



## “Policy, Organisation and Rules” (POR) of Scout Association of Hong Kong

The following revised rules in “Policy, Organisation and Rules” of the Scout Association of Hong Kong were approved by the Executive Committee on 10 January 2020 and shall apply with immediate effect:

### Rule 2.3.3<sup>1</sup> The Grasshopper Scout Ring

- (c) The age range of the Grasshopper Scout Section is from the fifth birthday to the eighth birthday. The fifth birthday is the absolute minimum age of entry into the Grasshopper Scout Ring.
- (d) The following minimum standards are laid down for Grasshopper Scout Rings:
  - (i) **Numbers** - An established Grasshopper Scout Ring shall have a minimum of six Grasshopper Scouts.
  - (ii) **Leaders** - There shall be at least two Leaders for the Ring, and at least one of them is a Warranted Leader. There shall be at least one Leader who is of the same gender as the Members; and if the Ring has both male and female Members, there shall be both male and female Leaders.
- (e) The District Commissioner is required to assist Rings to meet and exceed the minimum standards. If a Ring fails to reach the minimum standards for two consecutive calendar years, the Ring is liable to be suspended or closed by the District Commissioner with the approval of the Regional Commissioner.

### Rule 2.3.4<sup>1</sup> The Cub Scout Pack

- (e) The age range of the Cub Scout Section is from the age of seven years and six months to the twelfth birthday.
- (f) The following minimum standards are laid down for Cub Scout Packs:
  - (i) **Numbers** - An established Cub Scout Pack shall have a minimum of twelve Cub Scouts.
  - (ii) **Leaders** - There shall be at least two Leaders for the Pack, and at least one of them is a Warranted Leader. There shall be at least one Leader who is of the same gender as the Members; and if the Pack has both male and female Members, there shall be both male and female Leaders.
  - (iii) **Youth Programme and Training** - The youth programme and training of Cub Scouts shall be in accordance with the "Cub Scout Training Scheme" and any amendments thereto published by the Association Headquarters and there shall be at least one whole-day Pack outing each calendar year.
  - (iv) **Progress** - Each calendar year, at least one quarter of the Pack should gain one of the three Cub Scout Progressive Badges.
- (g) The District Commissioner is required to assist Packs to meet and exceed the minimum standards. If a Pack fails to reach the minimum standards for two consecutive calendar years the Pack is liable to be suspended or closed by the District Commissioner with the approval of the Regional Commissioner.

### **Rule 2.3.5<sup>1</sup> The Scout Troop**

- (f) The age range of the Scout Section is from the eleventh birthday to the sixteenth birthday.
- (g) The following minimum standards are laid down for Scout Troops:
- (i) **Numbers** - An established Scout Troop shall have a minimum of twelve Scouts.
  - (ii) **Leaders** - There shall be at least two Leaders for the Troop and at least one of them is a Warranted Leader. There shall be at least one Leader who is of the same gender as the Members; and if the Troop has both male and female Members, there shall be both male and female Leaders.
  - (iii) **Youth Programme and Training** - The youth programme and training of Scouts shall be in accordance with the "Scout Training Scheme" and any amendments thereto published by the Association Headquarters and every Member of the Troop shall have the opportunity of attending at least one Patrol or Troop Camp each calendar year.
  - (iv) **Progress** - Each calendar year, at least one quarter of the Troop should gain one of the four Progressive Badges.
- (h) The District Commissioner is required to assist Troops to meet and exceed the minimum standards. If a Troop fails to reach the minimum standards for two consecutive calendar years the Troop is liable to be suspended or closed by the District Commissioner with the approval of the Regional Commissioner.

**Rule 2.3.8<sup>1</sup>** To meet the special circumstances of each case and/or the demands of individual stage of development, the District Commissioner may, in exceptional circumstances, permit a child or a youth or a youth member to join or remain in a Section (as the case may be) outside the prescribed age limits stated above, subject to Rule 2.3.3(c) regarding the minimum age of entry into the Grasshopper Scout Ring.

### **Rule 3.9.2<sup>2</sup> Membership of the District Scout Council**

The District Scout Council consists of:

- (a) The District President;
- (b) The District Commissioner;
- (c) District Honorary Presidents and District Vice-Presidents;
- (d) The District Chairman and District Vice-Chairmen;
- (e) Deputy District Commissioner(s);
- (f) Assistant District Commissioners;
- (g) The District Secretary and the District Treasurer;
- (h) District Scouters;
- (i) Other District Lay Members, including District Adviser;
- (j) Scouters, Instructors and Lay Members in Scout Groups of and in the District;
- (k) Chairmen of all Venture Scout Unit Executive Committees; and
- (l) Chairmen of all Rover Scout Crew Management Committees.

Notes:

1. To align the policy allowing the District Commissioner to permit an individual to join or remain in a Section outside the prescribed age limits.
2. To align the order of precedence of District Scout Council with reference to that of the Scout Council of the Association and the Regional Scout Council.

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