



**MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION
OF
THE BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES**

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Publisher's Note

Fundamentals of any organisation remain the same being the basics. But as and when the programme offered to children undergoes a change as a result of the changing needs of the members of the organisation. The same fundamentals may have to be reinterpreted to translate them into action suitable for the day. Thus, keeping the essence given by B P. in 1907 the fundamentals of Scouting/Guiding are being interpreted by various organisations in various languages in different words. The Bharat Scouts & Guides having consulted the members, Leader Trainers and Legal experts have reinterpreted the contents in more lucid terms so that all members can easily understand.

The present edition of the book Memorandum consists of the latest revision which I am sure will be a valued treasure.

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1. **Name:** The name of the association shall be "The Bharat Scouts and Guides".
2. **Registered Office:** The Registered Office of the Association shall be at Bharat Scouts and Guides, No. 16. Mahatma, Gandhi Marg, Indraprastha, Estate, New Delhi 110002, or at such other place or places as may be decided from time to time by the National Council.
3. **(a) Definition:** The Bharat Scouts and Guides is a voluntary non-political, educational movement for young people, open to all without distinction of origin, race or creed, in accordance with the purpose, principles and method conceived by the Founder Lord Baden-Powell in 1907.

(b) Purpose: The purpose of the Movement is to contribute to the development of young

people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of the local, national and international communities.

(c) Principles : The Scout/Guide Movement is based on the following Principles:

Duty to God:

Adherence to spiritual principles, loyalty to the religion that expresses them and acceptance of the duties resulting there from.

(Note: The Word "Dharma" may be substituted for the word "God" if so desired).

Duty to Others:

- loyalty to one's country in harmony with the promotion of local, national and international peace, understanding, cooperation.
- Participation in the development of society

with recognition and respect for the dignity of one's fellowmen and for the integrity of the natural world.

Duty to self:

Responsibility for the development of oneself.

The Method:

The Scout/Guide Method is a system of progressive self education through:

- A Promise and law
- Learning by Doing.
- Membership of small groups under adult leadership involving progressive discovery and acceptance of responsibility and training towards self-government directed towards the development of character, and the acquisition of competence, self-reliance, dependability and capacities both to cooperate and to lead.

Progressive and stimulating programmes of various activities based on the interests of the participants including games, useful skills and services to the community taking place largely in an outdoor setting in contact with nature.

5. **The Promise:** (a) The Promise for the Scout and the Rover is:

"On my honour, I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my Country;
To help other people and
To obey the Scout Law."

(b) The promise for Guide and the Ranger is-

"On my honour, I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my Country;
To help other people and
To obey the Guide Law.¹"

(c) The Promise of Cub is:

"I promise to do my best
To do my duty to God* and my country,

To keep the Cub Law and
To do a good turn every day."

(d) The Promise for Bulbul is-

"I promise to do my best
To do my duty to God* and my country;
To keep the Bulbul Law and
To do a good turn every day."

Note: 1* The word 'Dharma' may be substituted for the word 'God' if so desired.

Note: 2 The Promise is to be made on the occasion of the Investiture and in the case of a Rover or Ranger who is already a Scout or Guide, the Promise is to be reaffirmed.

6. **The Law:** (a) The Law for the Scout and the Rover is-

(i) A Scout is trustworthy.

(ii) A Scout is loyal.

(iii) A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout.

- (iv) A Scout is courteous
- (v) A Scout is a friend to animals and loves nature.
- (vi) A Scout is disciplined and helps protect public property.
- (vii) A Scout is courageous.
- (viii) A Scout is thrifty.
- (ix) A Scout is pure in thought, word and deed.

(b) The Law for the Guide and the Ranger is :-

- (i) A Guide is trustworthy.
- (ii) A Guide is loyal.
- (iii) A Guide is a friend to all and a sister to every other Guide.
- (iv) A Guide is courteous
- (v) A Guide is a friend to animals and loves nature.
- (vi) A Guide is disciplined and helps protect public property.

(vii) A Guide is courageous.

(viii) A Guide is thrifty.

(ix) A Guide is pure in thought, word and deed.

(c) The Law for the Cub is:

(i) The Cub gives in to the elders:

(ii) The Cub is clean and courteous.

(d) The Law for the Bulbul is:

(i) The Bulbul gives in to the elders:

(ii) The Bulbul is clean and courteous.

7. **Character:** The Association is a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act and is a non-official organization and is non-political, non-sectarian and non-communal in character.

8. **Membership : (1)** The Membership of the Association is open to citizens of India;

Provided any citizen of any other nationality

residing for the time being in India may be admitted as a member on the recommendation of the State Chief Commissioner and with the approval of the National Commissioner;

Provided further that such person subscribes to the Scout or guide Promise as hereunder:

'On my honour I promise that I will do my best.

To do my duty to God* and India,

To help other people and.

To obey the Scout or Guide Law'

Note: * The Word 'Dharma' may be substituted for the word 'God' if so desired.

8(2) The Membership of the Association shall consist of (a) General Members and (b) Life Members (c) Ordinary Members and (d) Special Members.

8 (2) (a) General Members:-

The General Members of the Association

shall be only beneficiaries and are not special members within the meaning of Societies Registration Act (Act XXI of 1860) and shall be:

8(2) (a)(i) Cubs/Bulbuls. Scouts/Guides. Rovers/Rangers. Sea Scouts/Guides, Sea Rovers/Rangers, Air Scouts/Guides, Air Rovers/Rangers registered as such.

8 (2) (a) (ii) Adult Leaders (ie) Scouters, Guiders, Commissioners who hold valid warrants and Trainers who hold honourable charge in force.

8 (2)(a)(iii) Members of the Local Associations, District Associations or Divisional Associations and State Associations.

8 (2) (b) Life Members, are those who are admitted as such by the National Executive Committee

and who have paid life membership fee as prescribed.

- (C) Ordinary Members are those who are admitted as such by the National Executive Committee and have paid annual subscription fee as prescribed and shall include Adult Leaders provided further that they are not in arrears.
- (d) Special Members are those who are admitted as such by the National Executive Committee for their meritorious contribution to the movement.
- (e) The Bharat Scouts and Guides fellows.
- (f) Termination of Membership: If any member is held guilty of criminal offence involving moral turpitude, his/her membership shall be terminated.

(b) Special Members:

The Members of the National Council who have signed a Roll of Members Register to be maintained and kept for the purpose and have not resigned or ceased to be members shall be the Special Members of the Association for the purpose of Section 15 of the Societies Registration Act (Act XXI of 1860).

(c) Governing Body:

The management of the affairs of the Bharat Scouts and Guides be entrusted to the National Executive Committee constituted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations for the time being in force.

In the event of dissolution there shall remain, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property, whatsoever, the same shall not be paid or distributed among the

members of the Association or any of them but shall be given to a Society/Institute with similar objects which will be determined by the votes of not less than three fifths of the members of the National Council present personally at the time of dissolution.