

## SECTION 1: THE AIMS AND METHODS

### 101 Definition

*The Association is governed by its Constitution as an independent, non-political, non-governmental, non-profit and educational movement for boys and girls and adults open to all without distinction of origin, race or creed, in accordance with the purpose, principles and method of the Scout Movement conceived by the founder Robert Baden Powell and stated below.*

### 102 Aim

*The aim of the Association is to contribute to the development of boys, girls and young adults in achieving their full potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities by:*

- Developing their character;
- Training them in citizenship;
- Developing their spiritual, social, intellectual, and physical qualities;

### 103 Principles

*The Scout Movement is based on the following principles:*

- **Duty to God:**

Adherence to spiritual principles, loyalty to the religion that expresses them and acceptance of the duties resulting there from.

- **Duty to others:**

Loyalty to one's country in harmony with the promotion of local, national and international peace, understanding and co-operation. Participation in the development of society with recognition and respect for the dignity of one's fellows and for the integrity of the natural world.

- **Duty to self:**

Responsibility for the development of oneself.

### 104 Method

The Scout Method is a system of progressive self-education through:

- A Promise and Law.
- Learning by doing.
- Membership of small groups (e.g. the patrol) involving, under adult guidance, progressive discovery and acceptance of responsibility and training towards self-government directed towards the development of character and the acquisition of competence, self-reliance, dependability and capacities both to co-operate and to lead.
- Progressive and stimulating programmes of varied activities based on the interests of the participants, including games, useful skills, and services to the community, taking place largely in an outdoor setting in contact with nature.

### 105 Membership

**105.1** Membership of the Association is voluntary.

**105.2** Membership of the Association is open to all boys and girls and adults irrespective of origin, race, creed, sect or class who accept and adhere to the principles of the Movement and who make the Scout or Cub Promise as the case may be.

- 105.3** In addition to membership defined above, lay membership is open to all persons who accept and adhere to the aim and principles as defined above.
- 105.4** The following are considered to be members of the Association so long as they are properly serving in the positions enumerated:
- 105.4.1** SCOUTS who are members of a registered Group, or who are registered as Lone Scouts, Lone Rovers;
- 105.4.2** SCOUTERS who hold Warrants in terms of Chapter 3;
- 105.4.3** Probationary SCOUTERS who hold Temporary Permits in terms of Chapter 3;
- 105.4.4** Persons holding designated or Honorary Ranks (Rule 302) and persons registered as members of the South African Fellowship of Former Scouts;
- 105.4.5** Members Of Group Committees (Rule 622);
- 105.4.6** Members Of Local Associations (Rule 506);
- 105.4.7** Members Of Regional Scout Councils (Rule 418);
- 105.4.8** Members Of Provincial Scout Councils (Rule 406);
- 105.4.9** Members Of The National Scout Council and its subsidiary Councils (Rule 202);
- 105.4.10** Associate members, who may be persons or bodies corporate, appointed annually by The National Scout Council in recognition of good service to the movement;
- 105.4.11** Affiliate Members, being specialist interest groups involving scouts and friends of the Movement which are admitted as such to operate nationally or in a Province by resolution of the relevant Provincial Scout Council on such terms and conditions as the National or Provincial Scout Council, as appropriate, from time to time stipulates. The Council appointing an affiliate member shall have the right at any time to withdraw the appointment.
- 105.5** Notwithstanding any other means provided in POR, the membership of the Association of any person, or anybody of persons, may be determined by resolution of the National Scout Council, which body shall not be under any obligation to state its reasons for such actions.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The organisation of the Scout Movement in South Africa, the procedures to be followed and the requirements of the Cub, Scout and Rover programmes are set out in Policy, Organisation and Rules, Cub Badge Book, and Scout Badge Book (which you are reading). Where 'Rules' are referred to in the text, these are given as they appear in Policy, Organisation and Rules.

*(Please refer to the national website for updates or regulations as P.O & R is an evolving document. Rules listed here could have been deleted or updated in the mean time. [www.scouting.org.za](http://www.scouting.org.za) )*

## TRAINING PROGRAMMES

In order to achieve the Aim of the Movement, the Methods are adapted in the Cub, Scout and Rover training programmes to cater for the characteristics, interests, and degree of mental and physical maturity of boys and girls of different age-groups. The programmes are designed to cover the following areas of growth in the individual:

Life skills	Living with nature
Body and Mind	Service
Social	Faith and Life
Scoutcraft	

While the programme is designed at every stage to prepare the boys, girls and young adults for the next advancement step, in the Cub, Scout and Rover branches the programmes are designed independently of each other.

## **UNIFORM AND SUPPLIES**

Scout uniforms, literature and other equipment are obtainable from the Scout shop in your Province.

The issue of badges and emblems is controlled. Rule 1101 states:

**Rule 1101** Advancement, Scoutcraft, Interest and Challenge awards and insignia are obtained from Provincial headquarters and issued to Pack Scouters, Troop Scouters and Rover Scout Leaders on the recommendation of the examiner, as laid down in subsequent Rules.

## **DESIGN OF ADVANCEMENT, SCOUTCRAFT AND INTEREST BADGES AND CHALLENGE AWARDS**

The designs of the Advancement, Scoutcraft and Interest badges and Challenge awards are as illustrated against each badge and award requirement as set out in the *Scout Badge Book*.

### **Rule 801.7 TEMPORARY EMBLEMS**

**Rule 801.7.1** Temporary emblems for jamborees, National or Provincial events (Rule 1001.8.1) are worn on the right breast with the lower edge 7 cm above the right pocket and with the left hand edge of the emblem in line with the left hand edge of the pocket. (See Badge Chart 2)

**Rule 801.7.2** Recruiter Badge, Silver for recruiting one member and Gold for recruiting 5 members (Rule 1001.8) are worn 0.5cm above the right pocket and with the left hand edge of the emblem in line with the left hand edge of the pocket. (See Badge Chart 2)

**Rule 1001.8.1** National or international Jamboree and Provincial event badges may be worn until replaced by a subsequent event badge.

**Rule 1001.8.2** The Recruiter Badge may be worn till the end of the subsequent calendar year in which it was earned

## **PROVISION FOR HANDICAPPED CUBS AND SCOUTS**

Boys, girls and young adults who are disabled or handicapped are welcome to join the Movement, and should be encouraged to participate in the activities as far as they are able.

**Rule 1103** Proposed alternative requirements to suit each individual handicapped boys, girls and young adults must be submitted to Provincial headquarters, through the District Commissioner concerned, for approval by the Assistant Provincial Commissioner, Scout Programme.