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Ceremonies Regulations and Guidelines Policy

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Preamble

The purpose of the policy is only to highlight the Scouts' Own, Scout Sign and Salute. Guidelines to all other ceremonies are contained in the Cub and Scout Ceremonies Handbook. The ceremonies in the handbook do give some flexibility to the individual Scout Groups to adapt to their traditions.

Revision Approval

This revision of the Ceremonies Regulations and Guidelines Policy was approved for publication at the SSA Executive Committee Meeting held on 18 October 2013 by the committee comprising:

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Policy Details

1. "Scouts' Own"

Gatherings of SCOUTS known as a "Scouts' Own" are held for the worship of God and to promote a fuller realisation of the Scout Law and Promise. A Scout's Own is conducted as demonstrated on training courses. A Scouts' Own is supplementary to, and not in substitution of services as defined in Organisational Rules, Rule 2.4.3 and 2.4.5. Attendance at a Scouts' Own is voluntary in the spirit of Rule 2.4.5.

2. The Scout Sign

- a. The Scout Sign is made by placing the fingers as shown in the illustration and is used to show that a Scout is a member of the brotherhood. It may be given with either hand, and in any position, except as detailed in Section 4 below and except at the level of the right shoulder which position is reserved for the investiture, or when re-affirming the Promise, as detailed below.
- b. For an investiture, the Scout Sign is given with the right hand at the level of the right shoulder.
- c. The Scout sign is not used by Cubs.



3. The Salute - Occasions

Salutes are given on the following occasions and are used irrespective of whether the head is bare or covered:

- a. As a greeting. SCOUTS, Scouters and persons holding Designated or Honorary rank, salute each other. The first to see the other should be the first to salute irrespective of rank. These salutes are given whether in uniform or not.
- b. As a token of respect. At the hoisting of the national flag and/or flags of other countries; at the playing of national anthems; to uncased colours; to Scout flags; and to funerals.
- c. A SCOUT gives the salute when reporting to receive an order and again when departing after receiving the order.
- d. March past. The leader of the unit in the march past gives the order at the first saluting point, either "Eyes right" or "Eyes left", and the leader alone salutes. The SCOUTS will turn head and eyes smartly in the direction ordered. When the leader reaches the second saluting point the order "Eyes front" is given, whereupon all heads and eyes are brought smartly to the front.

No salute is given:

- a. In a place of worship and all ranks stand at the "Alert".
- b. On all parades other than in place of worship, and whenever a body of SCOUTS is standing, the senior on parade calls SCOUTS to the "Alert" and that person alone salutes;
- c. In the case of any marching body of SCOUTS, the senior alone salutes;
- d. When flags are being lowered, but in this case SCOUTS will stand at the alert facing the flag.

4. The Salute - Methods

The following are the methods of saluting:

- a. Cubs salute as in Figure 1.



FIGURE 1

- b. All other ranks salute as in Figure 2, passing a stave into the left hand. "Other ranks" means Scouts, Sea Scouts, Air Scouts, Rovers, Scouters, Commissioners and Designated members who have taken the Promise.



FIGURE 2

- c. Invested members of the Scout brotherhood shake hands with the left hand.
- d. If the hands are occupied, the salute is made by turning the head and eyes smartly to the right or left, as the case may be.

Amendment Submission Contact Details

While every attempt is made to ensure that the contents of this policy are correct and consistent at the time of publication, the changing nature of SSA and the communities that we serve is acknowledged, and as living documents this Policy should and will require correction and amendment from time to time.

Any proposals for amendment of the contents of this policy should be submitted in line with the process described in the standing Organisation Rules in effect at the time of submission of the proposed amendment.

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