



# **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK 2016**

## **Individual Membership**

### **Definition – Unassigned Recruit (Temporary Individual Member)**

Unassigned recruits are people who have temporary individual membership in the N-SSA, but are not yet members of a member organization. This category of membership exists to allow new skirmishers a period to meet member organizations and to make informed decisions about their own memberships. This temporary individual membership is open to people who has never been a member of the N-SSA, or who have been voluntarily inactive in the N-SSA for five or more consecutive years, or who were members of member organizations, which have folded more recently.

### **Definition – Recruit Company**

All unassigned recruits in a region shall constitute that region's Recruit Company. The Recruit Company is not a member organization; it is a temporary holding company for unassigned recruits, and it does not have a voice or a vote in association or region business. People who are members of member or probationary organizations may not transfer into the Recruit Company of any region, nor may they become Unassigned Recruits. A recruit company shall not be eligible for awards and shall have not national or regional classifications.

The Recruit Companies will be:

Allegheny Region Recruit Co.	AL-800	New England Region Recruit Co.	EN-807
Carolina Region Recruit Co.	CR-801	Northeast Region Recruit Co.	NE-808
Central Virginia Region Recruit Co.	CV-802	Northwest Region Recruit Co.	NW-809
Chesapeake Region Recruit Co.	CH-803	Potomac Region Recruit Co.	PT-810
Deep South Region Recruit Co.	DS-804	Tidewater Region Recruit Co.	TW-811
Mid-Atlantic Region Recruit Co.	MA-805	Western Region Recruit Co.	WR-812
Midwest Region Recruit Co.	MW-806		

## Individual Membership Rules

1. Unassigned recruits must be 21 years of age or older. Unassigned recruits may join if they are under the age of 21 when a parent, legal guardian, or spouse of the unassigned recruit who is 21 years and or older accompanies them. (*The minimum age for a youth to join with a parent or legal guardian is 14 years of age.*)
2. Members of member organizations may not become unassigned recruits.
3. Unassigned recruits must meet all requirements for N-SSA membership.
4. A person may hold an unassigned recruit's membership for no more than one complete dues year (Nov.-Oct. inclusive) following his/her initial membership year. An unassigned recruit may, at any time, join a member or a probationary organization. By the end of the first complete dues year following the initial dues year, the unassigned recruit must join an existing member or probationary organization or leave the N-SSA.
5. Unassigned recruits will be assigned the next available competitor number in the usual manner. Unassigned recruits will retain their originally assigned number if they transfer to a member organization or discontinue their unassigned status and return later to a member unit.
6. Unassigned recruits shall be assigned to the region in which they reside, and in which they most likely will participate.
7. An unassigned recruit's membership card shall show him/her as "unassigned" and will name the region into which the recruit has been placed. Membership cards for unassigned recruits shall be **RED**, and will contrast each year with the color of the general membership cards.
8. National and regional dues for an unassigned recruit shall be the same as for a member of a member or probationary organization. National and regional dues shall be remitted to the region commander, unless the national dues are paid directly to the Executive Secretary. Each region commander shall be provided with a form for the collection of dues in the region.
9. Competitor number and membership cards will not be issued until the Executive Secretary receives the completed forms and dues.
10. An unassigned recruit is permitted to participate as soon as his/her membership card is received AND the unassigned recruit has met with his/her region's mentor. The mentor must initial the unassigned recruit's membership card before they can participate in individual or team events.
11. The minimum uniform of an unassigned recruit shall be a shirt and a hat of the Civil War period. Modern outerwear (other than foul weather gear appropriate to the day) may not be worn over the period shirt.
12. An unassigned recruit may participate in any N-SSA skirmish, in both individual and company **small arms matches**. He/she may register for national skirmishes on registration forms sent for that purpose to the Region Commander by the Executive Secretary.

13. A recruit company shall not be eligible for awards and shall have no national or regional classifications.
14. An unassigned recruit's membership may be suspended by his/her region or terminated by the N-SSA Board of Directors for just cause. Notice of such suspension or termination shall be given immediately to all members of the Board of Directors.
15. Unassigned recruits who choose to camp at Fort Shenandoah shall camp on sites designated for their use by the Bivouac Officer, or they may camp with existing member organizations, if invited. They may not leave campers parked at Fort Shenandoah between skirmishes.
16. The unassigned recruit will receive a new member packet that will include, but is not limited to the following:

Membership card	Assigned region and contact person(s)
N-SSA Brochure	Outline of unassigned member rules
Welcome letter from National Commander	Safety Manual
	New Member Manual

### **Individual Membership Procedure**

1. The application can be sent to the N-SSA Executive Secretary, along with the national dues check, or it may be given to the Region Commander at a local skirmish, along with national and region dues. National and Region dues are not to be combined on one check.
2. The Executive Secretary will send the unassigned recruit a membership card with his/her competitor number, region assignment, and contact information for the Recruit Mentor and Region Commander.
3. The Executive Secretary provides a copy of the unassigned recruit's information to the Region Commander and/or Recruit Mentor.
4. The unassigned recruit's region mentor must initial the unassigned recruit's membership card before the recruit can participate in regional or national skirmishes. Recruits may not participate in individual or team matches until such time that the card has been initialed. Until this is done, the recruit will only be allowed range privileges for practice.
5. When the recruit joins a member or probationary organization the unit's adjutant handles the transfer in the usual manner.
6. Upon membership of a member or probationary organization, a regular membership card will be issued and the region mentor/region commander will be notified by the Executive Secretary.



## NORTH-SOUTH SKIRMISH ASSOCIATION, INC. Temporary Individual Membership - 2016-2017

*Please type or print clearly. Your full legal name is required. If you do not have a middle name, write "none" or "n/a" in this space. **Required** contact information is to include address, city, state and the 9-digit Zip Code. If you do not have a phone number or e-mail, please write "n/a" in the space. Your temporary membership could be delayed if the required information is not provided.*

### Unassigned Recruits

### Applicable Fees and Charges

*Unassigned recruits may not be a current N-SSA member. Unassigned Recruits shall be assigned to the region in which they reside, and in which they most likely will participate.*

**New Member - \$80.00**      **New Member Initiation Fee - \$25.00**  
**Total - \$105.00**  
*Regional dues could apply. Regional dues are collected by the individual regions.*

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Unassigned Recruit</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Former N-SSA Member    Competitor No. _____
Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____ <small>(Include: Jr., Sr., III, IV, etc)</small>	
Address _____	
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____	
Telephone Home: _____ Email _____	
Telephone Cell: _____ Birthdate: _____      ___ Male      ___ Female	
I am interested in:   ___ Confederate Unit    ___ Union Unit    ___ No preference	

### Office Use Only

<b>Assigned Region</b>	Competitor No. _____	Recruit Company No. _____
___ Allegheny    ___ Carolina    ___ Central Virginia    ___ Chesapeake    ___ Deep South    ___ Mid-Atlantic    ___ Midwest ___ New England    ___ Northeast    ___ Northwest    ___ Potomac    ___ Tidewater    ___ Western		
Temporary Membership date: _____	Regional Commander Notified: ___/___/___	
Temporary Membership termination date: ___/___/___	Regional Commander Notified: ___/___/___	
___ Expired with no transfer    ___ Board action    ___ Withdrew membership    ___ Deceased    ___ Other		
Membership Transfer Date: ___/___/___		
N-SSA Member organization:    Company # _____    Region _____    Company Name _____		
Regional Commander notified: ___/___/___		

The information on the reverse is required by the North-South Skirmish Association. Failure to complete the reverse will delay your membership.

Date received: _____	Date processed: _____	Date card mailed/distributed: _____
Amount: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash

Mail this completed form to:  
 North-South Skirmish Association  
 Judy Stoneburner, Executive Secretary  
 PO Box 218  
 Crozet, VA 22932-0218

Checks payable to:  
 N-SSA or North-South Skirmish Association

**The following is required**

Have you been convicted of any crime or are you subject to any other legal disability prohibiting your possession of a firearm? No Yes

If yes, have your rights to possess firearms been restored? No Yes (proof required)

I affirm that I have answered this question accurately and to the best of my knowledge. My signature also authorizes the North-South Skirmish Association Board of Directors or their designee to conduct a background investigation for cause. If it is discovered that this has been falsified it will be cause for immediate membership suspension and/or termination from the N-SSA, all N-SSA activities and privileges.

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Signature

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Date

*Please note: If the answer to the above question is "yes" and rights have not been restored, or rights have been restored and documentation is not provided, membership is not an option. Any fees submitted with this application would then be returned.*

*Disclaimer: All information received is considered confidential.*