

Major Features

- Recognitions and commitment goals are established on the team charter year.
- Each team signs up at the beginning of its charter year and qualifies for the award at the end of its charter year.
- During the charter renewal meeting, a review is conducted by a council representative, usually a commissioner, to determine if the team qualifies as a National Quality Unit for the past year and to make commitments for the coming year.

Recognition—Units with December charter expirations are the first to use the new year's forms and recognitions.

For teams. Pennant streamer for flagpole or room display (no charge) and plaques for selected adults.

For individuals. All Varsity Scouts and adults of a team qualifying for the Varsity Quality Team Award are eligible to wear a recognition emblem on their uniform, and a quality pin on civilian clothing. (Emblems, pins, plaques, and streamers can be ordered from the local council service center.)

INTERPRETATION OF COMMITMENTS FOR VARSITY QUALITY TEAM AWARD

Aim to achieve a "yes" on all 10 commitments. You need six to qualify for the Varsity Quality Team Award. This includes all of the four starred (*) items, plus a minimum of any two additional items.

- *1. **Training.** Trained leaders are an essential part of quality team operation. The new Varsity Scout Coach must complete Varsity Scout Leader Fast Start Training within 90 days of selection and registration. The Coach must have completed the Varsity Scout Leader Fundamentals course. If the unit had a trained Coach during most of the charter year, but a new Coach was selected too late to complete Varsity Scout Leader Fundamentals before charter renewal, the council may still approve this item.
- *2. **Two-Deep Leadership.** The team must have two-deep leadership. At least one assistant Coach must be active, registered, and trained as indicated in (1) above. A registered adult in the team must be assigned responsibility to promote Youth Protection training and coordinate appropriate awareness for parents and youth members.
- *3. **Outdoor Activities.** Use resources found in the Venture high-adventure pamphlets or the Varsity sports pamphlets.
- *4. **On-Time Charter Renewal.** See that the charter renewal application and fees reach the local council service center before midnight of the last day of the team's charter year. Most units will want to submit their renewal at least 15 days before charter expiration to allow adequate time for processing and any unforeseen delays.
5. **Planned Program.** The team leaders conduct the annual program planning conference. After the Coach gets the team committee's support for the program, copies are shared with everyone related to the team, including parents.
6. **Service Project.** Consider your chartered organization as your first preference. A community service program is another choice. Or, if you would like to help Scouting in other countries, funds can be transmitted to your local council for the World Friendship Fund. Also, fill in the total number of hours devoted to community service efforts and projects by all youth members of your unit during the past 12 months.
7. **Boys' Life.** Set objectives for *Boys' Life* magazine. Use the spaces on the commitment sheet. It is recommended that 100 percent of your Varsity Scout team families subscribe. Part of the team's annual budget should include *Boys' Life* magazine.
8. **Varsity Scout Letter.** Set objectives using the spaces on your commitment sheet. New Varsity Scouts enrolled during the year are not figured in the percentage. Only those Varsity Scouts listed on the charter application at the beginning of the charter year are counted at the close of the charter year.

Examples:

 10 Varsity Scouts registered at the beginning of the team charter year.

 5 Varsity Scouts earned a Varsity Scout letter.

 50 Percent of these Varsity Scouts earned a Varsity Scout letter (commitment is met).

9. **Membership.** Set objectives for membership, using the space on your commitment sheet.
10. **Youth Leadership.** Follow *Varsity Scout Leader Guidebook*, No. 34827A.

STEPS

1. Attach the council copies of both the achievement and commitment forms to the Quality Unit Recognition Order Form, No. 14-238Q, and submit to the council service center.
2. Include National Quality Unit Award program on your Varsity Scout team committee agenda each month to check progress.