointment of successor, consent shall be sought from that candidate and from the NSO.

In case there are two immediate next candidates with same votes, or the person who is the candidate with the next highest vote is unavailable, the RYR, may, at their discretion, choose a suitable person to take up the position, taking into account the election result, geographical distribution of RYR, gender balance, and the age.

A vacancy can occur if:

- a) A member or the Chairman voluntarily resigns from the position due to compelling reasons;
or
 - b) A member or the Chairman is not performing her/his duties for more than three months or is not available for this period. In this case, the member and the corresponding NSO shall be contacted through the Asia-Pacific Support Centre to request a clarification on his/her absence. If there is no response within 30 days, or the response is considered unsatisfactory after the evaluation by the Chairman of the Sub-committee s/he is assigned to, the rest of RYR may decide to have her/him removed from the position.
- 10) Candidates must disclose all conflicts of interest to the APR Support Centre upon submission of RYR nomination. In case any subsequent conflict of interest rises during their term, that particular RYR should give at least one month's notice to the other RYR and APR Support Centre.

III. Responsibility of the Regional Youth Representatives

- 1) Each RYR is expected to fully participate in either the Regional Committee and/or one of the Sub-Committee/Work Streams they are assigned to, by e-mail, mail and fax, as well as attend a minimum of one meeting during the triennium. Any travel costs will be at the individual's expense or that of the NSO and/or any external sponsors. The APR Youth Fund is established to support their traveling cost.
- 2) The RYR will be requested to indicate their interest and availability to participate in the discussions and work towards any issues on which the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee would like to have the input of young people in any of the Sub-Committees / Work Streams (ideally each sub-committee / work stream will have one RYR member).
- 3) Participate in planning the next APR Scout Youth Forum and actively support the Steering Committee in the conduct of the Youth Forum. The RYR shall participate in the succeeding Youth Forum with a status of RYR and may or may not necessarily be delegates or observers of NSOs.
- 4) RYR shall have a responsibility to report back and keep dialogue with the participants from the Regional Scout Youth Forum and to continue to discuss issues with young people around the Region during their mandate period of office (up to three years).
- 5) The RYR shall submit two progress reports to the APR Support Centre throughout their term, making them accessible online and via circular. The mid-term report should be 18 months into the term, and the final report should be 3 weeks before the next Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum.
- 6) The RYR elected shall, as a group, organize and take lead of one project apart from the planning and operation of the next APR Scout Youth Forum, within the first 18 months of their term. RYR has the autonomy to decide and run any applicable project.

IV. Responsibility of the RYR's NSO

- 1) Support the RYR, to enable him/her to perform his/her function and accomplish the task assigned to them, including providing financial support in attending meetings.
- 2) Report back to the APR Scout Committee on his/her performance, contribution, and accomplishment during the period of office, as RYR.

V. Mentorship of the RYR

- 1) Each RYR's Committee/Sub-Committee Chairman is automatically assigned to be the mentor of that particular RYR for one triennium.

- 2) On top of the Committee/Sub-Committee Chairman, the APR Programme Sub-Committee shall assign a mentor to each of the RYR, for one triennium. The additional mentors shall come from the same Committee/Sub-Committee of the RYR.

In doing so, the APR Programme Sub-Committee shall take into the account of the suitability, the availability of that member, the recommendation of the Chairman of each Committee/Sub-Committee, and above all, the opinion of the particular RYR.

- 3) The Mentors of the RYR are responsible for:
 - a) Providing guidance and advice on the roles and responsibilities of the Committee/sub-committee the RYR was assigned to;
 - b) Providing individual support based on the needs of the RYR. The support to be given must be centered on the objectives and action plan of the Committee/Sub-committee.
 - c) Encouraging the RYR to actively involved in the Committee/sub-committee's meetings and other initiatives such as regional events and projects.
 - d) Ensuring that the RYR is well informed of the Committee/sub-committee's activities.
 - e) Assisting the RYR in identifying available online and offline resources, policies and documents applicable to the works of the sub-committee
 - f) Establishing regular communication with RYR, either online or in person.