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BOY SCOUTS' ASSOCIATION - TRANSVAAL PROVINCE.

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For the information of all interested.

"TRANSVAAL PATHFINDERS."

An organisation under the control of the Council of the Transvaal Boy Scouts' Association, for the purpose of According to boys of Asiatic, Coloured, and Native birth, the benefits of Scouting.

AIMS & OBJECTS. To develop good citizens among the said boys by forming their character-training them in habits of observation, obedience and self-reliance, - inculcating Loyalty and thoughtfulness for others - teaching them services useful to the public and them-selves - promoting their physical development and hygiene - and duty to God.

MEMBERSHIP. Open to all the said boys who are British subjects and 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 at their own Church. Troops may be formed for boys of a particular denomination, or by Social bodies, or lodges, or may be "open" Troops, embracing any boys irrespective of religious denomination.

FINANCE.

The organisation shall be financially supported by the Community concerned 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 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).

JUNIOR TROOPS consisting of boys between the ages of 8 years and 11 years.

CONTROL COMMITTEES in charge of Troops and Junior Troops, who shall be elected preferably from the Parents of the boys or members of the Community interested in the Movement.

Local District Committees. To be elected after the formation of two or more Troops or Junior Troops in a district. To be composed of two members elected from each Control Committee, the Senior Officers of each Troop or Junior Troop in the District, and co-opted members, but the latter shall not exceed the number of elected members. (A certain elasticity is permissible in these matters subject to the approval of the District Commissioner in charge of Pathfinders.

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 the Executive Officers thereof.

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The organisation shall be governed by rules and regulations as laid down from time to time by the Transvaal Scout Council, and shall be subject to the control and discipline of the Executive Officers thereof.

TROOPS OR JUNIOR TROOPS, shall be under the direct control of a Troop or Junior Troop Master. The Troop or Junior Troop Master must be a responsible man (in some cases Women) of known character, recommended by the Control Committee who shall serve three months probation to the satisfaction of the Control Committee, whereafter he be appointed to that office by Warrant issued by the Transvaal Scout Council, upon the recommendation of its Executive Officer.

Assistant Troop or Junior Troop Masters may be similarly recommended and appointed. Their duty shall be to assist the Troop or Junior Troop Master. Control Committees shall be responsible for all finance connected with the Troops, and shall arrange for halls or rooms for Troop Headquarters and meeting places, supervise the Troop work, arrange Parades, and 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 show all receipts and disbursements in connection with the Troop, and that such books are properly kept, and Minutes of all meetings are recorded in a book for that purpose.

They shall recommend all appointments or suspensions, and all badges for Troop or Junior Troop 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) Junior Troop Masters, 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 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, and shall be responsible for all Troops and Junior Troops in the district under its control. It shall periodically examine all Troops or Junior Troop accounts and registers; shall confirm all appointments, and deal with all District parades and all matters of District interest.

TROOP or Junior Troop Masters shall keep a register in which is recorded the name, age, and address of all boys in the Troop or Junior Troop; date of joining, name and date of any badge he may obtain, date of promotion to Section Leader or Corporal, and date of registration. The register shall also record his attendance at Troop meetings or Parades.

ALL TROOP OR JUNIOR TROOP BOOKS OR REGISTERS SHALL BE OPEN TO THE INSPECTION OF ANY VISITING OR INSPECTING OFFICER HOLDING EXECUTIVE RANK UNDER THE SCOUT ORGANISATION.

TROOP ORGANISATION.

A troop may consist of any number of boys over twelve and shall be formed into Sections. A Section shall consist of a leader, a Corporal, and four or six boys, and shall be designated by a distinctive colour.

UNIFORM.

The uniform shall consist of:-

Hat, of any design other than a Scout hat.

Shirt, grey of khaki drill, without shoulder straps.

Shorts, khaki or grey.

Stockings (optional) black or dark blue without coloured tops.

Belt, White, or in Troop Colours, of any pattern other than the Scout Belt.

Tie, of Troop Colours worn under shirt collar, is optional.

Staff, approved type of broom handle, or natural wood.

Lanyard, white. Whistle of approved pattern is optional.

BADGES.

The approved design in brass is a triangle with projecting base and the letter P superimposed. All proficiency badges as laid down in "Boy Scout Tests", with the exception of the "Marksman" badge, may be competed for. The proficiency badge is a woven tape with the name in red lettering.

UNIFORM & BADGE OF RANK. Pathfinder Master. The same as for a

Pathfinder with the addition of a white shoulder strap on the left shoulder and a walking stick if preferred to a staff.

ASSISTANT PATHFINDER MASTER. The same as for a Master but with a red shoulder strap.

Instructor. The same as the preceding but with a green shoulder strap.

*M/M*  
Junior Troop Master, and Assistant. As for Troop Master and Assistant.

Section Leader wears two horizontal red stripes on the right breast above the pocket.

*As in S/L*  
Corporal wears one horizontal red stripe on the right breast above the pocket.

Troop or Head Leader. (if appointed). Three red stripes worn above the right pocket.

Junior Section Leader. As for Leader, but with stripes green.

Junior Section Corporal. As for Corporal but with stripes green.

TEST, For Tenderfoot, 1st, and 2nd class Pathfinders are as laid down in "Boy Scout Tests" for the corresponding ranks.

PROMISE, as for Scouts, but with the word "Scout" where it occurs substitute "Pathfinder".

LAW As for Scouts, But in each case substitute "Pathfinder" where the word "Scout" appears.

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

TROOP FLAGS. Troop Flags to be BLUE with the name of the Troop at the bottom and the word "Pathfinder" at the top in white.

*Same as for Scouts*

/Troop Jacks

TROOP JACKS.

A Troop may carry the Union Jack in addition to the Troop Flag, but no other Flag of any sort may be carried.

POLITICS.

Politics may not be discussed or participated in by any members 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.

PATHFINDER 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 Officers by the boys, and to the Scout Executive Officers in charge of the organisation, whether in uniform or otherwise, so long as such officers or Scout Officers are wearing their badge of rank. Also when repeating the Promise or Law. The half salute shall be given and returned by all boys whether in uniform or out of uniform on their meeting their brother Pathfinders who are wearing the badge.

THE BADGE

is worn on the left breast of the shirt when in uniform, and in the buttonhole of the Jacket when not in uniform. Members of the Local District Committees or Control Committees are entitled to wear the badge if they first take the promise of a Pathfinder, and they are then entitled to the full salute from Officers and boys of the Organisation. *Members of the Council rank with the P/As.*

The above rules will serve to get the organisation started and should it be found necessary, as the organisation develops, the Executive Officer appointed by the Transvaal Scout Council in conjunction with the Control Committee or District Committees, will promulgate additional rules and regulations to ensure the efficient control of the organisation. In so far as possible the Rules, Regulations, method, and policy of the Boy Scouts' Association will apply, and the training aimed at is identical therewith.

Application for the Formation of Troops, Junior Troops, Local

District Committees, Control Committees, and for any further information or assistance desired, should be addressed to District Commissioner J.B. Young, c/o P.O. Box 631, Johannesburg, who will do all possible *Gen. Sec. P/As* to help in every way.

BADGES.

The supplying 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~~, P.O. Box 631, Johannesburg, and should be signed by the examiner or examiners, Pathfinder Master, and Chairman or Secretary of the Committee. *Sec. P/As*

UNIFORM.

Boys or Committees must make their own arrangements for purchase, but if not obtainable at any Local Centre, the Boy Scouts' Association will assist by getting quotations from Johannesburg firms.

LITERATURE.

All Scout literature is obtainable at Boy Scout Headquarters, and many other useful lines.

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