

# EXCERPTS FROM THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The name of the Corporation is Boy Scouts of America. For convenience, in the Rules and Regulations the word “Corporation” is sometimes used instead of the official name.

## Policies

### Article IX, Section 2

#### Participation in Public Functions

**Clause 2.** The officers and leaders of the Boy Scouts of America shall, when practicable, cooperate in connection with civic or other public gatherings of a nonpartisan and nonpolitical character in a way which gives youth members an opportunity to render service in harmony with their training instead of merely taking part in parades or making a show of themselves in their uniforms.

## Insignia, Uniforms, and Badges

### Article X, Section 4

#### General

**Clause 1.** The badges and other official insignia and the uniforms of the Boy Scouts of America shall be made available only to, and used only by, registered youth members or officials and other members who have satisfactorily complied with the requirements prescribed by the Corporation.

#### Official Uniforms

**Clause 2.** The official uniforms authorized as evidence of official relationship to the Boy Scouts of America shall be those approved by action of the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America from time to time, as illustrated and correctly described in the handbooks, catalogs, and other official publications of the Boy Scouts of America.

#### Protection of Uniforms

**Clause 3.** Restricted Sale and Use. The sale and use of the appropriate uniform as specified shall be restricted to members of the Boy Scouts of America who are registered and in good standing, according to the records of the organization. It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Boy Scouts of America and especially of all commissioned officers and chartered councils to cooperate with the Corporation in preventing the use of the official uniforms by those who are not members of the organization in good standing.

**Clause 4.** Prohibition of Alteration or Imitation.

(a) No alteration of, or additions to, the official uniforms, as described in the official publications, or the rules and regulations covering the wearing of the uniform and the proper combinations thereof on official occasions, may be authorized by any Scouting official or local council or any local executive board or committee, except the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America after consideration by Council Operations.

(b) Imitation of United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps uniforms is prohibited, in accordance with the provisions of the organization’s Congressional Charter.

#### Distribution of Uniforms

**Clause 5.** The official uniforms and parts thereof shall be issued only as authorized by the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America and sold either directly by the national office—through responsible local merchants designated as local Scouting distributors—or through designated local councils. Local

Scouting distributors may be appointed and licensed and the licenses revoked only by the national office, but chartered local councils may make recommendations for such actions.

### **Use of Uniforms**

**Clause 6.** The official uniforms are intended primarily for use in connection with Scouting activities as defined by the National Executive Board, and their use may be approved by the local council executive board for council events or activities under conditions consistent with the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America.

**Clause 7. Use Abroad.** Members of the Boy Scouts of America, whose address of registration is within the United States, shall not wear the official uniforms nor any official Scouting badges and insignia outside the limits of the United States except when carrying international letters of introduction issued by the Corporation or as members of groups traveling with tour permits issued by the Corporation.

### **Protection and Use of Badges and Insignia**

**Clause 8.** All badges and insignia of the Boy Scouts of America shall be used exclusively by members of the Boy Scouts of America, registered and in good standing according to the records at the national office, who qualify in accordance with the provisions herein set forth or as may be authorized by the Executive Board from time to time and published in the official handbooks by the Corporation.

**Clause 9.** All badges and insignia shall remain the property of the Boy Scouts of America subject to recall for cause by the Corporation or its duly authorized representative.

### **Alteration of Badges and Insignia**

**Clause 10.** No alteration of, or additions to, the official badges and insignia or in the rules and regulations governing their use or their location upon the uniform may be authorized by any Scouting official, local council, local executive board, or committee except the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America and committees specifically authorized thereof. Proprietary backing is to be used on all official BSA patches and emblems. Products without appropriate backing are considered illegal.

### **Special Local Badges and Insignia**

**Clause 11.** Local councils are authorized to adopt special badges and insignia as awards for particular purposes in harmony with national policies and to permit their use upon the official uniform in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Corporation, but such awards must be approved as to purpose and design by the Corporation in advance.

### **Authorization**

**Clause 12.** The national office shall have the sole right to authorize the use of insignia, words, phrases, designation marks, pictorial representation, and descriptive remarks relating to the program of the Corporation on commercial products, promotional efforts, and/or sale and distribution to members of the Boy Scouts of America and/or the general public.

The use of same by local councils shall be only as authorized and approved by the national office.