



# CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

## Participation & Attendance

Working through the scouting programme means that participation outside of the weekly meetings is very important. During the course of the year a number of activities take place across weekends. Members are obliged to take part in at least 80% of these activities. Members not participating to this extent risk losing their place in the group.

If a member is to miss a number of weekly meetings (due to illness, study etc), a phone call should be made to the relevant section leader before the absence takes place. A member with unexcused absence for 4 or more weeks will be considered to have left the group and their place will be opened up to a new member.

Members are expected to actively participate in activities both in the den and outside. By this we mean giving the activity a try and interacting with the other members to the best of their abilities. Participation is not just attending and having a chat with friends or picking and choosing which activities to take part in during an event such as a camp.

## Property (Group & Personal)

It is the responsibility of each member to ensure the property of the group is maintained and used as intended, as instructed by the leaders. Damage to equipment should be reported to the leaders immediately.

Each member is responsible for their own equipment and should ensure they have all their belongings at the end of the meeting/activity. The leaders will provide reasonable assistance with this regard but will not be responsible for the loss of personal effects.

Members of the group should not interfere with or damage property that belongs to other people.

All items that a member will use during a meeting activity should have their name clearly marked on it.

## General Behaviour

Each member is expected to show proper respect to each other, whether child or adult.

Any form of bullying will not be tolerated and should be brought to the immediate attention of the leader.

Bad Language is forbidden. It is not scout-like and paints a very bad picture of our group.

## Penalties

While we would hope that all members abide to the above Code, we have agreed a Card System to handle breaches should they occur. It is our hope that we won't have to issue any cards to our youth members and if we do, that it would be a rare occurrence.

Yellow Card – Verbal warning (issued to parents/guardians)  
Orange Card – Written warning  
Red Card – Suspension from meetings and an activity  
Black Card – Expulsion

## Uniform

Each member is required to wear the official Scouting Ireland Uniform when specified by the section team; this will vary depending on the section and event.

The uniform should be kept clean and in good condition, and worn correctly, i.e. shirt tucked in.

Neckerchiefs must be worn at all scouting events. Group hoodies to be worn on activities as specified by the leadership team.

**For All Sections:** Group Neckerchief

**Ventures/ Scouts:** Navy Scout Shirt

**Cubs:** Navy Cub Jumper

**Beavers:** Blue Beaver Jumper

## Mobile phones/Smart Watches

Mobile phones and smart watches are not allowed at meetings/activities, unless stated otherwise by the Section team. Members found to have mobiles/watches will have them confiscated until the end of an activity. Recording or photographing is not allowed.

If a youth member needs to be contacted in an emergency the leader in charge should be called first.

## Parental/Guardian Involvement

Unvetted Parents/Guardians are not permitted on site/camp without prior permission from the section leader.

If a parent takes part in a daytime activity they are under the leadership of the Section Leader and have to conform to section rules. At no time should they take a leadership role.

I confirm that I have read the above & understand and accept the content.

Member \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_