

POLICY, ORGANISATION & RULES  
OF THE PATHFINDER BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION  
OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Part I

GENERAL PRINCIPALS

1. AIM

The aim of the Association is to develop good citizenship among Bantu and other non-European boys through the formation of their character:-

- (a) By training them in habits of observation, obedience and self-reliance,
- (b) By inculcating loyalty and thoughtfulness for others,
- (c) By teaching them services useful to the public and handicrafts useful to themselves,
- (d) By promoting their moral, physical and spiritual development.

2. BASIS

The principles and practice of the Pathfinder Boy Scouts Association are founded on the basis of the [Pathfinder] Scout Promise and the [Pathfinder] Scout Law.

3. THE PROMISE

(a) On investiture the Tracker (? Pathfinder Cub) makes the following Promise:-

"I promise to do my best  
TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD, MY KING, AND MY COUNTRY. TO  
KEEP THE TRACKER LAW, AND  
TO DO A GOOD TURN TO SOMEBODY EVERY DAY."

(b) On investiture the Pathfinder Scout makes the following Promise:-

"On my honour I promise that I will do my best  
TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD, MY KING AND MY COUNTRY,  
TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES, AND  
TO OBEY THE PATHFINDER SCOUT LAW."

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Where desired the words "and to my Chief"  
may be added.

(c) On investiture the Senior Pathfinder Scout (or Pathfinder Rover) makes, or if previously a Pathfinder Scout re-affirms, the Pathfinder Scout Promise as in Rule 3 (b).

(d) Officers, to whom warrants are issued for the first time, make or re-affirm the Promise as in Rule 3 (b).

(e) Other persons connected with the Movement may make the Promise as in Rule 3 (b).

#### 4. THE LAW

(a) The Law of the Tracker Pack is:-

(i) A Tracker gives in to his Leaders.

(ii) A Tracker does not give in to himself.

(b) The [Pathfinder] Scout Law is:-

(i) A [Pathfinder] Scout's honour is to be trusted.

(ii) A [Pathfinder] Scout is loyal to the King, his country, his officers, his parents, his employers and those under him.

(iii) A [Pathfinder] Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others.

(iv) A [Pathfinder] Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other [Pathfinder] Scout, no matter to what class, creed or race the other belongs.

(v) A [Pathfinder] Scout is courteous.

(vi) A [Pathfinder] Scout is a friend to animals.

(vii) A [Pathfinder] Scout obeys without question the orders of his parents, patrol leader and [Pathfinder] Scout master.

(viii) A [Pathfinder] Scout smiles and whistles in all difficulties.

(ix) A [Pathfinder] Scout is thrifty.

(x) A [Pathfinder] Scout is clean in thought, word and deed.

## 5. MOTTOES

[ (a) The motto of the Tracker is "FOLLOW". ]

[ (b) The motto of the Pathfinder Scout is "FORWARD". ]

[ (c) The motto of the Senior Pathfinder is "FELLOWSHIP". ]

The motto of the Association is "Forward".

## 6. POLICIES

(a) POLITICAL The policy of the [Movement] Association

is the promotion of inter-racial and international peace and goodwill.

The [Movement] Association is not identified with, nor used for, any military purpose whatever; nor is it used for the purpose of any political Movement, Party or Organisation.

Pathfinders Scouts and Officers in uniform are not allowed to take part in meetings or demonstrations of a political nature.

(b) RELIGIOUS There is no interference (covert or otherwise) with a Pathfinder Scout's religious connections, and every encouragement is given for the loyal fulfilment of his religious obligations. Pathfinder Scout Troops may, however, be organised in connection with approved religious denominations or social organisations, if desired.

It is recommended that from time to time Local or District Committees should arrange for a "Pathfinder Scouts' Own" in their respective locality or district (See Rule 60).

## 7. FINANCE

(a) The spirit of the [Movement] Association is that on the part of the boys themselves money should be earned and not solicited. Pathfinder Scouts are not allowed to solicit money either for their Troop funds or for any other purpose.

(b) Divisional Councils and subsidiary bodies are

expected to support themselves locally.

(c) The Pathfinder Scout Headquarters Council is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions.

(d) Pathfinder Scouts must not take part in street sales or collections, either for their own funds or for other institutions or charities, nor in any method of touting the public, but they may assist institutions or charities as messengers or in other capacities. They may also assist under proper supervision in the selling of programmes at a fixed price at recognised entertainments.

(e) All members of the Association, acting as such, must observe the provisions of Rule 7 (d), and must not countenance or be concerned in any public method of raising money for Pathfinder Scout or other purposes which is in any way contrary to the law of the land, or likely to encourage Pathfinder Scouts in the practice of gambling.

## PART II

### ORGANISATION

8.

The general scheme of organisation is set out in the accompanying chart, on page 2. (See Pathfinder P.O.R. - page 2).

#### 9. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Movement consists of:-

- (a) All duly enrolled Trackers, Pathfinder Scouts and Senior Pathfinder Scouts, together with their officers.
- (b) Members of Pathfinder Scout Councils and Committees and such other persons as have taken the Pathfinder Scout Promise and have been admitted under the authority of the Chief Pathfinder or a Divisional Pathfinder. ]

Membership of the Association consists of:-

- (a) All duly enrolled Trackers who are between the ages of seven and twelve. :x:
- (b) All duly enrolled Pathfinder Scouts who are between the ages of twelve and eighteen. :x:
- (c) All duly enrolled Rover Pathfinder Scouts who are over the age of eighteen. :x:

:x: In exceptional circumstances, the limits of these ages may be varied with the consent of the Divisional Pathfinder Scout Commissioner.

- (d) All duly enrolled officers in any of the above-mentioned sections.
- (e) All members of Pathfinder Scout Councils and Committees who have taken the Scout promise.
- (f) Such other persons as have taken the Scout promise and have been admitted into membership of the Association under the authority of the Chief Pathfinder Scout Commissioner, or of a Divisional Pathfinder Commissioner.

The membership of any person may be terminated by resolution of the Pathfinder Scout Headquarters Council or by the Divisional Council concerned.

Europeans are permitted to act as officers and to be members of Pathfinder Scout Councils and Committees

10. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

(a) The Pathfinder Scout Association is not subsidised by the Government, nor is it subject to control by any Department of State. It has no connection in any way with the armed forces of the country.

(b) The Pathfinder Scout Association desires friendly relations with other [national] organisations of

a non-political character having similar aims,  
 [ It is ] but does not affiliate [ or to ] with any  
 [ other ] such organisation.

(c) The constitution, organisation and finance of the Girl Wayfarers Branch of the Girl Guides Association are entirely separate from those of the Pathfinder Scout Movement Association. Except by the special permission of the District Pathfinder Master Scout Commissioner, Pathfinder Scouts may not parade with Girl Wayfarers.

(d) The Pathfinder Scout Association and other recognised Scout Associations in the Union of South Africa together form the Boy Scout Movement of the Union of South Africa which is registered with the Boy Scouts International Bureau, the organisation responsible for the recognition and registration of National Scout Associations throughout the world, and for the organisation of international events. The International Bureau is controlled by an International Committee elected biennially by the International Conference and is administered by a Director appointed by the International Committee. Delegates to the International Conference representing the Boy Scout Movement in the Union of South Africa are appointed by the Council of the European Boy Scouts Association of the Union of South Africa.

11. PATHFINDER  
SCOUT  
HEADQUARTERS  
COUNCIL

The administration, management and control of the Pathfinder Boy Scout Association are vested in the Pathfinder Scout Headquarters Council, the

--membership--

membership, powers and duties of which are set out in the Constitution of the Association.

A SECRETARY is appointed by the Pathfinder Scout Headquarters Council to perform such duties as may be required. The office of the Secretary of the Pathfinder Scout Headquarters Council is the channel of communication between the Divisions and the Chief Pathfinder. All communications to the Pathfinder Scout Headquarters Council should be addressed as follows:-

The Secretary,  
Pathfinder Scout Headquarters Council,  
P.O. Box [631]  
Johannesburg.

12. AREAS OF JURISDICTION

The Areas of Jurisdiction are the Union of South Africa and Mandated Territories and any Protectorates bordering the Union whose Government has invited the Pathfinder Scout [Movement] Association to function therein.

(a) Powers Duties and Areas

13. DIVISIONAL COUNCILS

Divisional Councils have such powers and perform such duties as are delegated to them by the Pathfinder Scout Headquarters Council within such areas as are from time to time demarcated by the Pathfinder Scout Headquarters Council.

It is the duty of the Divisional Councils to advise the Divisional Pathfinder Scout Commissioner on the issue or cancellation of warrants to Officers in the areas under their jurisdiction, to keep accurate records of warrants and registrations, to account for monies collected and disbursed by them, to supervise the activities of all Committees within their areas, to inform and advise the Pathfinder Scout Headquarters Council on matters referred to them or that seem to call

for action in the interests of the Pathfinder Scout Movement Association, and generally to do such things as are necessary for the maintenance of discipline and efficiency within the Movement.

(b) Membership

A Divisional Council is constituted as follows:-

(1) Ex officio members.

- (i) The Divisional Pathfinder Scout Commissioner who is Chairman of the Council and Chief Executive Officer in the Division. He is appointed by the Chief Pathfinder on the recommendation of the Divisional Council.
- (ii) Any Assistant Divisional Pathfinder Scout Commissioner appointed by the Chief Pathfinder on the recommendation of the Divisional Pathfinder Scout Commissioner.
- (iii) All District Pathfinder Masters Scout Commissioners and Assistant District Pathfinder Masters Scout Commissioners within the Division. They are appointed by the Divisional Pathfinder Scout Commissioners after consultation with the local or District Committees where such exist.

(2) Members elected annually.

- (1) Such representation of the District Committees where such exist as may be determined by the Divisional Council concerned.
- (ii) Where it is deemed desirable by the Divisional Council, Representatives of Pathfinder Masters Scout Commissioners in the Division, the extent of such representation to be determined by the Divisional Council.

## (3) Members co-opted for one year.

(i) Such representatives of church bodies and organizations actively associated with the work of the Association [supporting the Movement] within the Division as may be determined by the Divisional Council.

(ii) Such other members as may be co-opted by the Divisional Council; provided that the number of such co-opted members shall not exceed one-third of the [total] existing membership of the Divisional Council.

(c) Meetings

Each Divisional Council makes its own regulations regarding the holding of meetings of the Council and the transaction of its business.

(d) Finance

The expenses of Divisional Councils are met by registration fees and by voluntary contributions.

(e) Honorary Presidents and Honorary Vice-Presidents

Divisional Councils have power to elect their own Honorary Presidents and Honorary Vice-Presidents subject to the approval of the Pathfinder Scout Headquarters Council.

14. DISTRICT AND GROUP COMMITTEES

These may be established where desired by the Divisional Council. Their functions are of a purely advisory nature defined by the Divisional Council, and [undue interference with the Executive Officers must be avoided.] They may not unduly interfere with the authority of executive officers.

15. PATHFINDER SCOUT GROUPS

A complete Pathfinder Scout Group consists of a Tracker Pack, a Scout Pathfinder Troop and a [Senior] [ ]

Rover Pathfinder Scout Crew, but a Group may consist of one or more of these sections only. The Officer in charge of each Group is known as the Group Pathfinder Scout master.

A Tracker Pack consists of not more than 36 boys between the ages of seven and twelve years, and is divided into Sixes, each Six consisting of six Trackers including the Sixer and Second. A Pack is under the direct control of the Tracker Leader and his assistants.

A Pathfinder Scout Troop consists of [Between] not fewer than 12 and not more than 32 boys between the ages of twelve and eighteen years. Each Troop should be divided into Patrols, a Patrol consisting of a Patrol leader, Assistant Patrol Leader and from four to six boys.

A Troop is under the direct control of the Pathfinder Scout master and his Assistants.

A [Senior] Rover Pathfinder Scout Crew consists of young men over the age of eighteen years, and is in charge of a [Senior] Rover Pathfinder Scout Leader who may sub-divide the Crew into Patrols as may be suitable.

Except in special cases, no Troop or Pack is registered unless there are at least two Warrant Officers.

No Troop or Pack is recognised unless its registration fee for the current year has been paid, and a receipt issued by the Divisional Council.

### [PARTS III TO VI]

[To follow as far as possible the existing Pathfinder P.O.R. using the word "Scout" after "Pathfinder" wherever it occurs; and altering "Tracker" to "Pathfinder Cub" and "Senior Pathfinder" to "Pathfinder Rover", if desired.]

[Tests for all ranks of Proficiency badges  
to be subject to approval by Transvaal Deputy Camp Chiefs.]

N.B. Parts III to VI to be dealt with by  
the Pathfinder Scout Headquarters.

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