



## North Carolina Harmony Brigade Membership, Guest and Attendance Policies & Timelines

(Revised 6/15/2022 v2) In support of and in accordance with the ideals set forth in the North Carolina Harmony Brigade (NCHB) Founding Resolution, the following policies are in effect.

1. One of the purposes of the NCHB is to promote men's quartet singing. Thus, at this time, participation and membership are for men.
2. NCHB Membership is based first and foremost on *fully prepared participation*.
3. Membership requires Barbershop Harmony Society ("BHS") membership, and any man who is over 18 and a BHS member may be considered for NCHB Membership regardless of his home chapter affiliation or BHS Subsidiary (SNOBS, BABS, etc.)
4. NCHB Membership may be awarded no earlier than the close of a participant's second consecutive rally.
  - a. The term "Guest" refers to non-Scholarship participants who are attending their first complete rally.
  - b. The term "Candidate" refers to non-Scholarship participants attending their second consecutive rally who are eligible for Membership.
5. Retention of NCHB Membership is dependent on both *consistent attendance* and *fully prepared participation*.
  - a. An NCHB Member who misses two consecutive annual NCHB rallies automatically forfeits membership, but may be invited, as a guest participant, to subsequent NCHB rallies.
  - b. A less than fully prepared NCHB Member, who attempts NCHB rally participation, may be subject in the first instance to activity limits and an advisory, and in the second instance to membership forfeiture. An attendee whose membership is forfeited in this manner is unlikely to be invited as a guest participant to subsequent NCHB rallies.
  - c. Any cancelled Brigade, such as what happened in 2021 and 2022, will not be counted as a *missed rally*.
6. Associate Brigaders
  - a. When a member's age or other issues impacts vocal capability (range and/or quality) and/or the ability to memorize the music packet, the member may voluntarily request *Associate Brigader* status. A member will be required to make this designation on or before the deadline indicated in the member registration/renewal materials.
  - b. The membership committee has the authority to designate a member as an Associate Brigader, based on the advice of the Music Committee, if the member's vocal quality and range has been impacted or if his ability to memorize the music packet has been lessened.

