

AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS AS AT

27th APRIL, 1931.

REGULATION.

- 1. ADD:- Except in special cases no troop shall be registered unless it has at least two officers.
  
- 5. AMEND TO READ AS FOLLOWS:- A troop may consist of not fewer than twelve and not more than thirty-two boys and shall be formed into sections. A section shall consist of a section Leader, Assistant Section Leader and four or six boys.
  
- 27. ADD:- On completion of every five years' service a five years service badge may be worn. The badge to be: Gilt sun on dark blue background with P superimposed and "5" attached to one of the rays.

29. AMEND TO READ AS FOLLOWS:-

HAT. (a) District Pathfinder Masters (and Assistants) Scout hat with dark blue puggaree and brown flash with emblem in yellow.

(b) Pathfinder Masters, Assistant Pathfinder Masters and Instructor, the type of hat worn by the troop (see Regulation No. 30 as amended) and flash attached accordingly.

FLASH: 59P Pathfinder Masters:- Black with emblem in white.

60 P Assistant Pathfinder Masters:- Red with emblem in green.

61 P Instructors :- Yellow with emblem in green.

30. AMEND TO READ AS FOLLOWS:-

Delete "Senior" from heading of the section.

HAT. (a) Either smasher type turned up on left side, dented front to back, and red flash with emblem in green fitted to left side of hat.

(b) Or ordinary Khaki Peak Cap and flash with emblem in green fitted in front between peak and cap.

(c) Or Beret and red flash with emblem in green fitted to front of Beret; members of a troop must wear the same type.



LANYARD. Alter to read as follows:-

Lanyard (Khaki) 58 P. Worn only by troop  
Leaders, Section and Assistant Section Leaders.

32. Alter to read as follows:-

Troop Name Badges. Name badges to be worn on the  
right shoulder (optional).



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Chief Pathfinder's Office,

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With all good wishes.

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Dear Colleagues,

I enclose herewith

1. Draft Agenda for the next S.A.Pathfinder Council to be held at Bloemfontein, October 3rd.
2. Letter from me for submission to the Divisional Council of your area regarding the relations of the Pathfinder Movement with the Scout Movement. (N.B. Twenty copies are sent to the Divisional Secretaries).

I shall be grateful if you will have these carefully considered by your Council. Please note that all Divisional Councils will be expected to present reports of the progress of the Movement in their areas with census returns.

Any additions to the Draft Agenda should be sent not later than August 15th; to the Honorary Secretary,  
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With regard to No. 2 I should like to say that while I have avoided giving my own views in the statement, I am prepared to indicate my own views as Chief Pathfinder, should your Council desire me to do so.

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Reference .....

23rd July, 1931.

## TO DIVISIONAL PATHFINDERS.

Dear Colleague,

It appears that the dates suggested for the next meeting of the South African Pathfinder Council and Committee - October 2nd and 3rd - are inconvenient to some members of the Council.

I shall be grateful if Divisional Pathfinders will advise me whether October 16th and 17th would be convenient instead.

An early reply would be appreciated.

Yours fraternally,

*J. D. Rheinaert Jones*  
per *[Signature]*

CHIEF PATHFINDER S.A.

*Dear Colleague*

*Oct. 16 + 17th will suit me*

*2/7/31*

*[Signature]*  
*D.P. Natal*



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Chief Pathfinder's Office,  
P.O. Box 1176,  
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August 3rd., 1931.

To Divisional Pathfinders and Divisional Secretaries;

Dear Colleagues,

A copy of proposed amendments to the Regulations, submitted by those attending the Pathfinder Training Course at Pietersburg in July last, is sent herewith. Copies of any further proposals that may be received will be sent as they come to hand.

Please note that I have now fixed the date of the next meeting of the S.A. Pathfinder Council as October 17. The Committee of Divisional Pathfinders to consider amendments will meet on October 16th.

I hope that Divisional Councils are being constituted as nearly as possible in accordance with the Constitution. The Transvaal Council has decided to use clause 2d of Section B. to invite all the P/Ms in the Division to nominate (by election) two P/Ms to serve on the Divisional Council.

Yours fraternally,

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To Divisional Secretaries.

Dear Colleague,

The Minutes of the last meeting of the S.A. Pathfinder Council are being despatched to you by this post.

The following matters require your special attention and should be brought before your Council.

1. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION. Please note these.
2. AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS. Please note these as shown on the Schedule herewith. They include the amendments made by the previous meeting of the Pathfinder Council as well as those given in the Minutes.

Please inform your officers of these. Additional copies of the Schedule may be obtained from me. It is hoped that the definite rulings regarding Uniforms will prove helpful.

3. NOMINATION OF VICE-PRESIDENTS. This matter will come up at the next Council meeting. It seems desirable that the Vice-Presidents shall be persons of some distinction, particularly sympathetic to non-European needs, and that, perhaps, some consideration should be given to Provincial or territorial distribution of the offices of Vice-Presidents.
4. PRESIDENT. The Scout Council has endorsed the request to His Excellency the Governor General that he should accept the office of President of the Movement in South Africa. His reply is now being awaited.
5. CONSTITUTION OF DIVISIONAL COUNCILS. It is hoped that all Divisional Councils will now be constituted as provided by the amended Constitution, Section B.

Please see whether the membership of your Council conforms to the Constitution. Where no Divisional Council has been formed steps should now be taken to secure membership and to place the Movement on a sound basis. Section 2 (d) should be made use of as much as possible.



6. NEXT MEETING. I shall be glad to know whether Saturday October 3rd will be a convenient date for your Divisional representatives for the next meeting of the S.A. Pathfinder Council to be held at Bloemfontein.

Please note the Secretary's remarks regarding notices of meetings sent to Divisional Councils.

7. JUNIOR PATHFINDERS. There seems to be a real need for regulations to provide for Junior Pathfinder troops. I shall be grateful for suggestions from your Division.
8. "ROVER" PATHFINDERS. Your Council's views are sought regarding the suggestion that "Rover" Pathfinders should be provided for in the Movement. It was felt by some at the Council Meeting that efforts to develop this section might seriously divert attention from the need for making the Pathfinders more efficient.
9. BULLETIN. Your Council's views on the Bulletin now being published will be welcomed, and news items regarding the Movement in your Division are invited.
10. REVISION OF REGULATIONS. Please let me have any suggestions your Council has to make for alterations to the Regulations which are to come up for revision at the next meeting of the S.A. Pathfinder Council. Special attention should be given to improvements in the Syllabus--the scope and character of the Badge work and the provision of optional items to meet local needs. Should any alterations be made to meet actual conditions of life among Non-Europeans?

Attention should also be given to the qualifications required of Pathfinder Masters.

11. WARRANTS.

- (a) Pathfinder Masters. All warrants for Pathfinder Masters and Assistant Pathfinder Masters, now obtainable from the Secretary, should be filled in and signed by the Divisional Pathfinder and then sent to:-

The Secretary, S.A. Pathfinder Council, P.O.Box 631 Johannesburg for the signature of the Chief Pathfinder. No warrant should be sent in that has not been approved by the Divisional Council.

- (b) Troops. It is proposed to issue a Troop Warrant to be issued to registered troops, to be dated for a period of twelve months, new warrants not to be issued until the annual registration/has been paid for the troop. Temporary warrants might be issued by Divisional Pathfinders pending the payment of registration fee and registration of troops.

I shall be glad to hear from your Divisional Council on (b).



12. CENSUS. I attach a Census Form which please complete and return to me at an early date for inclusion with your Divisional Report in a special memorandum for circulation.
13. MEMBERS IN TROOPS. Attention is drawn to the regulation limiting the numbers of boys in troops to thirty two, and to the need for at least two Pathfinders to every troop.
14. PROGRESS OF THE PATHFINDER MOVEMENT. I shall be most grateful for frequent news from Divisions to show the progress of the Movements. Copies of bulletins issued by Divisional Councils or Divisional Pathfinders or District Pathfinder Masters will be appreciated, and I shall be happy to reply to enquiries and to assist Divisions in every way possible.

With all good wishes.

Fraternally yours,

*Rhennell Jones*

CHIEF PATHFINDER  
SOUTH AFRICA.

Enclosures:



PRELIMINARY DRAFT AGENDA FOR S.A.PATHFINDER COUNCIL  
MEETING TO BE HELD AT BLOEMFONTEIN  
ON OCTOBER 3rd, 1931.

1. Confirmation of Minutes
2. Matters arising out of Minutes
3. Report from Union Scout Council
  - (a) Relations of Pathfinder Movement to Scout Movement
  - (b) Alterations to Constitution and Regulations
  - (c) President
4. Reports from Divisional Councils and Affiliated Councils
5. Report of Committee appointed by the Chief Pathfinder to consider amendments to Regulations
6. "The Pathfinder"
7. Election of Vice-Presidents.
8. Extension of Movement



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