

1. Halls and the Usage of Scout Properties

Can 3rd party users of halls utilise them if their sport codes allow meetings, i.e. ballet or karate?

If the 3rd party user has been granted DSAC permission to operate at that venue and provided this is not one of the City of Cape Town properties that is closed to all activities by order of the City, then the activity may continue.

Please remember as the owner or tenant of the property you remain responsible for ensuring that the hall is properly cleaned and prepared before starting any Scouting activities at the time we are allowed to start using our halls again, and also that you have a responsibility to ensure the 3rd party user is aware of, and complying with, the legal requirements to operate under the permission that they have been granted by DSAC.

Can we use the grounds of our halls for outdoor meetings?

No, you may not use the grounds for activities at this time, unless the hall is legally defined to be one of the following sites:

- a. Sports grounds and fields
- b. Swimming pools
- c. Beaches
- d. Public parks
- e. Museums
- f. Private residences (limited to 10 visiting participants)
- g. Schools
- h. Churches

What are the regulations regarding water activities at a boathouse for example?

If the water activities planned will take place at one of the following:

- a. Sports grounds and fields
- b. Swimming pools
- c. Beaches
- d. Public parks
- e. Private residences (limited to 10 visiting participants)
- f. Schools
- g. Churches

Then they may proceed under the current SSA permit approvals process with a suitably qualified activity leader and equipment.

What is the case of a Scout Group that operates from a school? Is the school/business responsible for the safety regulations i.e. sanitisation etc. before and after the meeting?

While the owner of the property remains the responsible party, we expect the SSA members to carry out the regulations in respect of sanitising, social distancing and tracking independently of the owners. As many schools are still not permitting extra-mural activities, we recommend that the group engage with the school and discuss the starting of activities and the allocation of the site sanitisation responsibilities to ensure that these are taking place.

Considering our hall is located in the grounds of a sport club, presumably we can use these grounds for outdoor activities?

If the hall is not listed under a separate lease, and is on the grounds of the sports club, then the ground may be used. If the hall is on a separate lease, and permission can be obtained to use the sports grounds then only activities on the sports grounds will be permitted.

We have a Springbok Scout building a fire pit in our hall grounds ... everything outside... As per the regulation list – is this also illegal. Our hall is in a large park – will we be covered as legal as we are outside in a park with just a palisade fence between the Scouts and the park?

If the site where the construction is taking place is not on a property as detailed in the list above, then this would not be permitted. If the palisade fence does not indicate a boundary of a separately leased property, and the hall is part of the public park lease, then it may be possible for the activity to take place. However, no Springbok advancement activities should take place without the prior knowledge and consent of the RTC Scout Programme.

If a Scout hall is a community hall can Scouts then run at the hall?

Community halls are not on the list of venues permitted under the regulations and as such these cannot operate at this time.

Covid-19 briefing pre-activities: Can SSA release a template briefing document?

SSA has produced a recommended briefing document that is included in the regulations as an annexure.

2. Duration for Rules applicability and changing

For how long will these rules be applied and how will changes in the lockdown level and regulations affect them?

These rules will apply until further notice. As the government updates their regulations, or grants SSA permission to operate more fully, we will amend these to accommodate to the greatest reasonable extent, the resumption of full Scouting activities. Any changes will be notified to all members as soon as they come into effect.

Should you be aware of any relaxation that you believe has not been taken into consideration please notify us at covid@scouts.org.za

3. Overnight Youth Activities and Camping

If no overnight Scouting this will impact on many Scouts completing their advancement hikes, etc. If Scouts can hike together, can they not have a tent per person for overnights, i.e. with respect to Springbok or other advancement hikes?

This is correct, and we continue to grapple with how to allow safe overnight activities, and ensure the safety of members while undertaking these. We have agreed that where there are specific requests to undertake these activities, they will be considered on a case by case basis and, subject to sufficient evidence of the resources and compliance with required safety protocols, may be permitted to proceed. If you have such a case, please approach your RTC Scout Programme to discuss the need and how you will meet the requirements to proceed.

Would a task preventing an advancement just be for Springbok? Or can 1st Class Scouts also apply?

This exemption, on the same basis would apply to any advancement requirement.

4. Larger Events

No gathering of more than 50 participants, what if it is a distributed or remote activity?

The limitation of 50 persons applies only to a single venue. SSA encourages the Regions and Groups to continue with their remote, virtual and distributed events to the greatest extent possible

Please define Regional activities as explained in the rules?

Regional events are those events run under the direct control of the Regional Team, such as Cederberg Senior Scout Adventure, Kontiki, Kim's Shield, KZN Rally, KZN Raft Race.

5. Adult Training

Can the Regional Training Teams commence online adult leader training? Can the National Training Team define what amounts to effective course content for IAL, Warrant and Woodbadge, minus the practical element?

We encourage all of the Training Teams to start with online training for those aspects of the training that can be completed remotely. Gauteng Training Team has just initiated the first online SGL course. Please liaise with your RTC and the National Chair: Adult Leader Training to confirm what can be done and what material is already available.

RE Warrant – more training will be needed to capacitate adults after this online training. How does the Training Team manage the residential aspect of the adult leader training? Does the rule against overnight affect adult leaders?

At this time no residential aspects of training are permitted under these rules. The Training Teams should consider how the learning objectives can be completed to the greatest extent possible excluding this element.

If the minimum requirements for adult leader training are met, does that suffice for the qualification? Will there be a need to re-do/do the practical element?

This will depend on the specific course's required outcomes, and wherever possible the Training Team will ensure that the training is completed to the greatest extent possible.

6. Miscellaneous

Where can we access the recording of the briefing?

Please email covid@scouts.org.za or via the National Covid page on the SSA Website: <https://www.scouts.org.za/members/covid-19-info-for-members/>

Fees – we are losing kids due to no Scouting activities, will there be a reduction of capitation fees?

The National and Regional leadership teams are very conscious of the impact of COVID on many of our member's financial position and their ability to make capitation fees. As you will be aware the fees are currently set regionally. All of the regions have made allowance in their proposed budgets for the coming year with the financial impact of the COVID lockdown in mind. If your group is in financial difficulty please engage with the Regional Finance Chair as soon as possible to allow arrangements to be made so that this can be taken into consideration.

If there is no warden at a campsite, is it the public's responsibility for covid regulations sanitising themselves etc?

If there is no warden at a campsite, the Regional Commissioner is responsible for appointing a compliance officer for the campsite who will be responsible for ensuring that the necessary actions under the policy are undertaken.

Can National consider setting up a National Covid-query helpdesk to give clarity to Scouts and Scouters or Compliance officers who need to ask if the activity is OK to proceed. The risk is that Scouters are too risk adverse and cramp Scouting that could have otherwise taken place, and a helpdesk would ensure a coherent response instead of fragmented responses?

SSA has established an email covid@scouts.org.za for asking any clarification questions. Should a dispute arise over the interpretation of the regulations this should in the first instance be referred to the next in line scouter.

How are campsites, e.g. Gilwell, Arrow Park classified under these regulations?

Campsites are accommodation and as such under the regulations are open to operate at 50% capacity. In terms of the usage of these for Scouting activities, please see the details in the policy.

Can a school be used for Scouting activities?

Under the current regulations, and subject to the permission of the governing body, Scouting can commence at a school.

We have just received an invitation to register for a warrant at Arrow Park/Gilwell. How does that fit with what is discussed right now?

Warrant courses are being held online with the practical part of the course to be delayed until it is permitted to run them. If a course was previously registered on Scouts.Digital then the venue is set and cannot be changed within.

Perhaps SD should add a venue called "Online" so as to avoid physical venues being referred to?

It is possible but you cannot amend the courses that were already set-up.