

# 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.

## II. Policies

### Participation in Public Functions

Scouters must, when practicable, cooperate in connection with civic or other public gatherings of a nonpartisan and nonpolitical character in a way that gives youth members an opportunity to render service in harmony with their training instead of merely taking part in parades in their uniforms. Any such participation must be consistent with the principles of the BSA.

## VII. Programs

### Insignia, Uniforms, and Badges

#### General

The intellectual property of the Boy Scouts of America must be made available and used only in accordance with the policies and guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America.

#### Official Uniforms

The official uniforms authorized as evidence of official relationship to the Boy Scouts of America are those approved by the Boy Scouts of America from time to time, as illustrated and correctly described in the handbooks, catalogs, and other official guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America. The official uniforms and parts thereof may be issued only as authorized by the Boy Scouts of America and sold either directly by the National Service Center 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 Service Center, but chartered local

councils may make recommendations for such actions. Imitation of United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps uniforms is prohibited, in accordance with the provisions of the organization’s Congressional Charter.

#### Use of Uniform

The official uniforms are intended primarily for use in connection with official Scouting activities, 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. No alteration of, or additions to, the official uniforms, as described in the official guidelines 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. It is the responsibility of all leaders of the Boy Scouts of America and especially of all commissioned officers and chartered councils to cooperate with the Boy Scouts of America in preventing the use of the official uniforms by those who are not registered and in good standing.

#### Special Local Badges and Insignia

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, policies, and guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America.

## **Authorization**

The National Council has the sole and exclusive right to authorize the use of insignia, words, phrases, designation marks, pictorial representation, and descriptive remarks relating to the program of the Boy Scouts of America on commercial products, promotional efforts, and/or sale and distribution to members of the Boy Scouts of America and/or the general public, whether through the National Supply Group or through an official licensee of the Boy Scouts of America. The use of same by local councils shall be only as authorized and approved by the National Council.