

2016

Instructions for National Camping Competition & Zonal Qualifiers



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- 1 Each District may enter one Patrol comprising of 6 Scouts, preferably from the same Troop.
 - 2 Districts **must** enter teams **within the age range of the Scout Section**. No member of the team can be older than **14 1/2 years on the date of the Zonal/Final Competition**. All team members **must** be members of the Scout Section. Patrol members can be replaced from the Zonal to the Final where age prevents them from doing so.
 - 3 A Patrol of 6 Scouts will have a total age not exceeding **77** years. If a District enters a Patrol of **less than** 6 Scouts the combined age range will be dropped by **12 1/2 years** for each member of the Patrol missing. All teams' ages will be calculated as at **31st March 2016** and will be based on a years and completed months basis.
 - 4 At registration, the Patrol leader must supply, on the appropriate forms:
 - Competition Parental consent and medical form, giving personal details and allergies for each individual in the Patrol. **This information should also be given to the organisers 2 weeks before the event.**
 - A menu for the weekend (to be left with the organisers)
 - A list of Patrol members, which include ages and dates of birth
 - A Photographic consent form for each Patrol member.
 - Forms relating to mixed camping (See 6.)
- PLEASE NOTE: These forms will be sent out with the joining instructions.**
- 5 All camping gadgets must be made on site, a maximum of 6 will be marked, two of which should be a gateway and a flagpole.
 - 6 Tents;
 - Patrols should camp in Patrol Tents (i.e. Icelandic, Nijer, Stormhaven)
 - Where a Patrol is of mixed gender, Patrols may share a Patrol tent; however written permission has to be sought from all members of the Patrol's parents or guardians.
 - Where a Patrol is of mixed gender and separate tentage is required, a smaller tent can be pitched, however a Patrol tent must be pitched on Patrol site.
 - A store tent must also be provided in addition to sleeping tents.
 - Scouts should be familiar with the tents they are pitching.
 - 7 Patrols will be in full Scout Uniform for arrival, formal inspections and departure. We expect all members of the Patrol to be smartly turned out in their Scout Uniform (kilts, smart trousers or activity trousers).

8 Meals;

Friday Supper - Food and drink provided by the leader team

Saturday Breakfast - As per the patrol menu (**at least one cooked item**)

Saturday Lunch - As per the patrol menu (**must include a hot element**)

Saturday Dinner - As per the stipulated menu provided with the joining instructions. Patrol to provide and prepare meal

Saturday Supper - As per the patrol menu (**suggest a cold supper, hot drinks will be provided by the leader team**)

Sunday breakfast - ingredients provided by the leader team.

Sunday lunch - As per the patrol menu (**no hot element required, alter fires will not be permitted**)

- 8 a** All food to be supplied by the patrol with the exception of **Friday supper and Sunday breakfast** (food will be provided by the Leader team). Allergies will be catered for (if notification is provided by the deadline). Saturday dinner will be a set 3 course meal, and the menu will be provided as part of the joining instructions. The ingredients should be brought by the patrol.
- 8 b** A leader will join the patrol for Saturday dinner only and should be provided with a meal. A small taster portion should also be provided to a separate 'tasting team' to ensure consistency in the marking. The Sunday breakfast requires a taster portion to be provided to the leader team. No leader will be joining the patrol for breakfast.
- 8 c** All other meals will be scored in relation to Health & Safety and food hygiene, whether it matches the patrol menu, whether it is prepared on time and whether it is tidied up appropriately. No 'tasters' are required.
- 8 d** Cooking will be predominantly over wood on alter fires / fire sites (provided by the site). All patrols should also be equipped with functioning gas stoves that they know how to use safely. The leader in charge will confirm prior to each meal what methods of cooking are permissible for that meal. Saturday Dinner and Sunday breakfast will be cooked on fires except for in the case of extreme weather conditions.
- 8 e** No wood is permitted for use other than that highlighted at the site at the time of briefing.
- 8 f** Pits **must not** be dug in any circumstance. Patrols should have a suitable waste water collection system and rubbish recycling system that they are comfortable in using. Waste water and rubbish arrangements will be confirmed at the start of camp.
- 9** A recommended Patrol kit list will be provided as part of the Joining Instructions.
- 10** Judging will recognise **teamwork, leadership, scouting skills and knowledge, involvement and enjoyment**. The judging team will also be looking for use of a Patrol System controlled by the Patrol Leader.

11 Inspections:

- Uniform – At registration a uniform inspection will be carried out
- Full Uniform– Full uniform worn, kit displayed to show appropriate storage of wet/dry items. Bedding to be aired if weather permits.
- Kitchen – Includes all utensils, plates, mugs, pots, pans, food stores and eating areas.
- Tentage – Including pitching, layout and upkeep.

Patrols will receive feedback after the first set of inspections, highlighting good points and any areas for improvement. **Changes will be expected before the next inspection.**

12 The judge's decision on all matters is final.**General Information:**

- All Zonal Qualifiers will take place on the weekend of 17-19 June 2016 at Everton (Inverkip) and Douglas Wood (Dundee). The National Final will take place on the weekend 9-11 September 2016 at Fordell Firs.
- The **winner** from each Zonal event will gain automatic entry to the National Final and then **up to** 10 of the next highest placed teams will be invited to attend. **All teams will be notified within one week of the Zonal Qualifier.**
- The size of each Patrol campsite will be 11 metres deep x 11 metres wide.
- Scout Leaders of participating Patrols will not be permitted onto the competition site unless invited to assist in advance of the event by the organisers. If, due to distance, Leaders stay on the campsite for the weekend they will be asked to camp in an area away from the main competition site.
- No vehicles will be permitted on the site before 1430 hrs.
- The events will finish at 15:00 hrs.
- Leaders, family and friends are invited to attend the presentation.
- Patrols and Districts will receive, by post / email, feedback after the competition from the judging team at a later date.

Remember the event is designed to be enjoyed. Good luck and **Have FUN!**