

SECTION 4

CHALLENGE AWARDS

THE AWARDS

Challenge awards are created by S.A.H.Q. from time to time. Any Scout who wishes to earn them may do so (except where special qualifications may be specified). These awards are not part of the general advancement programme.

The following are some Challenge awards:

Rule 808 CHALLENGE AWARDS
(a) THONGS & CORDS

Rule 808.1 BUSHMAN'S THONG.

To qualify for this award, the Scout must:

Hold the Explorer Badge;

Hold fifteen Interest Badges, of which three must be selected from, Hike Leader, Pioneer, Cook, Patrol Leadership, World Conservation and Veldcraft.

The fifteen may include the six, which are required for the Explorer/Sea Explorer/Air Explorer Badge – in other words, nine Interest Badges are required in addition to the 6 required for the Explorer level.

The Bushman's Thong is worn around the right shoulder under the shoulder strap. The free end is carried from the front of the armpit in a loose loop to the button of the right-hand breast pocket, to which it is fastened.

The Bushman's Thong is made of leather and brown in colour



Rule 808.2 BOSUN'S CORD

To qualify for this award, the Scout must:

Hold the Explorer Badge;

Hold fifteen Interest Badges, of which three must be selected from Lifesaver, Boardsailing, Boatswain, Motorboatsman, Canoeist, Ships Quartermaster.

The fifteen may include the six, which are required for the Explorer/Sea Explorer/Air Explorer Badge – in other words, nine Interest Badges are required in addition to the 6 required for the Explorer level

The plaited Bosun's Cord is worn around the right shoulder under the shoulder strap and the tasselled end is carried from the front of the armpit in a loose loop and fastened to the shirt at the left-hand top edge of the right-hand breast pocket.

The Bosun's Cord is dark-blue and white in colour.

Rule 808.3 AIRMAN'S CORD

To qualify for this award, the Scout must:

Hold the Explorer Badge;

Hold fifteen Interest Badges, of which three must be selected from Air Glider, Air Mechanic, Air Meteorologist, Air Planner, Air Spotter and Model Aero Engineer.

The fifteen may include the six, which are required for the Explorer/Sea Explorer/Air Explorer Badge – in other words, nine Interest Badges are required in addition to the 6 required for the Explorer level.

The plaited Airman's Cord is worn around the right shoulder under the shoulder strap and the tasselled end is carried from the front of the armpit in a loose loop and fastened to the shirt at the left-hand top edge of the right-hand breast pocket.

The Airman's Cord is light blue in colour.

(a) CUB INSTRUCTOR BADGE

To qualify as Cub Instructors, Scouts must be at least fourteen years of age and must have gained the Adventurer Badge. A Cub Instructor is entitled, after six month's service with the Pack, on the recommendation of the PS and GS and with the approval of the DC, to wear the Cub Instructor Badge. (Rule 635)

Rule 808.2 The Cub Instructor Badge is worn by Scouts, when it has been awarded (Rule 635), on the left breast of the shirt with the lower edge of the badge 3,0 cm above and centred to the mid-point of the upper edge of the left breast pocket. (Badge Chart 5).

(c) WATER ACTIVITIES CHARGE CERTIFICATE

Rule 903.3 A Water Charge Certificate may be issued for any of the following types of boat:

- (a) open boats under oars;
- (b) open boats or decked boats under sail;
- (c) power boats.



A Water Charge Certificate shall further be endorsed for:

inland waters with no special difficulties
and/or special inland waters
and/or coastal waters

in accordance with local conditions, as defined by the Area Water Activities Advisory Committee.

Rule 808.3 Charge Certificate emblems: Where a Charge Certificate has been authorized under Rule 903, an emblem is worn with its lower edge 3,0 cm above the right-hand breast pocket and with the right-hand edge of the badge in line with the right-hand edge of the pocket. (See Badge Chart 2)

(d) PATROL LEADER TRAINING UNIT BADGE

Rule 808.4 The Patrol Leader Training Unit badge is worn by Scouts who have qualified at an approved Patrol Leader training course organised by an Area Patrol Leader Training Team. The badge is worn on the right breast 3 cm above the right-hand breast pocket and with its left-hand edge in line with the left-hand edge of the pocket.



(e) SCOUT WINGS

Rule 645.6 Scout Wings may be presented at a suitable function to any member of the Movement who has complied with one of the following requirements:



- (i) qualified for a student pilot licence in power flying (fixed wing or microlight) after performing one solo flight; or
- (ii) after completing three solos on Gliders; or
- (iii) having executed five parachute jumps or paraglider flights.

Rule 801.9 The badge is worn by SCOUTS and SCOUTERS who have qualified for the Scout Wings in terms of Rule 645.6. The badge is worn indefinitely by Scouts who have flown solo. Scouters who have ceased to train for the private pilot's licence must cease to wear the badge.

Rule 801.9.1 A gold wing superimposed on pale blue background with a silver laurel around the Scout Badge in the centre, worn by any Scout or Scouter who has passed his final flight test in power flying or in a glider.

Rule 801.9.2 A silver wing superimposed on pale blue background with a silver laurel around the Scout Badge in the centre, worn by any Scout or Scouter who has qualified for a student pilot licence in power flying after performing one solo flight, or after completing 3 solo flights in gliders.

Rule 801.9.3 A silver wing as described in Rule 801.8.2 with the addition of a yellow parachute above the laurel, worn by any Scout or Scouter who has executed 5 parachute jumps.

Rule 801.9.4 A silver wing as described in Rule 801.8.2 with the addition of a red paraglider above the laurel, worn by any Scouter who has executed four paraglider flights.

Rule 801.9.5 Air Force Wings. The Adjutant General of the S A Defence Force has given permission for all Commissioners for Air Activities of all ranks and all air Troop Scouters who qualify for wings in the South African Air Force to wear Air Force Wings on Scout uniform. Ref. Authority AG (3) 154/30 of 6/9/46.

Wings are worn on the left breast with the lower edge 1,0cm above and centred to the mid-point of the upper edge of left-hand breast pocket.

SCOUTS who qualify for more than one wing may wear only one emblem at a time. The emblem may be of their own choice.

GOLD SHIELD AWARD

Any Scout may attempt the scheme run by the National Council of the Gold Shield Award Scheme. There are three levels of the Award which may be attempted at any time after the birthdays shown, to be completed over the minimum period indicated.



Bronze 14th birthday minimum six months
Silver 15th birthday minimum twelve months
Gold 16th birthday minimum eighteen months



Each level of the award involves achieving a personal improvement in activities from each of the following four areas: Skills, Physical recreation, Expeditions, Service

In addition there is a mandatory Residential Project at the Gold level. This takes the form of voluntary service or training away from home.

Any activity that forms part of a Scout badge requirement or of any other Challenge Award may also count towards the requirements of a Gold Shield Award. Any Scout who earns a gold Shield Award may wear the badge on his Scout uniform in terms of Rule 808.5

Rule 808.5 The badge is worn with its lower edge 3,0 cm above the left-hand breast pocket and with the left-hand edge of the badge in line with the left-hand edge of the pocket.
(See Badge Chart 5.)