

NCAC Limit on Number of Badges Per Merit Badge Counselor

The National Council of Scouting America does not place a limit on the number of merit badges an individual counselor may be approved to counsel. However, the Guide to Advancement (GTA Section 7.0.1.4) does give the authority to local councils to place such a limitation on individual counselors.

On March 5, 2025, the National Capital Area Council Advancement and Recognition Committee elected to use this authority and voted to place a limitation of 45 merit badges on an individual counselor.

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