

THE TRACKERS.

An organization for coloured Boys under the Control  
of the Transvaal Scout Council.

Adopted by Transvaal Scout Council 8-7-19.

- 1: NAME. The name of the organization shall be "The Trackers",  
(Transvaal Province)
  - 2: AIMS AND OBJECTS. To develop good citizens among coloured boys  
by forming their character - training them in habits of ob-  
servation, obedience and self-reliance, inculcating loyal-  
ty and thoughtfulness for others - teaching them services  
useful to the public and themselves - promoting their  
physical development and hygiene.
  - 3: MEMBERSHIP. Open to all coloured British subjects approved by  
the Transvaal Scout Council through its Sub-Committee and  
Executive Officers.
  - 4: RELIGIOUS POLICY. Inter-denominational. It is expected that all  
members shall attend religious services as often as  
possible. Troops may be formed for boys of a particular  
denomination, or by Social bodies, or lodges, or may be  
"open" Troops embracing all boys irrespective of religious  
denomination.
  - 5: FINANCE. The organization shall be financially supported by  
the Coloured Community through Committees appointed by them  
for that purpose.
  - 6: ORGANIZATION Troops consisting of boys between the ages of 11  
years and 18 years (i.e. a boy may not join a Troop as a  
Tracker after he has attained the age of 18, but shall not  
cease to be a member of a troop on reaching the age of 18,  
should he have joined previous to that age).  
Packs. Consisting of boys between the ages of 8 years and  
11 years.  
Control Committees in charge of troops and packs, who shall  
be elected annually from the Parents of the boys or mem-  
bers of the Coloured Community who are interested in the  
movement.  
Local District Committees. To be elected after the formation  
of two or more troops or packs in a district. To be com-  
posed of two members elected from each Control Committee,  
and Senior Officers of each Troop or Pack in the District  
and co-opted members. The latter shall not exceed the  
number of elected members.
- CONTROL. The organization shall be under the control of the  
Commissioner (for the time being) of the Boy Scouts of  
the Transvaal. The Transvaal Scout Council, and Executive  
Officers of the Transvaal Scout Council. The organization  
shall be governed by rules and regulations as laid down by the  
the Transvaal Scout Council, and shall be subject to the  
control and discipline of the Executive Officers of the  
Transvaal Scout Council.  
Troops or Packs shall be under the direct control of a  
Troop or Pack Master. The Troop or Pack Master must be  
a responsible man of known character, recommended by the  
Control Committee, he must serve three months probation  
to the satisfaction of the Control Committee after which  
he shall be appointed to that office by the Transvaal  
Scout Council, on the recommendation of their Executive  
Officer.

/Assistant



Assistant Troop Master. Red shoulder straps and a red ostrich plume on right side of hat.

Other uniform as for Troop Master.

Instructor. Green shoulder straps and a green ostrich plume on front of hat. Other uniform as for Troop Master.

Pack Master. As for Troop Master, but plume in hat to be worn in front.

Asst. Pack Master. As for Asst. Troop Master, but plume worn in front of hat.

Leader. Two diagonal red stripes worn on right breast above the pocket.

Corporal. One diagonal red stripe worn on right breast above the pocket.

Troop or Head Leader. (If appointed) Three red stripes worn diagonally above right pocket.

Cub Leader. As for Leader but stripes green.

Cub Corporal. As for Corporal but stripes green.

12: TESTS for Tenderfoot, 1st and 2nd Class as laid down in Boy Scout Tests.

13: PROMISE as for Scouts, but for the word "Scout" in last promise substitute "Tracker".

14: LAW as for Scouts but in each case substitute "Tracker" where the name "Scout" occurs.

15: BANDS. Bands will be permitted under the same control and regulations as apply to Scouts.

16: TROOP FLAGS. Troop Flags to be white with the name of the Troop at the bottom and the word "Tracker" at the top in red.

17: TROOP JACKS. A Troop may carry the "Union Jack" in addition to the Troop Flag, but no other Flag of any description may be carried.

18: POLITICS. Politics may not be discussed or participated in by any member of a troop in uniform, and no favours or badge other than those allowed under these regulations may be worn on the uniform. Officers possessing war medals may wear the medals or ribbons, also recognised life saving or ambulance medals may be worn.

19: TRACKER SALUTE: The salute shall be given with the open hand raised to the head in the full salute, or raised to a level with the shoulder in the half salute. The full salute shall be given to all Tracker Officers by the boys, and to the Scout Executive Officers in charge of the organization, whether in uniform or otherwise, so long as such Tracker Officers or Scout Officers are wearing their badge of rank. Also when repeating the Promise or Law of the Tracker. The half salute shall be given and returned by all boys whether in uniform or out of uniform on their meeting their brother Trackers who are wearing the badge.

20: THE BADGE is worn in the buttonhole of the right pocket of the shirt when in uniform, and in the buttonhole of the jacket when not in uniform. Members of Local Committees or Control Committees are entitled to wear the badge if they first take the promise of a Tracker and are then entitled to the full salute from officers and boys of the organization.

21: ADDENDUM. The above rules will serve to get the organization started and should it be found necessary, as the organization develops the Executive Officer appointed by the

/Transvaal

Transvaal Scout Council in conjunction with the Control Committee or District Committees, will promulgate additional rules and regulations to deal with the efficient control of the organization.

22: MEMORANDA.

Formation of Troops, Packs and Local District Committees:  
Application to be made to the Secretary, Boy Scouts' Association, P.O. Box 631, Johannesburg.

Badges. The making of badges shall be under the control of the Transvaal Scout Council. Application for proficiency badges should be made to the Secretary, Boy Scouts' Association, and should be signed by the Examiner or Examiners, who shall be appointed by the Local Committee.

Uniforms. These will have to be made by arrangement. If not possible at the Local Centre, the Boy Scouts' Association will assist in getting tenders from Johannesburg firms.

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Amendments suggested at Conference held on 27th July 1922.

- Wherever the word "Trackers" appears, substitute "Pathfinders".  
Wherever the word "Pack" occurs, substitute "Junior troop". (In some cases the words "and pack" will be struck out)  
Wherever the word "Patrol" occurs, substitute "section".  
Wherever the word "Leader" occurs, substitute "section leader".  
Wherever the word "diagonal" occurs, substitute "horizontal".

Now refer to the numbered paragraphs for the other amendments

- 6: Add, at end of first paragraph, "This to be elastic to a certain extent". After "elected annually", add "preferably".
- 7: In last paragraph add "executive" after "holding".
- 8: After "four" add "or six". After "of six" add "or eight".  
Delete everything after "designated by a" and substitute "designated by a distinctive colour worn under the badge".
- 9: Make the following amendments:-
- Hat, of any form other than Scout hat.
  - Shirt, grey or khaki drill, without shoulder straps, knots or scarf.
  - Shorts, Khaki or grey
  - Stockings, add "without coloured tops".
  - Belt, add "or any pattern other than Scout pattern".
  - Tie, Add "if desired".
- 1: Troop Master uniform to be same as for Pathfinder, plus a white shoulder strap and walking stick. Assistant

/Troop Master

Troop Master, same as Pathfinder, but red shoulder strap. Instructor, ditto, but green shoulder strap.

Junior Troop Master, delete reference to plume.

Asst. ditto. ditto.

Section Leader, delete "above the pocket".

Corporal, ditto.

Troop or Head Leader, substitute "on right breast" for "above right pocket".

16: Substitute "blue" for "white", and "white" for "red".

20: Substitute "on the left breast" for "in the buttonhole of the right pocket".

Add below 22:-

"The official Pathfinder badge shall be triangular in shape with a projection from the base of the triangle, and the letter 'P' in the centre of the triangle".

# PATHFINDERS



The first step in the process of finding a path is to identify the starting point and the destination. This is often done by looking at a map or a set of directions. Once the starting point and destination are identified, the next step is to determine the best route to take. This can be done by looking at the map and identifying the most direct path, or by using a computer program to calculate the shortest path. The final step is to follow the path and reach the destination.

There are many different ways to find a path, and the best way to do it depends on the situation. For example, if you are looking for a path through a forest, you may want to look for a clear path or a path that is marked with signs. If you are looking for a path through a city, you may want to look for a path that is marked with street names or landmarks. In any case, it is important to be careful and to follow the path correctly.

Provisional Rules passed by  
TRANSVAAL SCOUT COUNCIL.

8-7-19.

BOY TRACKERS.

An organisation for Coloured Boys under the control of the Transvaal Scout Council.

NAME. The name of the organisation shall be the "Boy Trackers' Association", (Transvaal Province).

AIMS AND OBJECT. To develop good citizenship among coloured boys by forming their character - training them in habits of observation, obedience, and self-reliance -- inculcating loyalty and thoughtfulness for others -- teaching them service useful to the public and themselves -- promoting their physical development and hygiene.

MEMBERSHIP. Open to Coloured British subjects approved by the Transvaal Scout Council through its Sub-Committee and Executive Officers.

RELIGIOUS POLICY. Inter-denominational. It is expected that all members shall attend religious services as often as possible. Troops may be formed for boys of a particular denomination, or by Social bodies, or Lodges, for the sons of members of such Bodies or Lodges, or may be "open" Troops embracing all boys irrespective of religious denomination.

FINANCE. The organisation shall be financially supported by the Coloured Community through Committees appointed by them for that purpose.

ORGANISATION. Troops consisting of boys between the ages of 11 years and 18 years. (i.e. A boy may not join a Troop as a tracker after he has attained the age of 18, but shall not necessarily cease to be a member of a Troop on reaching the age of 18, should he have joined previous to that age).

Packs consisting of boys between the ages of 8 years and 11 years.

Control Committees in charge of Troops and Packs, who shall be elected annually from the Parents of the Boys or members of the Coloured Community who are interested in the movement. Notices of all meetings to be sent to the Secretary of the Transvaal Scout Council.

Local District Committees. To be elected after the formation of two or more Troops or Packs in a District. To be composed of two members elected from each Control Committee, the Senior Officer of each Troop or Pack in the District, and co-opted members. The latter shall not exceed the number of elected members. Notices of all meetings to be sent to the Secretary of the Transvaal Scout Council.

CONTROL. The Organisation shall be under the control of the Commissioner, (for the time being) of the Boy Scouts of the Transvaal, the Transvaal Scout Council, and Executive Officers of the Transvaal Scout Council. The Organisation shall be governed by rules and regulations as laid down by the Transvaal Scout Council, and shall be subject to the control and discipline of the Executive Officers of the Transvaal Scout Council, appointed for the purpose, who shall be ex officio members of all Committees.

TROOPS or PACKS. shall be under the direct control of a Troop or Pack Master. The Troop or Pack Master must be a responsible man of known good character, recommended by the Control Committee, he must serve three months probation to the satisfaction of the Control Committee after which he shall be appointed to the office

by the Transvaal Scout Council on the recommendation of their Executive Officer. Assistant Troop or Pack Master may be similarly recommended and appointed. Their duty shall be to assist the Troop or Pack Master.

Control Committee shall be responsible for all finance connected with the Troop. They shall arrange for Halls or Rooms for Troop Headquarters and meeting places. Shall supervise the Troop or Pack work. Arrange parades. Shall be responsible that rules and regulations are carried out and that the boys are instructed and controlled efficiently. They shall appoint a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary and shall be responsible that Account Books clearly showing all receipts and disbursements in connection with the Troop or Pack are kept properly and that minutes of all meetings are kept in a book for that purpose. They shall recommend all appointments or suspensions and all badges for Troop or Pack Officers or boys shall be requisitioned by the Chairman and Secretary only after having been approved by the Committee. The Control Committee shall consist of not less than five and not more than eleven members, exclusive of the Troop and (or) Pack Master who shall be members of the Committee and entitled to vote. A quorum shall consist of a number decided upon at the first meeting. Decisions shall be arrived at by a majority vote, either by show of hands or by ballot. The chairman shall have a casting as well as a deliberate vote.

Local District Committees shall control a District in similar manner as laid down above. Shall be responsible for all Troops or Packs in the District under their control. Shall periodically examine all Troop or Pack Accounts and registers. Shall confirm all appointments and deal with all District parades and all matters of District interest.

Troop or Pack Master shall keep a register in which is recorded the name, age, and address of all boys in the Troop or Pack, date of joining, name and date of any badges he may obtain, date of promotion to Leader or Corporal, and date of resignation. The register shall also record his attendance at Troop or Pack Meetings or Parades. ALL TROOP OR PACK BOOKS OR REGISTERS SHALL BE OPEN TO THE INSPECTION OF ANY VISITING OR INSPECTING OFFICER HOLDING RANK UNDER THE SCOUT ORGANISATION.

TROOP ORGANISATION. A Troop may consist of any number of boys over twelve and shall be formed into patrols. A patrol shall consist of a Leader, a Corporal, and four boys-- a total of six-- and shall be designated by a number. The number shall be worn on the right shoulder and shall be in brass.

UNIFORM. The uniform shall consist of :-

Hat.	Black of approved design.
Shirt.	Grey.
Shorts.	Black or Dark Blue.
Stockings	Black or dark blue.
Belt.	White or coloured in the Troop colours.
Tie	Of the Troop colours worn under the shirt collar.
xStaff	Approved type of broom handle.
xLandyard	White.
xWhistle	Of approved pattern.

(x Optional )

BADGES. Approved design in Brass.

All badges as laid down in Scout tests, with the exception of the "Marksmen's" badge, may be competed for, the badge will be in brass.



BADGES OF RANK.Troop Master.

White shoulder straps and a white plume (not over eight inches long) worn on right side of hat.

Hat Black.

Shirt Grey.

Breeches. Blue or Black or Grey.

Leggins. black.

(Shorts may be worn if preferred)

Walking Stick.

Asst. Troop Master. Pink shoulder straps, and a pink ostrich plume on right side of hat.

Other uniform as for Troop Master.

Instructor green shoulder straps and a green ostrich plume on front of hat.

Other uniform as for Troop Master.

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The above rules were accepted by representation of the Coloured Community at a meeting on Monday 14th July 1919 in the Scout Headquarters office, when B/C F.H. Hodgkinson on behalf of the Council granted permission for an experimental Troop to be formed on the above lines.

At the Council meeting held 12-8-19 a Committee of Control was appointed.

The B/C and Headquarters Secretary attended a meeting of Coloured Boys and explained the aims and objects about 10 days later.

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