

2008 Council of Delegates
Issue Overview

Issue: Revisions of Standards (or interpretation) HR-4, OM-19 and PD-23

SUMMARY

The National Standards Commission felt it was necessary and appropriate to revise the interpretation in Standard HR-4 regarding the screening of the staff of user groups. Action also needs to be taken on the suspended portion of Standards PD-23 regarding the bullet trap issue (due to regulatory concerns, this portion of the standards was suspended in February 2007). All of these concerns are being addressed at this time.

If approved, all revisions would be effective for the 2008 season.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COUNCIL OF DELEGATES

We are requesting an [electronic vote](#) of the Council of Delegates be held in December 2007. Voting would be "open" from Dec. 7-16.

In order to provide time for input and discussion, the following will be available:

[On-line Discussion Board](#) will be open from Nov. 12 – Dec. 6, 2007 (questions may be posted and a member of the NSC will respond. Responses are available for all to view).

[Two On-line Chat Opportunities](#) will be offered. These chat opportunities are open to all ACA members, not just Council of Delegates. You may participate in the one that most suits your schedules:

- Wednesday, November 28, 2007 4 pm Eastern
- Thursday, December 6, 2007, 11 am Eastern

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

ISSUE 1: Screening of Staff of User Groups:

After much thoughtful discussion (initiated by questions from the field), the National Standards Commission felt the interpretation for Standard HR-4 added a requirement not addressed in the actual standard (the actual standard has no wording regarding the screening of staff of user groups). The current interpretation indicates the need to advise user groups for staff screening. However, this requirement implied by the interpretation is not related to any of the parts of the standard.

The NSC feels strongly that user groups should be advised of the need for background screening of their staff. The question was: Where should that expectation actually "live."

It was determined the best option is to remove the wording concerning user group staff screening for the interpretation for HR-4 and move this standard to the user group standard, OM-19. See the "Proposed Revisions to 2006 Standards and Interpretations" for the proposed wording.

ISSUE 2: Bullet Trap PD-23

Due to a variety of concerns and regulatory questions, the requirement for camps to recover the spent lead in Standards PD-23 was suspended in February 2007. After additional research, the NSC proposes that camps implement a plan for dealing with spent lead bullets consistent with the applicable local and environmental regulations. See "Proposed Revisions to 2006 Standards and Interpretations" for proposed wording.

Issue 3: Paintball, PD-23

The NSC also realized when reviewing questions about PD-23, that while paintball uses a "gun," the most appropriate place to score this activity is in the PD-15-19 as a specialized activity. Therefore, all references to paintball will be removed from the interpretations in PD-23 AND will be listed as a specialized activity requiring protective equipment.

These three issues will be voted upon separately.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Revisions to 2006 Standards and Interpretations