



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. Where members attend but are not actively participating or continuously disrupting the sessions or are being disrespectful on a regular basis then a phone call will be made to parent/guardian advising of the behaviour and the member will be put on a probation period of 2 months.

Behaviour will be reviewed weekly / monthly and if their behaviour does not improve to the satisfaction of the scout leadership team then the parent / guardian will be advised that the member no longer has a place.

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.

Where members are exhibiting bad behaviour on a regular basis in sessions despite being asked to stop by a Scouter then a phone call will be made to parent/guardian advising of the behaviour and the member will be put on a probation period of 2 months. Behaviour will be reviewed weekly / monthly. If their behaviour does not improve to the satisfaction of the scout leadership team then the parent / guardian will be advised that the member no longer has a place.

Members are expected to respect 'lights out' time on camp and to remain quiet. If any member disrespects this and keeps their camp mates awake then their parent/guardian will be called to collect them.'

New Scout members

When a new scout joins as a member and has not been a beaver or cub member previously then they will be on probation for 6 months to observe their participation in activities and eagerness to learn scouting skills. They will not be invested before the end of the probation period which may be extended at the discretion of the scouting leadership. If not extended then the member will lose their place.

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.

On nights or activities where full uniform is designated, any member turning up without scout uniform will be asked to leave (following call to parent/guardian).

Wearing the right clothes on activities and bringing the right equipment is a health and safety concern. If leaders advise that specific clothing such as hiking boots, rain gear etc. are required on an activity then any member who turns up without these specific items will not be allowed to take part and will have to go home.



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While we encourage that all members, at all levels, pack their own bags we strongly recommend that a parent/guardian checks that the member has enough changes of clothes for the duration of the camp taking into account the weather conditions. A kit list is usually sent in advance to parents/guardians.

For All Sections:
Group Neckerchief

Ventures/ Scouts:
Navy Scout Shirt, Navy scout trousers, Scout belt

Cubs:
Navy Cub Jumper

Beavers:
Blue Beaver Jumper

Mobile phones/Smart Watches

The general rule is that 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 Mobile phones are allowed on specific camps (as advised in advance to parents), then they will be held in a box by the Camp leader. Use of the mobile phone will be restricted to specific times and specific supervised locations on camp. Use of mobile phones in sleeping tents is strictly prohibited.

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

Breach of the Mobile phone usage rules will result in Parent/guardian being called and asked to remove their member from camp / activity. In some circumstances the member may be put on probation as well.

Cigarettes, Vaping devices, alcohol or any illegal substances

Use of any cigarettes, vaping devices, alcohol or any illegal substance is strictly prohibited at the den inside or outside and on any activity run by the scouts.

Parent/ Guardian will be contacted in the event that this rule is broken and will be asked to remove their member immediately (day or night). Further penalty such as probation or expulsion may follow at the discretion of the scout leadership.

Personal Knives

Members must pass a knife, axe and saw safety course before they will be allowed to use an axe, saw or knife unsupervised and at designated times. Personal knives owned by members will be kept in a box in the den or on camp.

Parental/Guardian Involvement

Unvetted Parents/Guardians are not permitted on site/ camp/activity at any time.

If there is any circumstance where parents/guardians are invited to support a scouting daytime activity, then they are under the leadership of the Section Leader and have to conform to section rules which will be advised in advance. At no time should they take a leadership role or be alone with a youth member including their own children.

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

Youth Member _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____