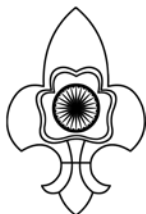


AIMS, POLICY, RULES & ORGANISATION OF THE BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES, INDIA

Part I - General

**The latest amendments have been unanimously
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FOREWORD



The Scout Guide Movement is basically the Youth Movement. The programmes have, therefore, been designed with amendments for the all round development of the personality of the youth up to the age of twenty five. This was also the dream and foresight of Lord Baden Powell, the founding father of the Movement. With this in view, wide consultations were carried out and based on the collective wisdom, amendments to the Boy/Girl Programme contained in this book have been brought about.

In order to achieve whatever has been said in the foregoing para, suggestions were invited by Mr.B.I. Nagarale, the then National Commissioner from the following who were working in various corners of the Country.

1. **Members of the National Council.**
2. **Members of the National Training Team i. e. all LTs and ALTs.**
3. **Participants of State Level Executives Meet held at National Headquarters, New Delhi from 26th to 28th February, 2014.**
4. **Members who participated in the APR Strategic Workshop held at the National Headquarters, New Delhi from 4th to 8th March, 2014.**
5. **Participants of SANDHAN Meet held at National Training Centre, Pachmarhi, Madhya Pradesh from 7th to 11th May, 2014.**

There were as many as six to seven hundred suggestions received from all the above mentioned volunteers, professionals and youths. These suggestions were scrutinized for amendments to be taken before various Committees of the Bharat Scouts & Guides.

A Special Study group of veteran leaders and professionals of different State Associations to sharpen the recommendations on Boy/Girl Programme was constituted and the same was met in Bengaluru from 26th June to 30th June, 2014.

A group of NHQ Professionals headed by the National Commissioner further thoroughly examined and discussed the necessity and feasibility of the proposed amendments to Rules, APRO Part-I, II, III and SOT (S)/(G).

The amendments so refined were taken to Rules Committee on 28th August, 2014, National Executive Committee on 29th August, 2014 and finally National Council on 30th November, 2014, which unanimously approved all the proposed amendments.

The amendments unanimously approved by the National Council as stated above will help all the members to see the qualitative and quantitative growth in our Boy/Girl Programme. This will also help them to reach the peak of their achievements in the Movement in their respective age groups. The number of choices given in acquiring various skill badges will not only accelerate the interest of boys and girls, but will also help them spread this movement to larger section of the society. All concerned will be extremely happy to note that Forms and Procedures have been simplified to the greatest possible extent.

The amendments brought about, I am sure, will definitely help the movement to grow both qualitatively and quantitatively.

“Scouting is a game and it has to be necessarily enjoyable.”

Since utmost care has been taken to make the entire movement flexible and enjoyable doing away with rigidity and the monotony, I am sure the youth of all age groups in the Movement will try to derive maximum amount of pleasure by participating in various activities.

All the amendments are in consonance with the aims and objectives expressed in the VISION 2024 of the Bharat Scouts & Guides, which will help us achieve the strategic priorities contained in the VISION 2024. These amendments are the product of collective wisdom of the Volunteers, Professionals and Youths.

The professionals of the Bharat Scouts & Guides along with Mr. B.I. Nagarale continuously did the most important, challenging, and tiresome work of proof reading of this book along with five other books from 17th to 27th March, 2015 for about 165 hours to ensure correctness and quality of the contents of the books.

I have no words to express my thanks and appreciation for all of them for the day and night hard work put in by them with utmost sincerity and dedication for completion of this book.

I feel extremely happy to present this updated book carrying a number of long awaited desirable amendments to Boy/Girl Programme. The amendments made by the National Council in its meeting on 30th November 2015 are also incorporated in this edition.

I wish everyone an enjoyable Scouting/Guiding with strict observation of Rules in right spirit.

With Scout/Guide Greetings,

NHQ, New Delhi
15th July, 2017



Dr. K. K. Khandelwal, IAS
Chief National Commissioner

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The Bharat Scouts and Guides

National Headquarters - Regional Map



Details of the states in the BSG Regions

Northern Region

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|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Chandigarh - U.T. | 2. Delhi | 3. Haryana |
| 4. Himachal Pradesh | 5. Jammu & Kashmir | 6. Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan |
| 7. Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti | 8. Northern Railway | 9. North Central Railway |
| 10. North Eastern Railway | 11. Punjab | 12. Uttarakhand |
| 13. Uttar Pradesh | | |

North East Region

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|---------------------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. Arunachal Pradesh | 2. Assam | 3. Manipur |
| 4. Meghalaya | 5. Mizoram | 6. Nagaland |
| 7. North Frontier Railway | 8. Sikkim | 9. Tripura |

Eastern Region

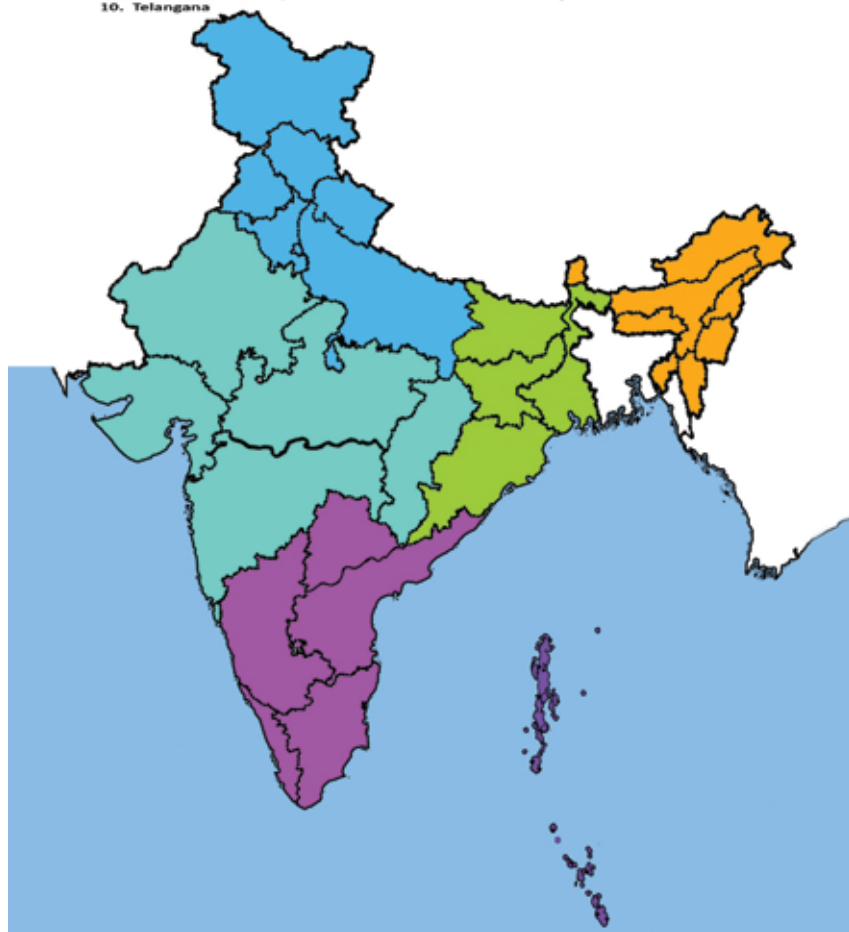
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| 4. East Coast Railway | 5. Jharkhand | 6. Odisha |
| 7. South Eastern Railway | 8. West Bengal | |

Western Region

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Central Railway | 2. Chhattisgarh | 3. Dadar and Nagar Haveli |
| 4. Goa | 5. Gujarat | 6. Madhya Pradesh |
| 7. Maharashtra | 8. North Western Railway | 9. Rajasthan |
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Southern Region

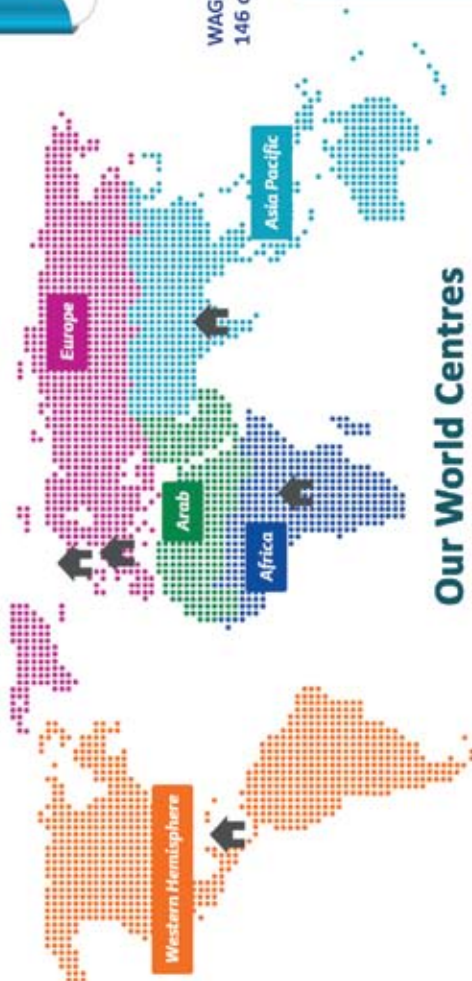
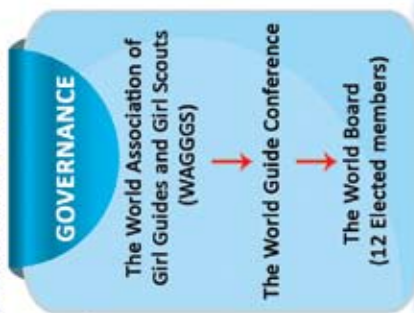
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| 7. South Central Railway | 8. South Western Railway | 9. Tamilnadu |
| 10. Telangana | | |



World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)



WAGGGS with 10 million* members with
146 countries across the world.

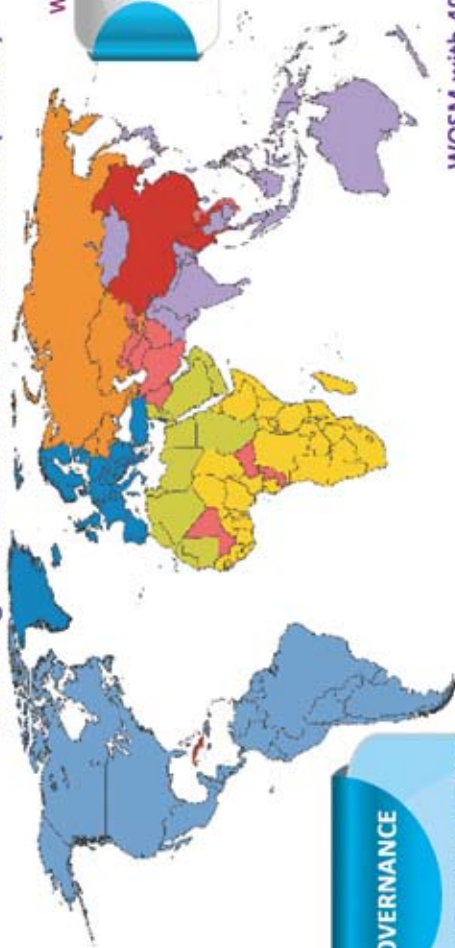


Our World Centres

- Our Chalet** : Switzerland (1932)
- Our Cabana** : Morelos, Mexico (1957)
- Pax Lodge** : London, UK (1991)
- Sangam World Centre** : Pune, INDIA (1966)
- Kusafiri** : Africa (2010)

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World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)



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Malaysia

GOVERNANCE

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)

→ The World Scout Conference

→ The World Scout Committee (12 Elected members)

WOSM with 40 million* members from 162 countries across the world.

6 Regions around the world

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- Light green box: Arab Regional office at Cairo, Egypt
- Purple box: Asia-Pacific Regional office at Manila, Philippines
- Orange box: Eurasia Regional office at Kiev, Ukraine
- Blue box: Europe Regional office at Geneva, Switzerland & Brussels, Belgium
- Dark blue box: Interamerica Regional office at City of Panama, Republic of Panama

Red box: Scouting not allowed

Light red box: Other Situations

Scouting and Guiding at a glance in India



Bunny Law
I shall try to be good Boy/Girl.



Cub Promise

"I promise to do my best to do my duty to 'God and my country, to keep the Cub law and to do a Good Turn everyday."

Bulbul Promise

"I promise to do my best to do my duty to 'God and my country, to keep the Bulbul law and to do a Good Turn everyday."

Cub / Bulbul Law

1. A Cub / Bulbul is obedient.
2. A Cub / Bulbul is clean and polite.



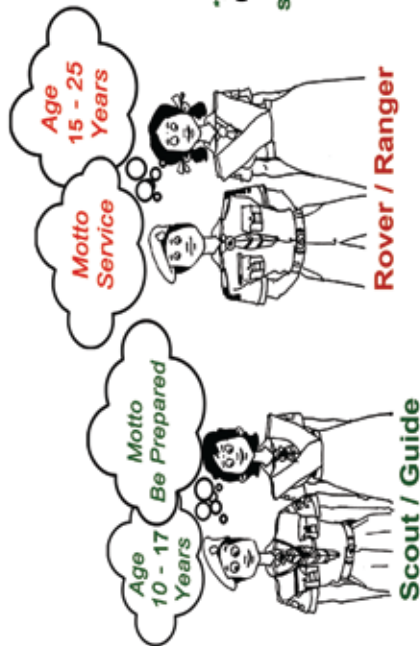
Scout Promise

"On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to 'God and my country, to help other people and to obey the Scout law."

Guide Promise

"On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to 'God and my country, to help other people and to obey the Guide law."

(Note: (1) The word 'Dharma', may be substituted for the word 'God' if so desired. (2) Promise and Law for Rovers and Rangers are same as for Scouts and Guides.



Scout / Guide Law

1. A Scout / Guide is trustworthy.
2. A Scout / Guide is loyal.
3. A Scout / Guide is a friend to all and a brother / sister to every other Scout / Guide.
4. A Scout / Guide is courteous.
5. A Scout / Guide is a friend to animals and loves nature.
6. A Scout / Guide is disciplined and helps protect public property.
7. A Scout / Guide is thrifty.
8. A Scout / Guide is pure in thought, word and deed.

Rover / Ranger

Scout / Guide

Aims, Policy, Rules & Organisation

PART-I GENERAL

CHAPTER I

1. Our Fundamentals

(a) Definition:

The Bharat Scouts & Guide is a voluntary, non-political, educational Movement for young people, open to all without distinction of origin, race or creed, in accordance with the purpose, principles and methods conceived by the founder Lord Baden Powell in 1907.

(b) Purpose:

The Purpose of the Movement is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of the local, National and International communities.

(c) Principles:

The Scout/Guide 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 therefrom.

Note: The word “Dharma” may be substituted for the word “God” if so desired.

Duty to Others:

Loyalty to one’s country in harmony with the promotion of local, National and International peace, understanding, co-operation.

Participation in the development of society with recognition and respect for the dignity of one’s fellowmen and for the integrity of the natural world.

Duty to Self

Responsibility for the development of one self.

(d). The Methods:

The Scout/Guide method is a system of progressive self-education through:

- Promise and Law
- Learning by doing.
- Membership of small groups under adult leadership involving 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 lead.
- Progressive and stimulating programmes of various 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.

2. The Promise

- (a) The Promise for the Scout and the Rover is -
“On my honour, I promise that I will do my best-
To do my duty to God* and my country
to help other people and
To obey the Scout Law”.
- (b) The Promise for the Guide and the Ranger is
“On my honour, I promise that I will do my best-
To do my duty to God* and my country
To help other people and
To obey the Guide Law”.
- (c) The promise for the Cub is -
“I Promise to do my best
To do my duty to God* and my country
To keep the Cub Law and
To do a good turn everyday.”
- (d) The Promise for the Bulbul is-
“I Promise to do my best
To do my duty to God* and my country
To keep the Bulbul Law and
To do a good turn every day”.

Note 1* : The Word “Dharma” may be substituted for the word “ God”, if so desired.

2 : The Promise is to be made on the occasion of the Investiture Ceremony and in the case of a Rover or Ranger who is already a Scout or Guide, the Promise is to be reaffirmed.

3. The Law:

(a) **The Law** for the **Scout** and the **Rover** is-

- (i) A Scout is trustworthy.
- (ii) A Scout is loyal.
- (iii) A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout.
- (iv) A Scout is courteous.
- (v) A Scout is a friend to animals and loves nature.
- (vi) A Scout is disciplined and helps protect public property.
- (vii) A Scout is courageous.
- (viii) A Scout is thrifty.
- (ix) A Scout is pure in thought, word and deed.

(b) **The Law** for the **Guide** and the **Ranger** is-

- (i) A Guide is trustworthy
- (ii) A Guide is loyal.
- (iii) A Guide is a friend to all and a sister to every other Guide.
- (iv) A Guide is courteous.
- (v) A Guide is a friend to animals and loves nature.
- (vi) A Guide is disciplined and helps protect public property.
- (vii) A Guide is courageous.
- (viii) A Guide is thrifty.
- (ix) A Guide is pure in thought, word and deed.

(c) **The Law** for the **Cub** is-

- (i) The Cub is **obedient**.
- (ii) The Cub is clean and **polite**.

- (d) The Law for the **Bulbul** is-
 - (i) The Bulbul is **obedient**.
 - (ii) The Bulbul is clean and **polite**.

4. Character:

The Association is a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act and is a non-official organisation and is non-political, non-sectarian and non-communal in character,

5. Membership :

- (1) The Membership of the Association is open to citizens of India, who subscribe to the Purpose and Objects. Provided that any citizen of any other Nationality residing for the time being in India may be admitted as a member on the recommendation of the State Chief Commissioner and with the approval of the **Chief National Commissioner**.

Provided further that such person subscribes to the Scout or Guide Promise as hereunder :

On my Honour I promise that I will do my best

To do my duty to God * and India

To help other people and

To obey the Scout / Guide Law'

Note * The word "Dharma" may be substituted for the word "God", if so desired,

(2). Members :

(a) General Members :

- (i) **Beneficiaries i.e. Bunnies**, Cubs/Bulbuls, Scouts /Guides, Rovers/Rangers, Sea Scouts/Sea Guides, Sea Rovers/Sea Rangers, Air Scouts / Air Guides, Air Rovers/Air Rangers Grameen Rovers/Rangers, Venture Scouts/Guides, **Scouts/Guides/Rovers/Rangers of Extension Branches** registered as such.
- (ii) **Adult Leaders, i.e.** Scouters, Guiders, Commissioners, who hold valid warrants and Trainers who hold Honourable Charges.

- (b) **Life Members** are those who are admitted as such by the National Executive Committee and who have paid Life Membership Fee as prescribed.
- (c) **Ordinary Members** are those who are admitted as such by the National Executive Committee and who have paid Annual Subscription Fee as prescribed and shall include Adult Leaders provided further that they are not in arrears.
- (d) Member of the State, Division or District and Local Association.
- (e) Member of the National Council of the Bharat Scouts & Guides.
- (f) **Special Members** are those who are admitted as such by the National Executive Committee for their meritorious contribution to the Movement.
- (g) **The Bharat Scouts and Guides Fellows.**

Note:- Categories mentioned in Rule 2(a) (i), 2(d), 2(f) and 2(g) shall not be eligible to participate in the election of the National Association at any level.

(3) Termination of Membership:

- (1) If any member is found guilty of criminal offence, involving moral turpitude, his/her membership shall be terminated and any award/privilege shall be withdrawn.
- (2) If any member while supporting any other Parallel Organization with malafide intentions is found indulging in activities detrimental to the interests of the movement or bring disrepute to the organization by way of writings in publications/media or confirmed propaganda against the interests of the movement/organization shall be liable to be terminated from the organization provided due enquiry takes place and due opportunity is provided to the persons(s) to be heard.
- (3) If any member of the Bharat Scouts & Guides is found to be a member of any Parallel organization working in the name of Scouting and Guiding

or is found aiding and abetting the activities of such an organization, his/her membership of the Bharat Scouts and Guides will be terminated.

6. **Governing Body** : The Management of the affairs of the Bharat Scouts & Guides vests in the National Executive Committee in accordance with the Rules and Regulations for the time being in force.

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CHAPTER II

1. The Emblem

The Emblem of the Bharat Scouts and Guides is the Fleur-de-lis superimposed by the Trefoil with the Ashok Chakra in the Centre of the Trefoil. The ratio of the length and breadth of the Emblem shall be 3:2.

Fleur-de-lis symbolises Scout Wing.

Trefoil Symbolises Guide Wing.

Ashok Chakra Symbolises India.

Horizontal Band Symbolises World Brotherhood.

2. (1) Other Emblems: Besides the Emblem of the Bharat Scouts and Guides the other Emblems which may be adopted are:

- (i) National Emblem
- (ii) State Emblem
- (iii) District Emblem
- (iv) Local Association Emblem
- (v) Group Emblem

(2) The National and State Emblems shall be approved by National Executive Committee.

(3) The District Emblem, the Local Association Emblem and the Group Emblem shall be approved by the State Executive Committee.

(4) The application for approval of the State Emblem shall be made to the National Executive Committee with a specimen design of the Emblem. The application for the District Emblem shall be made to the State Executive Committee with the specimen design of the Emblem. The Local Association Emblem or Group Emblem shall be submitted to the State Executive Committee together with the specimen design of the Emblem through proper channel.

(5) The Emblem may be issued to mark special occasion or event such as Jamboree, Camporee, Seminar, Conference and Rally. Such Emblem shall be used during the event and for a period of one year after the event.

- (6) The size of the Emblem shall not exceed 5cms. in length or breadth or diameter. The Emblem shall be emblematic in character and shall not contain the name or initials of any person.
- (7) The Emblem shall be worn in such manner or on such occasion as may be directed.

3. **The World Badge :**

- (1) (a) The World Scout Badge shall be of such design and colour as decided by the World Scout Bureau.
- (b) The World Scout Badge is a cloth badge or a metal badge.
- (e) The cloth World Scout Badge, when worn shall be worn on the uniform in the centre of the pleat of the right pocket and the metal badge may be worn in mufti.
- (d) Every enrolled member is eligible to wear the World Scout Badge.
- (2) (a) The World Guide Badge shall be of such design and colour as decided by the World Bureau of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.
- (b) The World Guide Badge is a cloth or a metal badge blue in colour with a golden Trefoil at the centre.
- (c) The World Guide Badge when worn, shall be worn in the middle of the right Sleeve.
- (d) Every enrolled member is eligible to wear the World Guide Badge.

4. **The Flags :**

- (1) **The National Flag :** The National flag is a tricolour rectangular panel, made up of three rectangular panels of equal width; the colour of the top panel is saffron (kesari) and of the bottom panel is green, the middle panel is white, having in the centre the design of the Ashoka Chakra in navy blue. The Chakra shall be screen printed or otherwise printed on both sides of the Flag or stenciled or suitably embroidered on both sides in all cases.

Saffron colour denotes renunciation and sacrifice; the white in the centre denotes purity, the path of truth to guide our conduct; the green shows prosperity; Ashoka Chakra in the centre of the panel is the wheel of the law of Dharma; it denotes progress.

- (2) **The World Scout Flag :** The World Scout Flag consists of the World Scout Badge in white encircled by a white cord, the ends of which are tied with a reef knot, set on purple background; the size of the flag will be in the ratio of 3:2.
- (3) **The World Guide Flag :** The World Guide Flag consists of the Golden World Trefoil on the left upper corner on a bright blue field. The three leaves represent the three fold Promise as originally laid down by the Founder. The flame represents flame of the love for humanity. The vein pointing upwards represents the compass needle pointing the way. The two stars represent the Promise and Law. The outer circle represents our world wide association. The golden yellow Trefoil on a bright blue background represent the Sun shining over the children of the world. A blaze of white on the lower right hand corner represents peace that Girl Guides and Girl Scouts of the world over are striving to achieve. The white blaze is crowned by three golden squares symbolic of threefold Guide Promise. The size of the flag will be in the ratio 3:2.
- (4) **The Bharat Scouts and Guides Flag:** The Bharat Scouts and Guides flag shall be in dark blue colour, the Emblem in yellow colour shall be in the centre of the Flag with Ashoka Chakra in blue colour; the size of the flag shall be 180 cm. in length and 120 cms. in width; the Emblem shall be 45cms x 30 cms.
- (5) **Group Flag :** The Group Flag which is the same as above shall be 120 cms x 80cms. The Emblem shall be 30cm x 20 cms; the name of the Group shall be written in yellow colour below the emblem in straight line and the name of the state shall be written in yellow below the name of the group.
- (6) The Scouts and Guides may use the National flag, the Bharat Scouts and Guides flag, the World Scout flag, the World Guide Flag, the Group flag and the Patrol flag.

- (7) The National flag shall be used on such occasion and in such manner as are in accordance with the rules made by the Government.
- (8) The World Scout or the World Guide flag may be used on appropriate occasions and when used they shall fly at lower level than the National flag at its left and at higher level than the Bharat Scouts and Guides flag at its right. When the National flag and the Bharat Scouts and Guides flag are flown simultaneously, the Bharat Scouts and Guides flag shall fly at lower level than the National flag at its left. When the Group flag is flown it shall be flown separately by the Group.
- (9) The Patrol flag shall be triangular in shape white in colour with Patrol Emblem in red colour, the length of the base shall be 20 cms. and the length of the two sides shall be 30 cms. each. It may be carried by the Patrol Leader.
- (10) The flag must be treated with reverence at all times.
- (11) The flag pole shall be sloped over the right shoulder and the flag gathered in March Past shall be held vertically and the fly end must be held with the right hand. The flag must fly freely at the saluting base.
- (12) The Bharat Scouts and Guides flag shall be dipped to the President of the Indian Republic; it shall be dipped when the National Anthem is played except when the President of the Indian Republic is present. The Bharat Scouts and Guides Flag or the Group Flag may be dipped to the President or the Chief National Commissioner of the Bharat Scouts and Guides.

5. Religious and Moral Policy of the Scout and Guide Movement

- (1) The Religious and the Moral Policy of the Scout and Guide Movement is based on reverence to God or Dharma, as the case may be.
- (2) The Bharat Scouts and Guides Movement is non-communal and non sectarian in character.
- (3) Each Scout and Guide is free to profess and practise his or her religion.

- (4) Each Scout and Guide is entitled to freedom of conscience.
- (5) Each Scout and Guide shall practise tolerance and respect the faith of the other Scouts and Guides.
- (6) Where a Group consists of members of one particular religion, the Group Leader may arrange if so desired for such religious observance and provide for such religious instruction as are common to the members of the Group.
- (7) Where a Group consists of Scouts/Guides who profess different faiths the Group Leader may encourage and provide facilities for the observation of the respective practices; but shall not hold any common religious service or practice.
- (8) In a camp or at any rally or in other function any form of daily prayer must be simple and non denominational and attendance must be voluntary.

6. Scouts' Own and Guides' Own

Scouts' Own and Guides' Own are held for full realisation of the Scouts' and Guides' Duty to God or Dharma and the Promise and the Law.

7. Financial Policy:

- (1) The Bharat Scouts and Guides Association is voluntary and non-official in character.
- (2) The income of the National Association shall consist of income from the properties of the Association, if any. Affiliation Fees and individual Registration Fees, subscription from the Members, donations and contributions from the public, special funds raised from time to time and grants from the Government, Central and State, contributions from local authorities and other sources.
- (3) The Income of the State Association shall consist of income from the properties of the State Association, if any , registration Fees, Individual Registration Fees, subscriptions, donations, contributions, special funds raised from time to time, grants from the State

Government, the National Association, contributions from district or local authorities and other sources.

- (4) The income of the District or Divisional Association as the case may be shall consist of income from the properties of the District or Divisional Association, if any, subscriptions, donations and contributions, special funds raised from time to time, Registration Fees, Renewal Fees, Individual Registration Fees, and other sources, if any.
- (5) The Income of the Local Association shall consist of income from the properties of the Local Association, if any, subscriptions, donations and contributions, special funds raised from time to time, Registration Fees, Renewal Fees, Individual Registration Fees and other sources, if any.
- (6) The Group income shall consist of income from properties, if any, subscription, donations and contributions, special funds raised from time to time and other sources, if any.
- (7) The State Association, the District or Divisional Association or the Local Association or the Group shall raise funds only within their respective areas.
- (8) It is the cardinal principle of the Scout and Guide Movement that a Scout or a Guide shall earn money, but shall not solicit money. A Scout or a Guide shall not engage himself or herself or participate in street sales or collections except with the permission of the State Chief Commissioner and under the supervision of the concerned Local or District or Divisional Association.

8. The Scout Wing and The Guide Wing :

- (1) Whenever and wherever the National Association, the State Association, the District or Divisional Association and the Local Association consists of Scouts and Guides, there shall be a Scout Wing and a Guide Wing.
- (2) There shall be no common membership of boys and girls in Pack, Flock, Troop, Company, Crew, Team and Group, in other words Pack, Troop and Crew are meant for boys, whereas Flock, Company and Team shall consist of girls and there shall be a separate Group for

Pack, Troop and Crew and a separate Group for Flock, Company and Team .

- (3) Though separate, perfect co-operation, harmony and cordiality shall prevail between the Scout Wing and the Guide Wing.
- (4) Training shall be separate for boys and girls at all levels. Training of Commissioners may be separate or common; training of Scouters and Guiders shall be separate except in the case of Special Courses, for which special permission of the **Chief National Commissioner** or the State Chief Commissioner as the case may be necessary; boys and girls may, however, be brought together at Rallies and at other special functions with the permission of the concerned Commissioners. Exchange of Scout and Guide Instructors is also permissible with the approval of the concerned Commissioners.

9. External Relations:

- (1) The National Association is affiliated to the World Organisation of Scout Movement and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.
- (2) The National Association maintains friendly and cordial relations with other National Organisations of similar character and purpose.

10. Registration of Indian Groups/Associations:

Any unit or Association of Indian Cubs, Scouts, Rovers/ Bulbuls, Guides, Rangers functioning outside India may be registered as such with the National Headquarters on the recommendation of the **Chief National Commissioner** either as a lone Unit or an Overseas District Association under the direct supervision of National Headquarters.

CHAPTER - III

1. **Registration of National Association:** The National Association is a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860
2. **Affiliation of State Association:** The State Association is affiliated to the National Association. The State Association shall pay the prescribed Affiliation Fee and Annual Renewal Fee.
3. **Registration of Divisional or District or Local Association:** The Divisional, District and the Local Association shall be registered with the State Association. The Divisional, District Association and Local Association shall pay prescribed Registration Fee and the Annual Renewal Fee.
4. **Registration of a Group:** A Group is registered with the State Association through the Local Association/ District Association; the Group shall pay the Registration and Renewal fees as fixed by the respective Association and the Individual Registration Fees as fixed by the State Association
5. **Registration of a Lone Group :** A Lone Group may, for special reasons, be registered directly with the State Association, on the recommendation of the concerned District Commissioner. The Lone Group shall pay the Registration Fee, Individual Registration Fee and Annual Renewal Fee.
6. **Cancellation of Registration:** (a) The State Chief Commissioner may, either suo moto or on the recommendation of the concerned Local Association or District or Divisional Association or the District or Divisional Commissioner, suspend the registration of a Group, on such suspension an enquiry by such person and on such line as may be directed, shall be conducted. The Group shall be given an opportunity to be heard and to make representation at such enquiry. On completion of such enquiry the State Chief Commissioner may either withdraw the suspension or for reasons to be recorded cancel the registration of the Group.
(b) The concerned District Commissioner or the Divisional or District Association or Local Association may suspend the registration of a Group; on such suspension

an enquiry by such person and on such lines as may be directed shall be conducted; at such enquiry the Group shall be given an opportunity to be heard and make representation; on completion of such enquiry the concerned District Commissioner may make recommendation to the State Chief Commissioner for cancellation of registration of the Group and the State Chief Commissioner may on perusal of the papers or on such further enquiry as he may hold or direct either; withdraw the suspension or cancel the registration of the Group.

- (c) Against the order of suspension by the District Commissioner or District or Divisional Association or Local Association an appeal shall lie with the State Chief Commissioner and the State Chief Commissioner may on such enquiry as he may direct, withdraw the suspension

CHAPTER IV

WARRANTS

1. Every appointment to every Executive Rank shall be made by a Warrant.
2. The **Chief National Commissioner** shall issue a warrant to.
 - (i) **The National Commissioner of Scouts.**
 - (ii) **The National Commissioner of Guides, and**
 - (iii) **The State Chief Commissioner.**
3. A warrant signed by the **Chief National Commissioner** and the concerned **National Commissioner** shall be issued to.
 - (i) The International Commissioner of Scouts.
 - (ii) The International Commissioner of Guides
 - (iii) The **Deputy National Commissioner** of Scouts.
 - (iv) The **Deputy National Commissioner** of Guides.
 - (v) National Headquarters Commissioner.
 - (vi) Director
 - (vii) Joint Director (Support Services)
 - (viii) Joint Director of Scouts (Field Operations)
 - (ix) Joint Director of Guides (Field Operations)
 - (x) Deputy Director of Scouts (Boy Programme)
 - (xi) Deputy Director of Guides (Girl Programme)
 - (xii) Deputy Director of Scouts (Leader Training)
 - (xiii) Deputy Director of Guides (Leader Training)
 - (xiv) Deputy Director of Scouts (Projects)
 - (xv) Deputy Director of Guides (Projects)
 - (xvi) Assistant Directors
 - (xvii) Regional Organising Commissioners of Scouts
 - (xviii) Regional Organising Commissioners of Guides.
 - (xix) The State Commissioners of Scouts
 - (xx) The State Commissioners of Guides.
4. A warrant signed by the State Chief Commissioner and the concerned State Commissioner shall be is issued to.
 - (i) Headquarters Commissioners of Scouts.

- (ii) Headquarters Commissioners of Guides.
 - (iii) Assistant State Commissioners of Scouts.
 - (iv) Assistant State Commissioners of Guides.
 - (v) The District Chief Commissioners.
 - (vi) The District or Divisional Commissioners of Scouts.
 - (vii) The District or Divisional Commissioners of Guides.
 - (viii) The State Organising Commissioner of Scouts.
 - (ix) The State Organising Commissioner of Guides.
 - (x) The Joint or Assistant State Organising Commissioner of Scouts.
 - (xi) The Joint or Assistant State Organising Commissioner of Guides.
 - (xii) The State Training Commissioner of Scouts.
 - (xiii) The State Training Commissioner of Guides.
 - (xiv) The Assistant State Training Commissioner of Scouts.
 - (xv) The Assistant State Training Commissioner of Guides.
 - (xvi) The District Organising Commissioners of Scouts.
 - (xvii) The District Organising Commissioners of Guides.
 - (xviii) The District Training Commissioners of Scouts.
 - (xix) The District Training Commissioners of Guides.
 - (xx) The Assistant District Commissioners of Scouts.
 - (xxi) The Assistant District Commissioners of Guides.
 - (xxii) The District Headquarters Commissioners of Scouts.
 - (xxiii) The District Headquarters' Commissioners of Guides.
 - (xxiv) The Warden for the Camp Sites.
 - (xxv) Assistant Warden for the Camp sites.
 - (xxvi) The Group Scouters.
 - (xxvii) The Group Guiders.
5. The warrant will be valid for the period for which a person is appointed or elected as the case may be, in the case of stipendiary Commissioners, the warrant shall be valid for the term of appointment.

6. On the expiry of a period of warrant the holder shall continue to perform the functions and duties till a successor is appointed, unless otherwise directed.
7. Notwithstanding the period mentioned in the warrant, the warrant shall cease to be in force when the holder discontinues or fails to perform the functions and duties for which the warrant is issued.
8. **Pluralities:** No person shall be eligible to hold two or more warrants at the same time and no person shall be eligible to hold a warrant of any other rank at the same time.

Provided the **Chief National Commissioner** or the State Chief Commissioner, as the case may be, in any exceptional case, and in the interest of the Movement, permit any person to hold more than one warrant or a warranted rank and any other rank.

Provided, however, no person shall hold a warrant of more than one State Association.

9. **Procedure for issue of Warrants:**

- A. (i) Consent in the Proforma prescribed is necessary for warrant for the rank of **National Commissioner** of Scouts and **National Commissioner** of Guides, these warrants shall be issued by the **Chief National Commissioner**.
- (ii) As soon as appointment is made for any other rank of Commissioner at the National Level (on the receipt of the consent in the prescribed proforma) warrants shall be prepared by the Director and placed for the signature of the concerned National Commissioner and the **Chief National Commissioner**.
- B. (i) As soon as election is completed for the rank of State Chief Commissioner, the declaration of the result by the Returning Officer along with a request letter and a declaration in the proforma prescribed from the person concerned accepting the post, be sent to the **Chief National Commissioner** for issue of warrant.

- (ii) State Chief Commissioner recommends the names of State Commissioner of Scouts and State Commissioner of Guides along with a request of proforma prescribed to the **Chief National Commissioner** for issue of Warrant.
- (iii) As soon as appointment is made for any other rank of Commissioners at State level the Secretary shall place the warrant alongwith a request - the proforma prescribed before the concerned State Commissioner and the State Chief Commissioner for signature and issue.
- (iv) As soon as appointment is made for District Chief Commissioner, District or Divisional Commissioner of Scouts/Guides, the Secretary shall place the warrant alongwith a request proforma prescribed before the concerned State Commissioner and the State Chief Commissioner for signature and issue.
- (v) As soon as appointment is made for District Organising Commissioner of Scouts/Guides, District Training Commissioner of Scouts/Guides, Assistant District Commissioners for Scouts/Guides of District and Local Association, the Secretary shall place the warrant alongwith request in the proforma prescribed before the concerned State Commissioner and the State Chief Commissioner for signature and issue.
- (vi) In the case of warrant for Group Leader (Scout) and Group Leader (Guide) of sponsored Group, applications duly recommended by the concerned sponsoring authority will be sent in the prescribed proforma. In case of warrants for Scouters or Guiders of such Group, applications recommended by the sponsoring authority and the Group Leader (Scout)/ Group Leader (Guide) will be sent in the prescribed proforma.
- (vii) In case of warrants for Scouters or Guiders of Open Groups, application shall be made by

the Chairman of the Group Committee on the recommendation of the Group Leader in the prescribed proforma.

- (viii) If any application for issue of warrant under clause (vii) above is refused by DA/LA as the case may be, DA/LA should refer such case to the State Chief Commissioner specifying the reasons for such refusal and in that event State Chief Commissioner will take the final decision in consultation with the concerned State Commissioner in respect of the issue of the warrant.

If any application for renewal of warrants is refused by DA or LA as the case may be, the DA/LA shall refer the case to the State Chief Commissioner specifying reasons for such refusal and in that event the State Chief Commissioner will take the final decision (for reasons to be specifically recorded in writing) in consultation with the State Commissioner concerned regarding the renewal.

10. **Renewal of Warrants** : The warrant shall be renewed by the same authority who had issued the warrants following the same procedure prescribed for issue of warrants as such.
11. **Withdrawal of Warrants** : Warrants issued by the **Chief National Commissioner** may be withdrawn, for reasons to be given in writing by the **Chief National Commissioner** in consultation with **National Commissioner** concerned and Warrants issued by the State Chief Commissioner may be withdrawn, for reasons to be given in writing, by the State Chief Commissioner in consultation with the State Commissioner concerned.

National Executive Committee or State Executive Committee as the case may be, will be consulted in respect of withdrawal of warrants of **National Commissioners** and State Commissioners respectively.

CHAPTER V

UNIFORM FOR EXECUTIVES NON EXECUTIVE RANKS

1. Executive ranks at the National level, the State level, the District or Divisional and local levels, are as follows:

(a) National Association Level

Commissioners of all ranks, namely.

Chief National Commissioner,

National Commissioner of Scouts,

National Commissioner of Guides.

International Commissioner of Scouts,

International Commissioner of Guides,

Deputy National Commissioner of Scouts,

Deputy National Commissioner of Guides,

National Headquarters Commissioners.

Director,

Joint Director (Support Services),

Joint Director of Scouts (Field Operations),

Joint Director of Guides (Field Operations),

Deputy Director of Scouts (Boy Programme),

Deputy Director of Guides (Girl Programme),

Deputy Director of Scouts (Leader Training),

Deputy Director of Guides (Leader Training),

Deputy Director of Scouts (Projects),

Deputy Director of Guides (Projects),

Assistant Directors,

Regional Organising Commissioners of Scouts,

Regional Organising Commissioners of Guides,

(b) State Association Level

State Chief Commissioner.

State Commissioner of Scouts.

State Commissioner of Guides,
Headquarter Commissioners,
Assistant State Commissioners of Scouts,
Assistant State Commissioners of Guides,
State Organising Commissioner of Scouts,
State Organising Commissioner of Guides,
State Training Commissioner of Scouts,
State Training Commissioner of Guides,
Assistant State Organising Commissioner of Scouts,
Assistant State Organising Commissioner of Guides,
Assistant State Training Commissioner of Scouts,
Assistant State Training Commissioner of Guides,
Leader Trainers of Scouts,
Leader Trainers of Guides,
Assistant Leader Trainers of Scouts,
Assistant Leader Trainers of Guides,

(c) District or Divisional and Local Association Level

District Chief Commissioner,
District Commissioner of Scouts,
District Commissioner of Guides,
Headquarters Commissioners,
Assistant District Commissioners of Scouts,
Assistant District Commissioners of Guides,
District Organising Commissioner of Scouts,
District Organising Commissioner of Guides,
District Training Commissioner of Scouts,
District Training Commissioner of Guides,
Training Councillors of Scouts,
Training Councillors of Guides,

2. Men Commissioners and other ranks shall wear uniform as under:

- (i) **Shirt:** A steel grey shirt with two patch pockets with shoulder straps with half or rolled up sleeves; sleeves may be turned down in cold weather.
- (ii) **Trousers :** Navy blue trousers.
- (iii) **Head Dress :** Dark blue Beret cap with official cap badge supplied by National Association. A Sikh may wear a blue turban with official Cap Badge. **Beret Cap is optional.** Wearing of the cap is compulsory during Ceremonies.
- (iv) **Belt:** Grey Nylex belt with official buckle of the Bharat Scouts & Guides supplied by the National Association (When a jersey is worn belt shall be worn under the jersey).
- (v) **Scarf:** A triangular scarf of appropriate colour with a base and two sides; each of the two sides shall have a minimum length of 70cms. and maximum length of 90cms. worn round the neck properly rolled up over the shoulder straps with a woggle other than the Gilwell-Woggle. They may also wear the Himalaya Wood Badge Scarf if entitled to it. If they are connected with group they may also wear the scarf of the Group.
All the Training Counsellors shall wear the Scarf in Yellow Colour.
- (vi) **Membership Badge:** A cloth badge with green background with Fleur-de-lis in yellow, superimposed by Trefoil with the Ashoka Chakra also in yellow in the centre shall be worn in the centre of the pleat of the left pocket of the shirt or at the same place on the jersey.
- (vii) **World Scout Badge :** This shall be worn in the centre of the pleat of the right pocket of the shirt.
- (viii) **Rank Badge:** A Rank Badge as designed by the Bharat Scouts & Guides for the particular rank held by the adult leader may be worn 4 cms above the left pocket of the shirt or at the same place on the jersey.
- (ix) **Socks :** Black socks shall be worn.
- (x) **Footwear:** Black shoes (leather) with laces may be worn.

- (xi) The Name stripe containing "The Bharat Scout & Guides" supplied by National Headquarters may be just above the right pocket of the shirt. The size of the stripe should be 11cm x 2cm, the right corner of which should be tri colour of National Flag of the size of 3cm x 2cm and rest for the Title of 'The Bharat Scout & Guides'.
- (xii) **Name Plate :** A white plastic name plate of 8 cm length X 2 cm width inscribing the name of Adult Leader in black colour shall be worn above the right pocket of the shirt just below the BSG stripe.
- (xiii) **Shoulder Badge :** A shoulder Badge of 6 cm. to 8 cm. x 1.5 cm. with White background and Red Border and the Name of the District/State in Red Letters shall be worn on both the shoulders just below the seam with a little curve.
- (xiv) **Overcoat, Blazer or Jacket :** A navy Blue overcoat, Navy blue wind cheater of jacket may be worn during winter season.
- (xv) **Metal Badge :** A metal badge similar to the cloth badge may be worn in mufti.

Casual Wears

Navy blue T. Shirt with BSG Emblem;

Blue Trouser with BSG Belt, Black socks and Shoes.

For Seminars, Meetings, Conferences, Blue Colour Tie with BSG Emblem on a right blue shirt and navy blue Trouser may be worn.

Navy Blue Blazer with BS&G logo, Scarf/Tie may also be worn during the International gatherings.

3. Women Commissioners and other ranks shall wear uniform as under:

- (i) **Salwar, Kameez and Dupatta:** A white salwar and white kameez of plain non-transparent material. The length of the kameez shall be upto the knees. The kameez shall have two patch pockets and two side pockets, half sleeves 8 cm. above the elbow with turned up and stitched down cuffs. 4 cm. wide, open sports collar with epaulettes on both shoulders. The salwar and kameez shall not be tight-fitted. The

Dupatta shall be deep sky-blue in colour made of plain non-transparent material

OR

Midi Skirt and Blouse: Midi skirt in deep sky-blue colour made of plain non-transparent material with side pockets and a slit at the back. The length of the skirt will be upto the half distance between knee and ankle. A white blouse of plain non-transparent material with two patch pockets, half sleeves 8 cm. above the elbow with turned up and stitched down cuffs 4 cm. wide, open sports collar with epaulettes on both the shoulders. The length of the blouse shall be 8 cm. below the waistline. The skirt and blouse shall not be tight fitted.

OR

Saree and Blouse: Deep sky-blue saree made of plain non-transparent material and a white blouse of plain non-transparent material with two patch pockets, half sleeves 8 cm. above the elbow with turned up and stitched down cuffs 4 cm. wide, open sports collar with epaulettes on both the shoulders. The length of the blouse shall be 8 cm. below the waistline. The blouse shall not be tight fitted.

- (ii) **Membership Badge:** A cloth badge with green background with Fleur-de-lis in yellow, super imposed by the Trefoil with Ashoka Chakra in yellow in the centre shall be worn on the middle of the left sleeve.
- (iii) **Scarf:** A triangular scarf of appropriate colour with a base and two sides; each of the two sides shall have a minimum length of 70cms. and maximum length of 80cms. worn round the neck properly rolled up over the shoulder straps with a woggle other than the Gilwell-Woggle. They may also wear the Himalaya Wood Badge Scarf if entitled to it. If they are connected with group they may also wear the scarf of the Group.

All the Training Counsellors shall wear the Scarf in Yellow Colour.

Note: The Scarf of Commissioners of all ranks is purple in colour.

- (iv) **Belt** : Brown NYLEX belt with official buckle of the Bharat Scouts and Guides supplied by the National Association.

Note : The belt is optional when a blouse and saree are worn.

- (v) **Socks** : Camel socks may be worn.
- (vi) **Footwear** : Black leather or black canvas closed shoes may be worn.
- (vii) **Rank Badge**: A Rank Badge as designed by the Bharat Scouts and Guides for the particular rank held by the adult leader may be worn above the right pocket or on the side not covered by the saree

Note: The Commissioner shall wear around metal Rank Badge of the Bharat Scouts and Guides Emblem in purple colour with purple border.

- (viii) **World Guide Badge**: A Cloth World Guide badge shall be worn in the middle of the right Sleeve.
- (ix) The Name stripe containing “The Bharat Scout & Guides” supplied by National Headquarters may be worn on just above the right pocket of the blouse. The size of the stripe should be 11cm x 2cm, the right corner of which should be tri colour of National Flag of the size of 3cm x 2cm and rest for the Title of ‘The Bharat Scout & Guides’.
- (x) **Shoulder Badge** : A shoulder Badge of 6 cm. to 8 cm. x 1.5 cm. with White background and Red Border and the Name of the District/State in Red Letters shall be worn on both the shoulders just below the seam with a little curve
- (xi) **Overcoat or Cardigan** : When worn it shall be black in colour without any design. Sleeveless according to the season allowed.
- (xii) **Hair Ribbon** : Black plain ribbon or black plain hair band (without any design) may be worn.
- (xiii) **Jewellery** : No jewellery shall be worn except those enjoined by religion or custom.
- (xiv) **Metal Badge** : A metal badge of the Bharat Scouts & Guides may be worn when not in uniform.

- (xv) **Optional:** Camp Uniform : Deep sky blue salwar and kameez with deep sky-blue dupatta.

4. **Non-Executive Ranks :** Non-Executive Ranks are as follows.

(a) **National Association.**

President

Vice President

National Treasurer

(b) **State Association :**

President

Vice-Presidents

State Treasurer

State Secretary

Joint State Secretary

(c) **District / Divisional and Local Associations**

(i) (a) President

(b) Vice-Presidents

(c) Treasurer

(d) Secretary

(e) Joint Secretary

(ii) Instructors appointed by the Local, District or Divisional and State Associations.

(iii) Examiners appointed by the Local, District or Divisional and State Associations.

5. **Men holding non-executive ranks may wear uniform as under:**

(i) **Shirt:** A steel grey shirt with two patch pockets and shoulder straps with half or rolled up sleeves. The sleeves may be turned down in cold weather.

(ii) **Trousers :** Navy Blue.

(iii) **Head Dress :** A dark blue beret cap with official cap badge. A Sikh may wear a blue turban with the cap badge. **Beret Cap is optional.** Wearing of the Cap is compulsory during Ceremonies.

- (iv) **Belt:** Grey nylex belt with official buckle of the Bharat Scouts and Guides supplied by the National Association
When a jersey is worn, the belt shall be worn under the jersey
 - (v) **Scarf:** A triangular scarf of appropriate colour with a base and two sides; each of two sides shall have a minimum length of 70cms, and maximum length of 90 cms. worn round the neck properly rolled up over the shoulder straps with a woggle other than the Gilwell Woggle They may also wear the Himalaya Wood Badge scarf if entitled to it. If they are connected with group they may also wear the scarf of the Group.
All the Secretaries at any level shall wear the Scarf in Green Colour
 - (vi) **Membership Badge :** A cloth badge with green background with Fleur-de-lis in yellow, superimposed by Trefoil with Ashoka Chakra also in yellow in the centre shall be worn in the centre of the pleat of the left pocket of the shirt or at the same place on the jersey.
 - (vii) **World Scout Badge :** This shall be worn in the centre of the pleat of the right pocket of the shirt.
 - (viii) **Rank Badge :** (i) A Rank Badge as designed by the Bharat Scouts and Guides for the particular rank held by the adult leader may be worn 4 cm. above the left pocket of the shirt or at the same place on the jersey.
- Note :** (i) A cloth rank badge, green in colour, with Bharat Scouts and Guides Emblem may be worn 4 cm. above the left pocket.
- (ii) A similar metal badge in green colour may be worn in mufti, 4 cms. above the left pocket.
 - (iii) On the badge, the appropriate letter to denote the Rank, such as P for President, VP for Vice-President, T for Treasurer, S for Secretary, JS for Joint Secretary, Ch for Chairman and E for Examiner and I for Instructor may be inscribed.
- (ix) **Socks :** Black
 - (x) **Foot wear :** Black shoes (leather or Canvas) with laces may be worn.
 - (xi) **Shoulder Badge :** A shoulder Badge of 6 cm. to 8 cm. x 1.5 cm. with White background and Red Border and the Name of the District/State in Red Letters shall be worn

on both the shoulders just below the seam with a little curve

- (xii) The Name stripe containing “The Bharat Scout & Guides” supplied by National Headquarters may be worn on just above the right pocket of the shirt. The size of the strip should be 11cm x 2cm, the right corner of which should be tri colour of National Flag of the size of 3cm x 2cm and rest for the Title of ‘The Bharat Scout & Guides’.
- (xiii) **Name Plate :** A white plastic name plate of 8 cm length X 2 cm width inscribing the name Adult Leader in black colour shall be worn above the right pocket of the shirt just below the BSG stripe.
- (xiv) **Overcoat, Blazer or Jacket:** A navy blue overcoat, navy blue wind Sheater or jacket may be worn during winter season.
- (xv) **Metal Badge :** A metal Badge similar to the cloth badge may be worn in mufti.

6. **Women holding non-executive ranks shall wear uniform as under:**

- (i) **Salwar, Kameez and Dupatta:** A white salwar and white kameez of plain non-transparent material. The length of the kameez shall be upto the knees. The kameez shall have two patch pockets and two side pockets, half sleeves 8 cm. above the elbow with turned up and stitched down cuffs. 4 cm. wide, open sports collar with epaulettes on both shoulders. The salwar and kameez shall not be tight-fitted. The Dupatta shall be deep sky-blue in colour made of plain non-transparent material.

OR

Midi Skirt and Blouse: Midi skirt in deep sky-blue colour made of plain non-transparent material with side pockets and a slit at the back. The length of the skirt will be upto the half distance between knee and ankle. A white blouse of plain non-transparent material with two patch pockets, half sleeves 8 cm. above the elbow with turned up and stitched down cuffs 4 cm. wide, open sports collar with epaulettes on both the shoulders. The length of the blouse shall be 8 cm. below the waistline.

The skirt and blouse shall not be tight fitted.

OR

Saree and Blouse: Deep sky-blue saree made of plain non-transparent material and a white blouse of plain non-transparent material with two patch pockets, half sleeves 8 cm. above the elbow with turned up and stitched down cuffs 4 cm. wide, open sports collar with epaulettes on both the shoulders. The length of the blouse shall be 8 cm. below the waistline. The blouse shall not be tight fitted.

(ii) **Membership Badge:** A cloth badge with green background with Fleur-de-lis in yellow, super imposed by the Trefoil with Ashoka Chakra in yellow in the centre shall be worn on the middle of left sleeve.

(iii) **Scarf:** A triangular scarf of appropriate colour with a base and two sides; each of two sides shall have a minimum length of 70cms, and maximum length of 80 cms. worn round the neck properly rolled up over the shoulder straps with a woggle other than the Gilwell Woggle They may also wear the Himalaya Wood Badge scarf if entitled to it. If they are connected with group they may also wear the scarf of the Group.

All the Secretaries at any level shall wear the Scarf in Green Colour

(iv) **Belt:** Brown nylex belt with official buckle of the Bharat Scouts and Guides supplied by the National Association.

Note: The belt is optional when a blouse and saree are worn.

(v) **Rank Badge:** A metal Rank Badge in green with Bharat Scouts and Guides Emblem may be worn above the right pocket or on the side not covered by the saree with appropriate letter of the rank super imposed. P for President, VP for Vice President, T for Treasurer, S for Secretary, JS for Joint Secretary, E for Examiner, I for Instructor, CH for Chairman.

(vi) **Socks:** Camel colour socks may be worn

(vii) **Footwear:** Black Leather or black canvas closed shoes may be worn.

(viii) **World Guide Badge:** A Cloth World Guide badge shall be worn in the middle of the right Sleeve.

- (ix) **Shoulder Badge:** A shoulder Badge of 6 cm. to 8 cm. x 1.5 cm. with White background and Red Border and the Name of the District/State in Red Letters shall be worn on both the shoulders just below the seam with a little curve
- (x) The Name stripe containing “The Bharat Scout & Guides” supplied by National Headquarters may be worn on just above the right pocket of the blouse. The size of the strip should be 11cm x 2cm, the right corner of which should be tri colour of National Flag of the size of 3cm x 2cm and rest for the Title of ‘The Bharat Scout & Guides’.
- (xi) **Overcoat or Cardigan:** When worn it shall be black in colour without any design. Sleeveless according to the season allowed.
- (xii) **Hair Ribbon :** Black plain ribbon or black plain hair band (without any design) may be worn.
- (xiii) **Jewellery :** No jewellery shall be worn except those enjoined by religion or custom.
- (xiv) **Metal Badge :** A metal badge of the Bharat Scouts & Guides may be worn when not in uniform.

The words and sentences printed in “**bold letters**” are the **amendments** unanimously approved in the 64th meeting of the National Council held on 30th November, 2014 and 65th National Council on 29th November 2015 at the Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Headquarters, New Delhi.

CHAPTER VI

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

1. The Decorations and Awards sanctioned and authorised by the National Association are as follows:
 - (1) Service Star,
 - (2) Special Service Star,
 - (3) Long Service Decoration,
 - (4) Thanks Badge,
 - (5) Awards for Gallantry,
 - (a) Letter of Commendation
 - (b) Certificate
 - (c) Gilt medal
 - (d) Bar to Gilt Medal
 - (e) Silver Medal
 - (f) Bar to Silver Medal
 - (g) Bronze Medal
 - (6) **Awards for meritorious service.**
 - (a) Medal of Merit
 - (b) Bar to Medal of Merit
 - (c) Silver Star
 - (d) Bar to Silver Star
 - (e) Silver Elephant.
2. **Service Stars :**
 - (1) Service Stars are awarded for each year of service of one kind.
 - (2) Service Stars are in metal only.
 - (3) Second and subsequent service stars shall bear the numbers 2,3,4, and so forth.
 - (4) The service Star of a Cub or a Bulbul shall be on blue background with six-pointed metal star in the centre. The Service Star of a Scout or Guide shall be on green background with six point metal star in the centre and the Service Star of a Rover or Ranger shall be on red background with six pointed metal star in the centre.

- (5) The Service Star for a Scouter or Guider or a person who holds any non-executive or honorary rank shall be on green background with six pointed metal star in the centre.
- (6) Length of service is reckoned from the date of first investiture in the case of a Cub or Bulbul, Scout or Guide, Rover or Ranger, in the case of Scouter or Guider, length of service is to be counted from the commencement of the probationary period and in the case of other ranks from the date of appointment, service of more than one kind performed at the same time shall be reckoned only for one star; when a year's service comprises different kinds of service, not performed at the same time, but for different periods, the service which is the longest shall be reckoned for the purpose of service star.
- (7) Transfer shall not affect the length of service to be reckoned for the purpose of Service Star.
- (8) Service with any recognised foreign Scout or Guide Association may be reckoned for the purpose of Service Star.
- (9) It is optional to wear the service star.
- (10) Cub, Scout, Rover and Scouter shall wear the Service Stars immediately above the left pocket.
- (11) Bulbul, Guide, Ranger and Guider shall wear the Service Stars above the pocket not covered by the sari.
- (12) A Scout or a Guide who has previously been a Cub or a Bulbul as the case may be, may continue to wear the Star with blue background and the appropriate figure inscribed to indicate his or her length of service as a Cub or a Bulbul, as the case may be, in addition to the Service Star of Green background to show his or her length of service, as the case may be as a Scout or a Guide, likewise a Rover or a Ranger may, in addition to the Service Star with Red background to show his or her length of Service as a Rover or a Ranger, as the case may be, continue to wear the Service Star with appropriate number inscribed to indicate the Service as a Scout or a Guide or as a Cub or a Bulbul, as the case may be.

- (13) A minimum number of service stars shall be worn to indicate the length of Service of one kind. The Star may be changed each year with appropriate number to show the length of Service.
3. **Special Service Star :** Special Service Star is awarded for service of 25 years and more; Special Service Star is on yellow background with six pointed metal star in the centre with the figure 25 inscribed in the centre to indicate the length of service.
4. Service Stars and the Special Service Stars are awarded by the State Chief Commissioner on the recommendation of the appropriate authorities.
5. **Long Service Decoration :**
- (1) Long Service Decoration is awarded to warranted members of the Movement who have rendered not less than 10 years of faithful and efficient service in any of the ranks herein after mentioned namely. Group Scouter, Group Guider, and Commissioner of all ranks.
 - (2) 10 years service need not be continuous nor need it be in the same rank; service as a Scout or a Guide as the case may be, or in any capacity, other than those mentioned above shall not count for the purpose of the said period of 10 years.
 - (3) Long Service Decoration is a medallion with a ring in blue colour with gold border; the inset is the Emblem of the Bharat Scouts and Guides; the words Bharat Scouts and Guides are inscribed on the ring and the figure 10 or 15 or 20 as the case may be is inscribed at the bottom of the ring.
 - (4) Award may be renewed for each additional period of 5 years.
 - (5) Long Service Medallion shall be worn above the right pocket; Guiders and women Commissioners may wear the Medallion on the side not covered by the sari.
 - (6) Long Service Decoration is awarded by the State Chief Commissioner in consultation with the concerned State Commissioner and the State Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Local or the District or Divisional Association.

6. Thanks Badge :

- (1) Thanks Badge is awarded to the friends and well wishers of the Movement other than active Scouts or Guides or Scouters or Guiders or any warranted members of the Movement, who have rendered special good service to the Movement.
- (2) Thanks Badge is composed of the Bharat Scouts and Guides Emblem set in a circular frame with the word 'Thanks' inscribed at the top.
- (3) Thanks Badge is awarded by the State Chief Commissioner in consultation with the concerned State Commissioner and the State Executive Committee on the recommendation of the District Chief Commissioner, the Local or the District or Divisional Association, Group Scouters and Guiders.
- (4) Thanks Badge does not confer membership of the Association and it must not be worn on uniform.

7. Award for Gallantry :

- (1) Award of Gallantry is made to the Scout or Guide, Scouter or Guider or a person who holds non-executive or honorary rank or to a Group in case of joint action.
- (2) Award for Gallantry is made by the **Chief National Commissioner** suo moto or on the recommendation of the State Chief Commissioner in consultation with the concerned **National Commissioner** and the National Executive Committee.
- (3) The State Chief Commissioner shall make the recommendation in consultation with the concerned State Commissioner and the State Executive Committee.
- (4) The Recommendation for the Award of Gallantry shall contain a full account of the event and the evidence of the eye-witnesses wherever available.
- (5) The recommendation shall not specify any grade of Award.
- (6) Awards for Gallantry are (a) **A Bronze Medal** with blue and green ribbon; this is the highest award for Gallantry and is granted for special heroism or extra-ordinary risk; (b) **A Silver Medal** with green ribbon; this is awarded for gallantry with considerable risk (c) **A Gilt Medal** with

green ribbon-this is awarded for gallantry of moderate risk (d) Bar to the above medals may be granted for additional acts of gallantry; (e) Certificate in case of Gallantry which does not merit the medal or the Bar, a certificate may be granted, (f) Letter of Commendation in case of Gallantry which does not merit the Medal or the Bar or the Certificate, Letter of Commendation may be granted.

- (7) Medals are worn on uniform above the right pocket; in the case of women the medals are worn on the side not covered by sari; in case of a Group the medal may be pinned on the Group Flag.

(8) Award for Meritorious Service:

- (1) Awards for meritorious service are (a) Medal of Merit (b) Bar to Medal of Merit (c) Silver Star, (d) Bar to Silver Star and (e) Silver Elephant.

(2) Medal of Merit:

- (i) Medal of Merit is the Bharat Scouts and Guides Emblem in golden colour within a white metal circle suspended from a green ribbon.
- (ii) Medal of Merit is awarded to both warranted and non-warranted ranks such as President, Vice-President, Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Joint Secretary and Assistant Secretary for active and meritorious service to the Movement in any one or all ranks for not less than 10 years.
- (iii) Medal of Merit is awarded by the State Chief Commissioner *suo moto* on the recommendation of the concerned Assistant State Commissioner, the District Chief Commissioner and the District or the Local Association in consultation with the concerned State Commissioner and the State Executive Committee.
- (iv) A Cloth Emblem with the design in green colour is also issued.
- (v) Medal of Merit or the cloth Emblem may be worn in mufti also.

- (3) **Bar to the Medal of Merit:** A Bar to Medal of Merit may be awarded for not less than five years of additional service of similar character after the award of Medal of merit.
- (4) **Silver Star :**
 - (i) Silver Star is awarded to both warranted and non-warranted ranks such as President, Vice President, Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary Joint Secretary and Assistant Secretary for special distinguished and continuous service for 20 years and more in any one or all the ranks.
 - (ii) Service as Cub or Scout or Rover or Bulbul or Guide or Ranger shall not count for the purpose of 20 years service.
 - (iii) Award is issued with a certificate.
 - (iv) Award is a five pointed Star with the Bharat Scouts and Guides Emblem, suspended from a yellow ribbon.
 - (v) A cloth Emblem with the design in yellow colour is also issued.
 - (vi) Award is made by the **Chief National Commissioner** *suo moto* or on the recommendation of the concerned **National Commissioner** and the National Executive Committee; the State Chief Commissioner shall make the recommendation *suo moto* or on the recommendation of the District or Division or the Local Association in consultation with concerned State Commissioner and the State Executive Committee.
 - (vii) Silver Star is worn on the uniform above the right pocket by men and on the side not covered by sari by women
- (5) **Bar to Silver Star:** A Bar to Silver Star may be awarded for not less than 5 years of additional service of a similar character after the award of Silver Star.
- (6) **Silver Elephant :**
 - (i) Silver Elephant is the highest National Award and is awarded for service of most exceptional character to the Movement.

- (ii) The Award is made by the **Chief National Commissioner** *suo moto* or on the recommendation of the State Chief Commissioner in consultation with the concerned **National Commissioner** and the National Executive Committee; the State Chief Commissioner shall make the recommendation *suo moto* or on the recommendation of the District or Divisional or Local Association in consultation with the concerned State Commissioner and the State Executive Committee. When the award is made by the **Chief National Commissioner** *suo moto* in consultation with concerned **National Commissioner** and the National Executive Committee, the **Chief National Commissioner** shall also consult the concerned State Chief Commissioner
- (iii) The Award is a Silver Elephant suspended from a ribbon into which are woven three standards blue, green and red colours to represent the three sections of the Scout and Guide Movement.
- (iv) A cloth emblem with the design in blue, green and red may be worn in mufti.
- (v) The Award shall be worn on uniform on special occasions only.

CHAPTER VII

MISCELLANEOUS

(1). Bands :

- (1) Bands, where such exist must be so conducted as to avoid nuisance to the public in particular, must not be played before temples, mosques, churches, schools, hospitals or any house where there are sick persons. They must not be played after 9 p.m. in the street. Bugle practice must not be carried on in open places within 500 metres of houses.
- (2) Brass and bugle bands are not permitted for Cubs or Bulbuls.
- (3) Licence must be obtained beforehand whenever necessary.
- (4) Scouts or Guides in Scout or Guide uniform shall not play bands in processions, with a view to earn money.
- (5) Scout or Guide Bands shall not be played at any function other than the Scout and Guide functions or functions of the institutions to which the Group belongs, without the permission of the District Commissioner.

NOTE : They shall wear correct Scout / Guide Uniform.

2. **Autographs:** No autographs shall be sought at a Scout or Guide function. If Scouts or Guides are interested in autographs, the Scouter or Guider in charge will make suitable arrangements outside the functions with a guest to get the autographs in properly kept autograph books.
3. **Communications:**
 - (i) It is desirable that correspondence shall be reduced as much as possible. All communications to the National Association shall be addressed to the Director and all communications to the State Associations or District or Divisional or Local Associations shall be addressed to the respective Secretary.
 - (ii) Correspondence on Scouts and Guides matters must not be addressed to the President of the Indian Republic or to any Department of the Govt. of India or any State

Govt., to any National or State Level Organisations of other National or to any Embassy or Legation in India or abroad except through the State Association or the National Association as the case maybe.

- (iii) No member of the Association may express opinion in the public or in the Press on any matter of policy or principle, or be concerned in any broadcast on the Scout and Guide Movement without the previous approval of the State Association or National Association as the case may be.

4. **Drill, March past and Posse of Welcome**

- (i) Parties of Scouts or Guides on the march must have responsible traffic pickets at the head and rear.
- (ii) Such pickets at night must show a white light in front and a red light in the rear.
- (iii) Posse of welcome, if given to the distinguished guest, shall only be at function of Scouts or Guides or their own institutions. Ordinarily, no Scouts or Guides below the rank of Pratham Sopan shall be allowed to participate in this manner of welcome. " Arch Staves" shall not be used in any circumstance.

5. **Theatres :** Scouts and Guides in Uniforms are not allowed to appear on the stages of theatres or music halls in public performances, other than their own without the permission of the State Associations on the recommendations of the concerned District Commissioner and the District Chief Commissioner.

6. **Certificates and Letters of Recommendations** Scouts/Guides and Scouters and Guiders must not solicit certificates or letters of recommendations for service done as it is contrary to the spirit of Scouting and Guiding.

7. **Bathing, Swimming and Boating :**

- 1. No Scouter or Guider or any other person incharge for the time being may accord permission to any Scout or Rover or Guide or Ranger to take part in bathing, swimming or boating of any kind, unless he or she is satisfied: -
 - (i) that the person can swim 50 yards in uniform or in other clothes,

- (ii) that the person has practical knowledge of the methods of rescue,
 - (iii) that a picket of at least 2 good swimmers preferably those who hold the rescuer badge is on duty,
 - (iv) that the written permission of the parent or guardian of the Scout or Rover or Guide or Ranger is produced,
 - (v) that the permission of the owner of the tank is obtained,
 - (vi) that the person has a companion in water or on the bank or shore to help in case of emergency,
 - (vii) that the person knows how to handle an oar,
 - (viii) that the boat which sails is in charge of an experienced person or a professional sailor.
 - (ix) that the boat is in order and in good condition,
 - (x) that every Safety Rule is observed strictly.
 - (xi) that Rules of Health and Sanitations are also observed,
2. As regards sea Scouts and sea Guides training the Special Rule framed in this behalf shall apply.

8. **Camp Warden:**

The Camp Warden and Assistant Camp Wardens shall be appointed by the **Chief National Commissioner** in case of National Association in consultation with the **National Commissioner** and by the State Chief Commissioner in case of State Association in consultation with the State Commissioner. The terms and conditions of their services shall be as laid down in the Service Rules. The Divisional or District and Local Associations may appoint Camp Wardens and Assistant Camp Wardens in their respective areas in consultation with their respective District Chief Commissioners, District Commissioners and Assistant District Commissioners.

9. **(a) Inter District Visits and Participations :** No member of a District Association can participate or represent in any other District's event without prior sanction of the home district.

- (b) **Inter-State Visits and Participations** : No member of the State Association shall participate, camp, represent in any other state's event without prior sanction of the home State Headquarters.
- (c) **International Visits and Participations** : No member of Bharat Scouts and Guides shall participate, camp, represent in any of the International Event in the Foreign Countries without the prior sanction of the home State Headquarters and the National Headquarters. He / She should carry with him/her an International letter of introduction issued by the National Headquarters.

The words and sentences printed in “**bold letters**” are the **amendments** unanimously approved in the 64th meeting of the National Council held on 30th November, 2014 and 65th National Council on 29th November 2015 at the Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Headquarters, New Delhi.

Flags



National Flag



Bharat Scouts & Guides Association Flag



World Scout Flag



World Guide Flag

Advancement Schemes of Cub & Bulbul



Advancement Schemes of Scout/Guide & Rover/Ranger





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Introduction

Free Being Me is an Innovative Educational Programme for young Boys and Girls of 5 to 18 years age created by WAGGGS in partnership with Dove Self Esteem Programme Project. This programme is based on the latest research into how to increase young people's body confidence & self esteem through fun and non formal activities.

In last 10 years more than 100 countries around the world are working with this Educational Programme. 2014 onwards the Bharat Scouts and Guides is a part of this Educational Programme.

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WHY FREE BEING ME?

Low body confidence stops children and young people from:

- Developing skills in activities they would enjoy
- Voicing their opinions.
- Taking risks.