PREFACE

The Scout Association of The Bahamas exists by virtue of an Act to Incorporate the Scout Association of The Bahamas 1975. Prior to that date having complied with the requirements of the Constitution of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, the World Scout Committee granted recognition to the Scout Association of The Bahamas as the 108th member. Prior to this since 1913 the Scout Association was a branch of the United Kingdom.

The By Laws of the Association authorized the making of rules for the regulation of the Associations affairs. They establish the structure of the organization, define its training programme, and provide for its administration.

Within the policy framework as defined in this document, there are many opportunities for decisions to be made under a wide range of headings. The devolution of authority to Districts and Groups is clearly indicated where appropriate. It is important that the exercise of that authority, the imposition of local rules, or By Laws adopted do not frustrate the intent of the POR.

The Aim of the Scout Association of The Bahamas is to encourage the physical, social mental and spiritual development of young people so that they may take a constructive place in society. The method of achieving this Aim is by providing an enjoyable and attractive plan of progressive training. The Scout Promise and Law under the guidance of Adult Leadership, and utilizing other aspects of the Scout Method.

The Scout Association of The Bahamas is the recognized Scout Association in The Bahamas and is a full member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, remains committed to the fundamental Principles of the Movement, and maintains a membership open to all who accept those principles, whatever their faith, social background or ethnic origin.
Note that the word Headquarters or National Headquarters as used in this document are synonymous and refers to National Headquarters of the Scout Association of The Bahamas at present located on Dolphin Drive, Nassau, Bahamas.
Rule 1  Aim and Method

The Aim of the Association is to encourage the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people so that they may take a constructive place in society. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme is by progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by Adult Leadership.

Rule 2  Promise and Law

2-1  The Scout Promise and Law

2-1-1  The Scout Promise
On my honor, I promise that I will do my best
To my duty to God the Queen and my Country
To help other people and keep the Scout Law

2-12  The Scout Law

1  A Scout is to be trusted
2  A scout is loyal
3  A scout is friendly and considerate
4  A Scout is a brother to all Scouts
5  A Scout has courage in all difficulties
6  A Scout makes good use of his time and is careful of his possessions and property
7  A Scout has respect for himself and others

2-2  The Cub Scout Promise and Law

2-2-1  The Cub Scout Promise
On my honor, I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to God the Queen and my Country
To help other people at all times and to keep the Cub Scout Law

2-2-2  The Cub Scout Law

A Cub Scout always does his best
Thinks of others before himself
And does a good turn each day
Rule 3 Membership

Qualifications for Membership

The following may become members of the Scout Association of The Bahamas with the approval of the National Executive Committee:
1. Citizens of The Bahamas
2. Persons who are not resident in The Bahamas (with a legal minimum residence of three 3 years).
3. All would be required to follow the Association's policies by making the Scout Promise.

3-1 Rights and Conditions of Membership

Members of the Association may
- Wear the approved uniform of the Association
- Wear the World Membership Badge
- Adult members who do not hold appointments will receive the recognition as members

3-2 Age Limits

The minimum age limit for membership in the Association is five years. There is no maximum age limit on membership though. Certain appointments are subject to minimum and maximum age limits as stated in the rules.

3-3 Acquisition of Membership

Membership of the Association may be acquired by:
- By making the Promise in an Investiture Ceremony in the case of Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venture Scouts, and Leaders.
- Appointment non-uniformed members upon recognition

3-4 Associate members of The association

Members of Group Committees, District Committees, and National Committees who do not wish to make the Scout Promise may become associate members of the Association.

3-5 Rights and Conditions of Associate Members

- Wear the Association's Lapel Badge
- Receive the appropriate membership recognition

3-6 Termination of Membership
Notwithstanding any other means by these rules, the membership of any member of the Association may be terminated by a resolution of the National Executive Committee.

Membership may be terminated by Cub Scouts, Scouts, and Venture Scouts leaving their Scout Unit of dismissal by their Leaders.

Cancellation of a warrant following suspension.

Failure to pay the annual membership dues.

Suspension of Membership

If it becomes necessary to suspend the membership of a member of the Association subject to an investigation, or if it appears desirable for any other reason, such membership may be suspended by the appropriate authority.

- Chief Scout
- Commissioner Staff by Chief Commissioner with report to Chief Scout
- Warranted Leaders by Chief Commissioner
- Office Staff by National Executive Committee
- Non warranted members by the President
- Associate members by the body that appointed them

All suspensions must be immediately reported to the National Executive Committee who will give instructions for the convening and conduct of a committee of inquiry.

During suspension, any warrants or certificates of appointment must be surrendered to the suspending authority. The suspended member will refrain from participation in activities due to Scouting not allowed to wear uniform, any appointment held will be regarded vacant. The committee of inquiry must arrive at decision within one month.

Court of Honor

The Court of Honor should consist of not more than 3 members taken from the following

- For Cubs  Sixers only appointed by Cub Scout Leader
- For Scouts  Patrol Leaders only appointed by Scout Leader
- For Ventures  Leaders only appointed by Group Scout Leader
- For Leaders  Leaders only appointed by Chief Commissioner
- For Commissioners  Commissioners only appointed by Chief Commissioner
- For Chief Commissioners  Commissioners only appointed by Chief Scout

A chairman shall be appointed from the 3 members appointed with all members
The reason for appointing a Court of Honor

A person is brought before the Court of Honor when they breached one or more of the Scout Laws. The accuser must have proof of such a breach and must be prepared to submit the proof with supporting evidence and a list of potential witnesses to the respected appointee.

The duties of the Court of Honor

The court, when appointed must first establish that a breach has taken place. When they are satisfied with the evidence presented. The accused shall have access to any written details of the breach they are accused of and shall be allowed to know the accuser(s).

The duration of the Court of Honor

The life span of the Court of Honor shall be two weeks during which all matters related to the Accusations must be dealt with.

Decisions by the Court of Honor

All parties, the accuser and the accused must agree to abide by the ruling of the Court of Honor before such proceedings commence and must agree not to divulge any of the proceedings to anyone other than members of the court, any breach of this sub rule can result in the dissolution of the court.

Appeals to the Court of Honor ruling

A person can appeal the ruling of the Court of Honor to the Chief Scout with the understanding that the decision of the Chief Scout is final.

Related matters of the Court of Honor

If matters of a nature that may prove damaging to the Scout Association of The Bahamas or the individual are brought forward. The National Executive Committee must be informed with the Court appointments given over to the Chief Scout. In all cases Scout Headquarters must be sent complete transcripts of the Court of Honor rulings within one week of the ending of proceedings. These should be sent under confidential seal to the Chief Commissioner, Chief Scout and President. It’s important that serious matters involving Cub Scout, Scouts, and Venture Scouts, parents must be present and the

Rule 4 Types of Scout Groups

Scout Groups may be registered in one of the following categories:
4-1 The Open Scout Group
Not related to any other organization and having a policy of unrestricted recruitment.

4-2 The Sponsored Open Group
Scout Groups related to an organization but having a policy of unrestricted recruitment.

4-3 The Sponsored Closed Group
Scout Groups related to an organization with restricted recruitment within the organization.

4-4 Responsibility of The Sponsoring Authority

On receipt of an application for registration of a sponsored group, the National Executive Committee must be satisfying that the sponsoring authority is prepared to discharge the following responsibilities:

- To accept the policy of the Association as defined in these rules
- To encourage the development of Scouting in the group, to give encouragement and assistance to the Leaders in carrying out their responsibility and give financial support.

Rule 5 Formation and Registration of Scout Groups

5-1 Application for registration of a new Scout Group must be made to the Chief Commissioner or Commissioner responsible for the area in which the Group is to be established.

5-2 The Chief Commissioner or commissioner responsible must be satisfied that registration is desirable, that the proposed Group, Troop, Pack, or Unit will be properly managed and that suitable leaders can be found. The Chief commissioner or Commissioner responsible will notify the National Executive Committee of the new Group, Troop, Pack or Unit.

5-3 The Chief Commissioner or Commissioner responsible refuses to recommend the registration of the new Group, Troop, Pack or Unit he must submit a full report on the matter to the National Executive Commissioner.

5-4 Continuance of Registration

5-5 It is required that the Group, Troop, Pack or Unit to be registered each year by completing the annual registration and census report and paying the annual dues by 31st January.

5-6 Suspension of Registration
When a serious breach of the regulations or the Fundamental Principles of the Movement has occurred.

5-7 A Group, Troop, Pack or Unit may have its registration suspended:
- By the Chief Commissioner or Commissioner responsible who will inform the National Executive Committee and the sponsoring authority if appropriate.
- In the event of suspension, all of the Group, Troop, Pack or Unit activities will cease and all leaders are automatically suspended. No member of the Group, Troop, Pack or Unit may wear uniform or badges.

5-8 Suspension is a purely temporary measure and it must be followed as soon as possible by a full inquiry convened by the National Executive Committee.

Rule 6 Composition of The Scout Group

6-1 A Scout Group consists of one or more or any of the following:
- Cub Scout Pack
- Scout Troop
- Venture Scout Unit

6-2 The Cub Scout Pack

6-3 The Cub Scout Pack is made up of a maximum of six Sixes, each of which is made up of a Sixer, a Seconder and up to four members.

6-4 Sixers are appointed by the Cub Scout Leader. Seconds who are the Sixers’ assistants and deputies are appointed by the Cub Scout Leader in consultation with the Sixer concerned.

6-5 Age Limits for Cub Scouts

6-6 The minimum age for entry into the Cub Scout Pack is five (5) years.

The maximum age for membership of the Pack is eleven (11) years.

A Cub Scout may transfer to the Scout Troop at any time after reaching the age of ten (10) years and nine (9) months.

6-7 The Chief Commissioner or Commissioner responsible may exercise discretion in the matter of extending the maximum age limit, guided by the best interests of the young person Group if in the Commissioner’s opinion the circumstances are exceptional.

6-8 Minimum Standards for Cub Scout Packs
6-9 Numbers - An Established Cub Scout Pack should have a minimum of twelve (12) Cub Scouts.

6-10 Cub Scouts should wear the approved uniform with distinguishing emblems and scarves.

6-11 Leader - There should be at least two (2) leaders for the Pack, at least one (1) should hold a warrant.

6-12 The Pack must itself administer any subscriptions paid by its members or funds collected. A full financial statement must be submitted to the Group Scout Leader, Senior Leader or Group Treasurer at agreed intervals.

6-13 Training - The training of Cub Scouts must be in accordance with the agreed Programme of the Association.

6-14 Progress - Each year at least one quarter of the members of the Pack should gain one (1) of the three (3) Cub Scout Progress Badges.

6-15 The requirements of this rule constitute the minimum standards for all Cub Scouts. The Commissioner responsible is required to report annually to the Chief Commissioner any Cub Scout Pack that does not meet the required standards. If the Pack fails to reach the standards for Two (2) years, it will be required to follow a programme designed by the National Headquarters, this may include retraining or additional training.

Rule 7 The Scout Troop

7-1 The Scout Troop is made up of a number of Patrols, each of which is made up of a Patrol Leader, an Assistant Patrol Leader, and up to six (6) other members.

7-2 The Patrol Leaders are appointed by the Scout Leader in consultation with the Patrol Leaders Council. Assistant Patrol Leaders are appointed by the Patrol Leaders with the approval of the Scout Leader and the Patrol Leader Council.

7-3 The Patrol Leaders Council

7-4 The Patrol Leaders Council is composed of the Patrol Leaders of the Troop, led by the Senior Patrol Leader, if one is appointed, this position can be rotated on a yearly basis. Scouters should attend the Patrol Leaders Council only in an advisory capacity. The Council exists to arrange the programme of actives from the Troop.

7-5 Age Limits for Scouts

7-6 The minimum age for entry into the Scout Troop is ten (10) years and (9) months
(10 9/12) and the maximum age for membership is sixteen (16) years and three (3) months (16 3/12).

7-7 Minimum Standards for Scout Troops

7-8 Numbers - An Established Scout Troop should have a minimum of twelve (12) Scouts.

7-9 Scouts should wear the approved uniform with distinguishing emblems and scarves.

7-10 Leader - There should be at least two (2) leaders for the Troop. At least one (1) should hold a warrant.

7-10-1 A Scout Troop must itself administer any subscriptions paid by its members or funds collected. A full financial statement must be submitted to the Group Scout Leader or Senior Leader in charge at agreed intervals.

7-11 Training - The training of the Troop must be in accordance with the agreed Programme of the Association. Every member of the Troop must have the opportunity of attending at least one Patrol or Troop camp every year.

7-12 Progress - Each year at least one quarter of the members of the Troop should gain one (1) of the three (3) Scout Progress Badges.

7-13 The requirements of this rule constitute the minimum standards for all Scout Troops. The Commissioner responsible is required to report to the Chief Commissioner any Scout Troop that fails to reach the standards for two (2) years, it will be required to follow a programme designed by the National Headquarters this may include retraining or additional training.

7-14 The Venture Unit

7-15 Venture Scout Units may be formed in any of the following categories.

- Unit within a Scout Group
- Unit serving a number of groups within a Scout District

7-16 The composition, organization and administration of a Venture Scout Unit are decided by its Executive Committee elected by Venture Scouts of the Unit and consisting of a Unit Chairman and such members as they may decide. Scouter should attend the Executive Committee only in advisory capacity. The Executive Committee exists to arrange the programme of Unit activities.

7-17 Age Limits for venture Scouts

7-18 The Minimum age limit for entry into a Venture Scout Unit is fifteen (15) years and the maximum age for the Unit is twentieth (20) birthday. The usual age for
entry should be regarded as sixteen (16) years, but entry may be permitted at any
time after the fifteen (15) birthday provided that the Scouter concerned and the
Unit Executive Committee are all agreed.

7-19 Minimum Standards for Venture Scouts

7-20 Numbers - An Established Venture Scout Unit should have a minimum of nine (9)
members.

7-21 Venture Scouts should wear the approved uniform as appropriate with
distinguishing emblems.

7-22 Leaders - There should be at least two (2) leaders for the Unit. At least one of
whom should hold a warrant, where females form part of the Unit one leader must
be female.

7-23 Training - The training of Venture Scouts must be in accordance with the agreed
Programme of the Association. The Executive Committee is responsible for
organizing a worthwhile program for a period of up to a one year ahead.

7-24 The requirements of this rule constitutes the minimum standard for all Venture
Scout Units. The Commissioner responsible is required to report annually to the
Chief Committee any Venture Scout Unit that does not reach the required
standards. If the Venture Scout Unit fails to reach the standards for two (2)
consecutive years, it will use a programme approved by the National
Headquarters.

Rule 8 Membership of The Scout Group

8-1 The admission of any member to the Scout Group rests with the Scout Leader in
charge, subject in the case of a sponsored group to recruitment policy of the
sponsoring authority.

8-2 Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venture Scouts become members of the Association on
joining a Scout Group and forfeit this membership if they leave the Group.

8-3 Dismissal of Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venture Scouts

8-4 No Cub Scout, Scout, or Venture Scout may be dismissed from a Scout Group
without the approval of the Leader in charge in a sponsored Group the sponsoring
authority must be consulted.

8-5 Appeals Against Dismissal

8-6 Any Cub Scout, Scout, or Venture Scout who is dismissed has the right of appeal
to the Commissioner responsible for section, who may if requested by the person
dismissed to appoint a committee to hear the appeal.
Rule 9

Appointment of Leader in The Scout Group

9-1 No person may commence working in a Scout Group without the approval of the National Headquarters. When any person whose character and antecedents are not fully known, or any person has returned to a locality after a period of residence elsewhere, offers or seeks to serve the Association by joining a Scout Group as a Leader or Instructor or to act in any administrative capacity within the Group, the offer must be reported by the Commissioner responsible. He must at once consult National Headquarters. The fullest possible information about the person must be given in all cases.

9-1-1 Where local references establish that the person is not suitable, full details must be sent by the Commissioner responsible to the National Headquarters in a letter marked “Private and Confidential”. Local references need not be sought if the person is known to be of good standing in the community.

9-2 Applications for Appointment of a Leader

9-2-1 Application for appointment of a Cub Scout, Scout, Venture Scout Leader or Assistant Leader, Instructor must be made on the appropriate application form. The applicant completes along with two reference letters and a police record and signs the form after being made aware by the Commissioner responsible of the Association's Policy for the responsibilities and commitments of the appointment, the training obligation and the appointment’s procedure. The applicant should be introduced to the people with whom he or she will be most closely concerned in carrying out the responsibilities of the appointment. The completed form must then be sent to National Headquarters by the Commissioner responsible, upon receipt of the form Headquarters must arrange for the applicant to meet with Headquarters as soon as possible. If the applicant’s character and antecedents are not known, the Commissioner responsible will arrange for references to be provided.

9-2-2 The Commissioner responsible must both satisfied that the applicant:

- Is within the prescribed age limit;
- Is suitable in character and antecedents to be entrusted with the care and training of young people.
- Has necessary qualifications to carry out the duties of the appointment;
- Understands and accepts the Aim and Method of the Association;
- Understands the Leader training obligations which apply to the appointment.

9-2-3 If approved, National Headquarters will issue a Provisional Warrant and pass it to the Commissioner responsible for presentation to the individual.

9-2-4 If not approved National Headquarters will issue the Commissioner responsible.
If the Commissioner responsible does not accept the conclusion of Headquarters, then the application will be submitted to the National Executive Committee for review, whose decision must be accepted as final by all parties.

9-2-5 All Warrants must be presented by the Chief Commissioner or Chief Scout as soon as possible after receipt. The leader is to be invested if not already and makes or reaffirms the Scout Promise when receiving the Warrant.

9-2-6 The holder of a Provisional Warrant is required to complete appropriate training satisfactorily within specified time limits as follows:

- Group Scout Leaders and Assistant Group Leaders must complete training within twelve (12) months of appointment and a follow-up training every two (2) years thereafter in order to ensure continuity.
- All Leaders should complete the appropriate Basic Training within twelve (12) months of appointment. The appropriate advanced training must be completed within three (3) years of appointment and attend follow-up training every two (2) years thereafter in order to ensure continuity. A Leader’s Warrant will then be issued replacing the Provisional Warrant.
- Two (2) years after the date of issue of a Leader’s Warrant, the Warrant will lapse if the Leader Training programme has not been satisfactory complete. In the same manner the Warrant will expire at the end of each successive three (3) year period if the required follow-up review training has not been completed satisfactory.
- All Leaders are required to take the Safety from Harm Course which is a part of the World and Regional requirements for Leaders.

9-2-7 Subject to the previously described Leader training obligations, the Warrants of Leaders in a Scout Group remain valid until December 31 in the fifth year following the year of issue, when they must be reviewed in accordance with the following procedures and criteria:

- The Warrants of Group Scout Leader must be reviewed by the Commissioner responsible and the Appointments Sub-Committee and the sponsoring authority.
- The Warrants of Assistant Group Scout Leader must be reviewed by the Commissioner responsible and the appointments, Sub-Committee and the Sponsoring Authority.
- The renewal of Leader Warrants is subject, without exception, to the satisfactory completion of training appropriate to the appointment.

9-2-8 The appointment of Leaders and Assistant Leaders within the Association may be changed by the Commissioner responsible, subject to the approval of the Group Scout Leader and the Sponsoring Authority if any. The new appointment must be entered on the Leader Warrant by the National Headquarters.

9-2-9 On ceasing to hold a Warrant an appointment, all Leaders must surrender his Leader Warrant to the Commissioner responsible who will forward it to National Headquarters.
Headquarters. If the Leader’s service has been satisfactory, National Headquarters will cancel the Warrant and return it to the Leader.

9-2-10 A Leader’s Warrant may be canceled, on the recommendation of the Commissioner responsible, by National headquarters on the grounds:
- The Leader wishes to resign;
- The holder is no longer within the age limits prescribed for the appointment;
- The holder has failed to satisfactorily complete Leader Training appropriate to the appointment;
- The holder has discontinued or failed to perform the duties of the appointment;
- That the holder demonstrates that he no longer accepts the Fundamentals, Principles of the Movement as embodies in the Aims and Methods, the Scout Promise and Law, and the Religious Policy of the Association;
- The National Headquarters confirms the cancellation of the Leader Warrant following suspension.
- The Leader may be assigned to a different position.

9-2-11 No leader may hold more than one appointment unless he is able to carry out all the duties of more than one appointment satisfactorily. The Commissioner responsible must give approval for any person to hold more than one appointment.

9-2-12 The Group Scout Leader may not hold any other appointment in the Scout Group.

9-2-13 If it becomes evident that a person holding more than one appointment is no longer carrying out all the duties involved, then for the good of the program a decision must be made jointly by National Headquarters, the Commissioner responsible and the individual concerned as to which appointment is to be relinquished.

Rule 10 Appointment of Instructors

10-1 The age limits for holding the appointment of Instructor and Occasional Instructor are from a minimum of seventeen (17) years and a maximum of sixty-five (65) years.

10-2 Instructors are responsible for aspects of training and specialist badge instruction as specified at the time of appointment. They do not carry any responsibility for Group management.

10-3 Instructors appointment may be terminated on the following grounds:
- That the Instructor wishes to resign;
- That the Instructor consents without protest when notified that a recommendation is to be made for the termination of the appointment;
- That the period of appointment has expired and is not renewed;
- That the Instructor had discontinued or failed to perform the duties of the
appointment;

• That the holder demonstrates that he/she no longer accepts the fundamental principles of the movement as embodied in the Aim and Method, the Scout Promise and Law and the Religious Policy of the Association;

• That the National Headquarters confirms the termination of the appointment following suspension.

10-4 Occasional Instructors or Specialist Instructors (i.e. Sailing, First Aid) are appointed by the Commissioner responsible. This appointment does not carry with it membership of the Association.

10-5 The responsibilities of Cub Scout Instructors are specified by the Cub Scout Leader at time of appointment, Cub Scout Instructors may not carry responsibilities for management of the Cub Scout Pack.

10-6 Instructors other than Cub Scout and Occasional Instructors are appointed and retired by Group Scout Leader, or by the respective section Leader in charge subject to the approval of the Commissioner responsible. Inquiries must be pursued as prescribed un the previous rule. The appointment must be reviewed every five years and may not be renewed instructors do not hold a Leaders Warrant but, may be issued a Certificate of Appointment.

Rule 11 Physically Handicapped Adults

11-1 Persons subject to a physical handicap may apply to the appropriate authority for appointment. The Commissioner responsible and the National Headquarters must satisfy themselves that the handicapped person is physically capable of maintaining the supervision and attention required.

11-2 More information on Physical Handicapped can be obtained from National Headquarters in Documentation from World and Regional Offices (Diversity in Scouting).

Rule 12 Qualifications and Responsibilities of Group Appointments

12-1 The Group Scout Leader

The minimum age for appointment as a Group Scout Leader is twenty-five (25). The maximum age for holding the appointment is sixty-five (65).

12-1-2 The Group Scout Leader is responsible to the Commissioner responsible for:

• the continuity and development of training in all sections of the group;

• maintaining effective communications with the Commissioner responsible and other organizations whose advice and support can be of use to the group;

• acting as Chairman of the Group of the Group Scouter’s meeting and encouraging cooperation among the Scouters of the group;
• nominating the Group Chairman. The Group Scout Leader may not hold this appointment, nor may a Scouter be nominated;
• matters relating to the admission and membership of Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venture Scouts in the Group;
• building and maintaining a good relationship with the Sponsored Scout Group, with the Sponsoring Authority and the Community represented by the Sponsoring Authority;
• all other matters specified in these rules for Group Scout Leaders.

12-1-3 An Assistant Group Scout Leader may be appointed with responsibilities as defined by the Group Scout Leader who should have regard to the desirability of developing the Assistant’s leadership potential. The age limit for such an appointment is the same as a Group Scout Leader.

12-1-4 If a Group Scout Leader’s appointment is or becomes vacant, the Commissioner responsible will appoint a Group Scout Leader (acting) as a temporary measure pending the filling of the vacancy. The Commissioner responsible must give priority to filling the appointment as soon as possible.

12-2 The Cub Scout Leader

12-2-1 The age limits for holding the appointment of Cub Scout Leader are from a minimum age of twenty (20) years to a maximum of sixty-five (65) years.

12-2-2 The Cub Scout Leader is responsible for training of Cub Scouts with the assistance of Assistant Cub Scout Leaders, Instructors and Cub Scout Instructors, subject to the general supervision of the Group Scout Leader.

12-2-3 The age limits for holding the appointment of Assistant Cub Scout Leader are from a minimum of eighteen (18) years to a maximum age of sixty-five (65) years.

12-2-4 The responsibilities of Assistant Cub Scout Leaders are specified by the Cub Scout Leader who should have regard to the desirability of developing the Assistant Leader’s potential.

12-3 The Scout Leader

12-3-1 The age limits for holding the appointment of Scout Leader are from a minimum of twenty (20) years to a maximum of sixty-five (65) years.

12-3-2 The Scout Leader is responsible, in conjunction with the Patrol Leaders Council, for the training of Scouts with the assistance of Assistant Scout Leaders and Instructors, subject to the general supervision of the Group Scout Leader.

12-3-3 The age limits for holding the appointment of Assistant Scout Leader are from a minimum of eighteen (18) years to a maximum of sixty-five (65) years.
12-3-4 The responsibilities of Assistant Scout Leaders are specified by the Scout Leader who should have regard to the desirability of developing the Assistant Leader’s potential.

12-4 The Venture Scout Leader

12-4-1 The age limits for holding the appointment of Venture Scout Leader are from a minimum of twenty-five (25) years to a maximum of sixty-five (65) years.

12-4-2 The Venture Scout Leader is responsible, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, for the training of Venture Scouts. He will be assisted by the Assistant Venture Scout Leader and Instructors.

12-4-3 The age limits for holding the appointment of Assistant Venture Scout Leader are from a minimum of twenty (20) years to a maximum of sixty-five (65) years.

12-4-4 The responsibilities of Assistant Venture Scout Leaders are specified by the Venture Scout Leader who should have regard to the desirability of developing the Assistant Leader’s potential.

Rule 13 The Group Scouters Meeting

13-1 The Group Scouters meeting is held as frequently as necessary and is led by the Group Scout Leader or Scouter in charge, its purpose is to:
- concern itself with the well-being and development of each member of the group;
- insure the progress and continuity of all training in the group;
- plan and coordinate all group activities;
- keep the Group Executive Committee advised of the needs, arrangements, and requirements of the training program.

13-2 All Leader Warrant holders and the Chairman of the Executive Committee of any Venture Scout Unit in the group are members of and may attend the Group Scouters meeting.

Rule 14 The Group Council

14-1 The Group Council is the electoral body which supports Scouting in the locality through the Scout Group. Under the Chairmanship of the Group Chairman, it must hold an Annual General Meeting each year to:
- approve the Group Scout Leader’s nomination of the Group Chairman and nominated members of the Executive Committee;

14-2 Membership of the Group Council is open to:
• Scouters, Instructors, Administrators, and Advisors
• Venture Scouts
• Patrol Leaders
• Parents of Cubs, Scouts, and Venture Scouts of the Group
• Sponsoring Authority or his nominee
• Other supporters, including former Scouts and their parents of the Group, appointed by the Group Leader, the Group Executive Committee or the Group Council.

14-3 Members of the Group Council who are not members of the Association may wear the Association’s Lapel Badge. They are not required to pay the registration fee, but if they choose to do so they will receive the appropriate registration card.

14-4 Membership of the Group Council ceases upon:
• The resignation of the member.
• The dissolution of the Council.
• The termination of such membership by National Headquarters following a recommendation by the Group Executive Committee or the Commissioner responsible.

Rule 15 The Group Executive Committee

15-1 The Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting his responsibilities and is responsible for:
• The maintenance of group property;
• The raising of funds;
• The administration of group finances;
• Group public relations;
• Arranging accommodation and assisting to find camping grounds;
• Assisting in the recruitment of Leaders and other support staff;
• Appointing any sub-committee that may be required;
• Appointing Group Administrators and Advisers other than those who are elected;
• Election of an Assistant Secretary if needed;
• The Group Committee from time to time co-opt persons to assist with special projects because of their expertise.

15-2 Membership of the Group Executive Committee includes:

• Ex-Officio: The Group Chairman, the Group Scout Leader, Assistant Group Scout Leader, represented by Section Leaders Group Secretary, Group Treasurer and a nominee of the sponsoring Authority if any, the Trustee’s Assistant.
• Nominated members are members of the Group Council elected annually by the Council. The number of elected members must not exceed the number of Ex-officio members.
• Co-opted members are those members co-opted by the Committee. The number of
members elected by the Group Council.

15-3 Membership of Sub-Committees of the Group Executive Committee

15-3-1 The Group Scout Leader, the Assistant Group Scout Leader and the Group Chairman are ex-officio members of all sub-committee of the Group Executive Committee no other Leaders may serve on any sub-committees. It is important the treasurer serve on Finance and Fundraising Sub-Committee.

15-3-2 This Finance Sub-Committee will liaise with National Headquarters in all matters pertaining to the raising of funds.

15-3-3 Sub-Committees may be the following to assist Groups in planning
  • Development Committee
  • Events Committee
  • Recruitment Committee

Rule 16 Conduct of Group Council Meetings

16-1 In meetings of the Group Council and the Group Executive Committee only members as specified may vote.

16-2 Decisions are made by a majority of votes, in the event of an unequal number of votes being cast, the Chairman does not have a casting vote. The matter will be taken as not to have been carried.

16-3 The Group Council must make a resolution defining the quorum for meetings of the Group Council and the Group Executive Committee and its sub-committees.

Rule 17 Scout Group Administrators and Advisers

17-1 The Group Chairman is nominated by the Group Scout Leader and the appointment is approved by the Group Council at its Annual General Meeting.

17-2 The Group Secretary and Group Treasurer are elected by the Group Council at its Annual General Meeting.

17-3 Other Administrators and Advisors may be appointed by the Group Scout Leader if it so subject to the advice of the Group Scout Leader. Such appointments are governed by conditions made at the time of the appointment.

17-4 The inquiry procedure detailed (Rule 9-1) must be followed in appointing all Group Administrators and Advisors.

17-5 The minimum age for appointment as Group Administrators and Advisors is twenty-one (21) years, there is no maximum age limit.
17-6 The Commissioner responsible must be notified of such appointments as he has to keep a record of all Group Administrators and Advisors.

17-7 The appointment of Group Administrator’s and Advisors can be terminated by:
- the resignation of the holder;
- the Group Executive Committee or Commissioner responsible;
- the expiration of the period of appointment;
- confirmation by National Headquarters of the termination of the appointment following suspension.

Rule 18 Responsibilities of The Elected Officers

18-1 The Group Chairman

18-1-1 The Group Chairman is appointed to work closely with the Group Scout Leader or Leader in charge in the administration of the Group with the objective of creating the best possible circumstances and facilities of management of the Group. He acts as Chairman of the Group Council and of the Group Executive Committee.

18-1-2 The office of Group Chairman may not be held by a Scouter and may not be combined with that of Group Secretary or Treasurer.

18-2 The Group Secretary/Assistant Secretary if required the duties can be shared.

18-2-1 The Group Secretary is appointed to:
- Act as Secretary of the Group Council and the Group Executive Committee;
- keep such records concerning the Group Council, as the Council Committee may deem necessary;
- make available to members of the Group Committee information and instructions from National Headquarters and Commissioner responsible;
- perform all other duties specified in these rules for Group Secretaries.

18-2-2 The office of Group Secretary or Assistant Secretary may not be held by a Scouter and may not be combined with that of Group Chairman or Treasurer.

18-3 The Group Treasurer

18-3-1 The Group Treasurer is appointed to:
- manage the finances of the Group;
- advise the Group Executive on financial control and expenditure;
- develop an annual budget for approval by the Group Executive Committee after consulting with the Group Scout Leader or Leader in charge with Chairpersons of Sub-Committees.
- collect the National Registration fee from all members of the Group, who are liable for its payment and to remit the total sum to National Headquarters by 31st
January of every year.

- receive all funds from the sections in the Group on behalf of the Group Executive Committee and to keep accounts of all funds;
- pay out money as authorized by the Group Executive Committee;
- insure that funds allotted to sections in the Group are properly accounted for and made available to them;
- work closely with the National Headquarters in all matters of financial discipliners;
- supervise the administration of Group Property and Equipment and ensure that proper inventories are maintained and if need proper insurance arranged;
- the Treasure may not serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee but, must be a part;
- perform all other duties specified in these rules for Group Treasurer;

Rule 19  Finance - General

19-1  Group Treasurer and other Administrators concerned with finance must at all ensure that proper budgeting and control operate in the Group and must consult the Group Executive Committee and the Group Scouters Meeting on all financial aspects of planning the Groups activities. When entering into any financial obligation or commitments with another party the person concerned should make it clear to the other party that he is acting on behalf of the Group and not in any personal capacity.

19-2  Group Treasurer must send a statement of accounts annually to the National Headquarters. The following information must be readily viable:

- particulars of assets and, in all cases of assets other than equipment particulars of the Trustees in whom they are vested;
- assets forming part of a permanent endowment (i.e. property held by the Group which may not be sold or disposed of) should be shown separately;
- a statement of liabilities on the same date;
- a statement of receipts during the year ending on the same date, classified as to the nature of receipts. Showing separately receipt which form part of a permanent endowment, if any;
- a statement of payments made during the year ending on the same date showing separately payments made out of endowment if any.

Rule 20  Funds Administered by Sections in The Group

20-1  Each section of a Scout Group must itself administer any subscriptions paid by its members, funds raised, as well as sums allotted for current expenses by the Group Executive Committee.

20-2  Special subscriptions paid by members of the sections or their parents (i.e. installments towards the cost of camp or trip, or payments of the National Registration Fee) must be handed to the Group Treasurer as soon as possible after
receipt. The Group Treasurer must keep such records of account as are necessary for the purpose and having recorded the receipt, must pay the funds into the account.

20-3 Each section must keep a proper cash account which must be produced together with any cash balance and supporting vouchers, at the request of the Group Treasurer as often as the Group Executive Committee may decide but not less frequently than once every three months.

20-4 Funds administered by sections must be shown in the Group Treasurer’s accounts and must be included in the Groups’ Annual Statement and Balance Sheet.

Rule 21 Bank Accounts

21-1 All money received by or on behalf of a Scout Group, Group Council or Group Executive Committee must be paid into a bank account held in the name of the Group. The account must be operated by not less than two signatories, authorized by the Group Executive Committee.

21-2 No money received by any section or by the Group Council or Group Executive Committee may be paid into any person’s private bank account.

21-3 Funds being accumulated for a special purpose (i.e. building fund) must be paid into a suitable investment account held in the name of the Group and operated by not less than two signatories, authorized by the Group Executive Committee. If substantial funds are to be held for a prolonged period, they must be properly invested.

Rule 22 Group Accounts - Disposal of Assets

22-1 If a Group ceases to exist, the Group Treasurer must prepare a statement of account dated as of the date of closure. This statement, together with all Group assets, must be handed to the National Headquarters as soon as possible after the closure date and must be supported by all books of accounts and vouchers. Headquarters will check the statement, or will have it checked by a competent authority if there is need for a formal audit.

Rule 23 Preservation of Books of Accounts

Books and statements of accounts must be preserved for not less than five (5) years from date of entry.

Rule 24 National Membership - Registration Fee

24-1 In order to meet the cost of National headquarters services to the Association and the cost of organizing and administering the Association, and to meet the Association’s obligations to World Scouting, it is required that members pay a
National Registration Fee.

24-1-1 The amount of the fee is decided annually by the National Executive Committee and applies to the whole Bahamas.

24-1-2 The payment of registration fee is the responsibility of the individual member (or their parents).

24-1-3 All members of the Scout Group who are shown on the Annual Registration and Census return is required to pay the registration fee;
- Cub Scouts, Scouts, and Venture Scouts
- Leaders and Assistant Leaders
- Instructors and Cub Scout Instructors
- Commissioners

24-1-4 Every Scout Group is required to collect these Registration Fees by a method decided by the Executive Committee of the Scout Group and to remit them through the Group to the National Headquarters by the 31st January of the New Scout Year.

24-2 Members of Groups for the handicapped must pay the fee, but under special circumstances, such Groups may apply through the National Executive Committee for exemption of their members from this payment.

Rule 25 Fundraising in The Scout Group

25-1 In order to maintain its work and to provide all that is needed to implement its training program, the Scout Association of The Bahamas has to support itself financially. With this commitment, Scout Groups are expected to provide sufficient funds to carry out their own program activities.

25-2 Fundraising carried out on behalf of Scouting must be conducted in accordance with the principles embodied in the Scout Promise and Law.

25-3 The raising of funds is largely a matter for the adults working in support of Scouting through the Group Council, but Cub Scouts, Scouts, and Venture Scouts may participate in fundraising provided that such activities do not take precedence over their training. Where they do engage in fundraising; they must earn money rather than solicit gratuitous payments.

25-4 All fundraising undertaken on behalf of the Scout Association of The Bahamas must be Carried out as prescribed by Law.

25-5 If a group considers raising funds by means similar to lotteries or other games, the proposed activity must have the approval of the National Executive Committee and the Sponsoring Authority. Regard must be paid to the views of parents and to local public opinion. Activities affected by this regulation includes raffles.
The promoter of any fundraising activity should be a member of the Group Executive Committee.

Scout Groups engaging in fundraising should inform. The National Executive Committee of the proposed activity and care must be taken to contain the activity within the area the Group operates.

Any advertising material used must conform with the standards of the Association.

25-6 Methods of Fundraising

25-6-1 The provisions of this rule govern the selection of methods of fundraising and are designed to allow as much local initiative as possible, consistent with the Association’s reputation and its good public image.

25-6-2 Fundraising conducted on behalf of Scouting may be any means not forbidden by law, and which is acceptable to the local community, provided that:

- the proceeds of the activity go wholly to support the work of the Group, or in the case of approved joint activities with other organizations, that in part of the proceeds allotted to the group is applied wholly to the work of the group.
- it does not encourage the habit of gambling.

25-7 Joint fundraising projects with other charitable organizations are permitted provided that the proceeds allotted to the other organization is used wholly for purposes other than those of private gain. National Headquarters should be consulted if there is the slightest doubt as to the bona fide of the other organization in respect of the purpose of the fundraising activity.

25-8 Groups may not issue general appeals for funds except in exceptional circumstances with the approval of National Headquarters. Any such appeal which may be permitted must be made only in a specified area which must not exceed the boundaries in which the group is located.

Rule 26 Trusteeship, Property, and Equipment

26-1 Scout groups must be properly accommodated and equipped in order to carry out their training programs and the administrators of the Group must concern themselves with all legal requirements relevant to the ownership of all property and equipment or the hiring of premises.

26-2 Agreements with Sponsoring Authorities identify property belonging to the Sponsoring Organization and that belonging to the Group as recorded in such agreements must be administered as required by these rules and copies must be submitted to National Headquarters.

26-3 The property and equipment of a Group which closes or is closed must be disposed of as instructed by National headquarters after receipt of the final
statement of accounts. Until these instructions are received the Group Executive Committee, Commissioner responsible must take all necessary steps to ensure the preservation of the property, equipment, and the documents of title.

26-4 The Group Treasurer must maintain proper inventories of all equipment owned by the Group, including furniture, training equipment, or equipment of any other kind.

26-5 Investments held on behalf of Groups must be registered in such a way as to show that they are held on trust for the Group and that they are not the private property of the individuals.

Rule 27 Safe Custody of Documents

The Group Secretary must ensure that documents relating to the ownership of property and equipment and all other legal and official documents, together with any document of historical importance or interest are kept in a safe place. The Group Secretary must keep a register of such documents with details of their location, copies must be submitted to National Headquarters.

Rule 28 Accidents and Insurance

28-1 If any person, whether a member of the Scout Association of The Bahamas or not, suffers personal injury necessitates treatment by a doctor, dentist, or at a hospital or dies in the course of, or arising out of a Scout activity or while on or in connection with any Scout property, or is in an accident during a Scout activity results in damage to third party property. Headquarters must be informed immediately. On receipt of this information Headquarters will issue the necessary instructions and forms in respect to possible insurance claims. In the event of an injury or fatality, or damage to third party property, no admission of liability must be made unless advised by National Headquarters.

28-2 Special travel insurance should be obtained for authorized travel abroad.

28-3 If a Scout Group is arranging to use land premises or other facility belonging to another authority, organization, or an individual, and is required to sign an agreement or indemnity, details must be sent to National Headquarters as soon as possible. The acceptability of this agreement or indemnity terms and the adequacy of the Association’s Legal Liability Policy in relation to them must be confirmed before proceeding with the arrangements or signing an agreement or indemnity.

28-4 For the insurance covered by National Headquarters to be effective, the rules of the Scout Association must be complied with, particularly those rules governing the organization of activities and safety precautions applying to activities.

Rule 29 Disputes within the Scout Group
29-1 The following procedures are to be used only in informal efforts to resolve disputes have failed, they do not apply to the suspension of members of the Group.

29-1-1 Disputes arising between the Scouter, or a Group and the Group Executive Committee or the Group Council must be referred to the Commissioner responsible. In the case of a Sponsored Group, the Sponsoring Authority must be consulted.

Rule 30 Disputes between Commissioners and Leaders

30-1 Disputes between Commissioners and Leaders must be referred to the National Executive Committee who will appoint a committee to look into the matter.

Rule 31 Scout Districts are defined and constituted by the National Headquarters

31-1 The criteria for being designated a Scout District, any Island or part of an Island in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas may apply for District status if meeting the following requirements.

- Have four functioning Groups or part of Groups mainly Cub Scout Pack, Scout Group, or Venture Group or any combination of these Groups;
- Have the potential for expansion
- Have the potential to be self-supporting in three (3) years;
- Have 10 or more Leaders of which should come from local residents;
- Able to appoint a District Scout Council

31-2 The number and location of Scout Districts

- National Headquarters after consultation with the Chief Commissioner will appoint Scout Districts as needed:
  - Grand Bahama and Bimini District
  - Cat Island District
  - Where possible an Island should be allowed to be a single district

31-3 Supervision of Districts:

With a District status a District Commissioner shall be appointed by the Chief Commissioner with the consent of the National Executive Committee, with one year mandate in the first instance and a three (3) year appointment when the District has attained self-sufficiency and a District Scout Council is appointed. Approve the Annual Report of the District Executive Committee.

31-4 The District Council

All previous rules related to Group Council its administration and functions namely:

(It should be noted however, that the District Scout Council is higher than the Group Council and members from the Group Council should make up the District Scout Council).

31-5 The District Annual General Meeting
- Each Scout District shall have an Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers no later than the 31st of November of each year; this Meeting and Elections should follow the format approved for use at the Annual General Meeting of the Scout Association of The Bahamas. This is to allow for its members to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Scout Association of The Bahamas, Districts may also nominate members for Election to the National Scout Council.

31-6 Related matters to the Scout District
It shall be noted that District Scout Councils shall have authority to open District Office, hire staff to administer their District under the supervision of the District Commissioner with the approval of the National Executive Committee.

Rule 32 Appointment of Commissioners and Scouters

32-1 The Chief Commissioner in consultation with the Chief Scout, appoint a District Commissioner to assist him carrying out his duties.

32-2 The National Headquarters will issue a Warrant after the National Executive Committee has been notified. The Warrant must be presented as soon as possible; the District Commissioner makes or reaffirms the Scout Promise on receipt of the Warrant in an Investiture Ceremony.

32-3 The District Commissioners must complete all training required in two (2) years off appointment, two (2) years after the date of issue the District Commissioner warrant will if the Commissioner training has not been satisfactory completed will become null and void.

32-4 The Warrant of a District Commissioner remains valid until 31st December in the fifth year following the year of issue, when it must be reviewed by the National Executive Committee. The Warrant must subsequently be reviewed by the National Executive Committee at three (3) year intervals.

32-5 On ceasing to hold the appointment of District Commissioner, the Commissioner must surrender his Warrant to National Headquarters. If the service of the Commissioner has been satisfactory, Headquarters will return the cancelled Warrant to the individual.
A District Commissioner’s Warrant may be cancelled by National Headquarters on the following grounds:

- The holder has not completed Commissioner training within the two (2) years of his appointment;
- The holder wishes to resign;
- The holder acquiesces when notified that a recommendation is to be made for the cancellation of the Warrant;
- The holder is no longer within the age limits prescribed for the appointment;
- The holder is assigned to another position;
- The holder had discontinued or failed to perform the duties of appointment;
- The holder demonstrates that he or she no longer accepts the fundamental Principles of the Movement as embodied in the Aim and Method, the Scout Promise and Law and the Religious Policy of the Association.

Deputy District Commissioners may be appointed by National Headquarters on the recommendation of the District Commissioner and Chief Commissioner to assist and deputize for the District Commissioner. (see Rule 33-3), The duties of the appointment will be defined by the District Commissioner at the time of the appointment. The District must first conduct and inquiry as covered earlier under (Rule 9-2-1).

Assistant District Commissioners

Recommendation for the appointment of an Assistant District Commissioner is made by the District Commissioner in consolation with the Deputy District Commissioner and Chief Commissioner notify the National Executive Committee of such appointment, (see Rule 33-3). The District Commissioner must first conduct an inquiry as covered earlier in (Rule 9-2-1).

The issue, presentation, validity, review, and renewal of warrants for Deputy, and Assistance District Commissioners is as for District Commissioner.

On the appointment of a District Commissioner, all Deputy District Commissioner and Assistant District Commissioner, warrants for respective Districts will be subject of review. Such review must be completed within six (6) months of the district Commissioner’s Appointment.

On ceasing to hold appointment as an Assistant District Commissioner, the holder must surrender the Warrant to National Headquarters, if satisfactory the cancelled Warrant will be returned to the individual.

The rules as applied to District Commissioners applies in the same way to Assistant District Commissioners.

Rule 33 Qualifications and Responsibilities of District Appointments

The District Commissioner
The minimum age for appointment as a District Commissioner is at the discretion of the Chief Commissioner and National Executive Committee. The maximum age for holding the appointment is sixty-five (65) years.

The District Commissioner is responsible to the Chief Commissioner for:

- The maintenance of the Association’s policy in the district and for encouraging and facilitating the training of members of the Association as appropriate throughout the district;
- All aspects of Scouting in the District, particularly ensuring that Commissioners, Administrators, and Leaders properly discharge their responsibilities and duties as specified in these rules;
- Ensuring that all Scout Groups are visited and their Leaders advised how to conduct them in accordance with the Association’s policy;
- Encouraging the formation and operation of the Scout Fellowship, Scout Groups, and to assist in their effective working.
- Securing the harmonious cooperation of all members of the Association on the District and settling any dispute between them;
- Performing all duties specified in these rules for District Commissioners in respect to training and administration, particularly duties in respect to appointments, registration, Association membership and decorations and awards.
- The achievement of minimum standards for Scout Groups and Sections within the Groups.
- The observance of all rules related to the conduct of Scouting activities especially the strict observance of safety precautions;
- Cooperation and maintenance of good relations with members of the Girl Guide Association and other youth organizations in the District and ensuring that the Association is adequately represented on local committees, particularly youth committees.

The District Commissioner is an ex-officio member of all Councils and Committees and their sub-committees in the District.

If the office of the District Commissioner is vacant, the Chief Commissioner will either nominate an Assistant District Commissioner or another Commissioner to act in this capacity, or can perform these duties himself or to such time a new District Commissioner is appointed.

Assistant District Commissioner

The age limits for appointment as an Assistant District Commissioner are as for the District Commissioner.

Assistant District Commissioners are appointed to assist the District Commissioner with general or particular duties (i.e. general duties, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venture Scouts, Leader training). The District Commissioner will specify
the nature of the individual’s duties by completing the appropriate section of the Warrant.

33-2-3 The Assistant District Commissioner (Leader Training) must be an experienced Scouter and must have completed Advanced Training. The functions of the appointment are to assist the District Commissioner with the training of Leaders and particularly with the initial training of newly appointed Leaders.

33-2-4 Assistant District Commissioners may be appointed for Cub Scout, Scout, or Venture Scout Sections. The Assistant District Commissioner is usually a Leader experienced in the section concerned and will normally have completed Advanced Training for that Section. Commissioner training must be completed within two (2) years of appointment. The functions of the appointment are:

- To assist the District Commissioner with the running of the Section, including the personal support and encouragement of the Leaders;
- To visit Sections in Groups and provide technical advice on their operations;
- To arrange for the organization of District events;
- To ensure that District Leaders’ meetings are held to carry out such other duties as may be delegated by the District Commissioner.

33-2-5 Assistant District Commissioners may be appointed to assist the District Commissioner with a variety or special responsibilities, including water activities, the handicapped and Public Relations. The Assistant District Commissioner will usually, and most importantly, be an expert in the particular subject and must complete Commissioner Training within two (2) years of appointment. The Commissioner must also complete the Safety from Hard Course. The precise role of a Specialist Assistant District Commissioner will be expected to carry out the functions of the District Commissioner. In the particular area of responsibility, ensure that the Association’s policies are followed and provide the necessary support and encouragement for Leaders.

33-2-6 One or more Assistant District Commissioners may be appointed for general duties in the District, with titles such as general duties, development or relationships. Alternatively, the geographical area of the appointment may be named. These appointments will normally be filled by experienced Commissioners who should ideally have complete Advanced Training both for a section and for Commissioners. The duties will be specified by the District Commissioner on appointment, but are likely to include areas of specially delegated responsibility or deputizing generally for the District Commissioner. A Deputy District Commissioner may be appointed where the need exists.

33-3 Leader Trainers and Assistant Leader Trainers.

33-3-1 Leader Trainers and Assistant Leader Trainers are appointed by the National Training Commissioner after consultation with the Chief Commissioner and National Executive Commissioner. Minimum and maximum ages are at the
discretion of the Chief Commissioner and National Executive Committee.

33-3-2 Leader Trainers and Assistant Leader Trainers are appointed to assist the National Training Commissioner in all aspects of training.

33-3-3 Assistant Leader Trainers must have:
- Completed Advanced Training;
- Had experience of helping on Courses;
- Attended a Trainer’s Level I Course.

33-3-4 Before being appointed a leader Trainer an Assistant Leader Trainer must have
- Had at least two (2) years’ experience as an Assistant Leader Trainer;
- Assisted on at least two (2) Advanced Courses;
- Attended a Trainer’s Level II Course;
- Be capable of directing a Basic Course.

33-3-5 Before being appointed National Training Commissioner a Leader Trainer must consider considerable experiences in all levels of Training.

Rule 34 The District Team

34-1 The District Team Meeting is held frequently as necessary and is led by the District Commissioner. Its purpose is to:
- Review the progress, standards, and effectiveness of programs of the Groups and their Sections;
- To receive correspondence from the National Headquarters;
- Plan activities for the District deemed to be necessary to supplement Scouting in the Groups;
- Plan a programme of visits to Scout Groups to give support and encouragement to Leaders;
- Plan the support to Leaders undertaking initial, basic and advance training.

Rule 35 The District Scout Fellowship

35-1 The District Commissioner, in consultation with National Headquarters, should form a District Scout Fellowship, the purpose of which is to provide a body through which adults may support Scouting in the District and enjoy social activities while participating in service.

35-2 Membership of the District Scout Fellowship is open to any person over the age of eighteen (18) years. It may include Leaders, Instructors, who will be expected to give priority to their duties. All members of a District Scout Fellowship become Associate members of the Scout Association of The Bahamas if they wish to do so. They do not pay the National registration fee, but can pay a Fellowship fee to raise funds for special District events.
35-3 The District Commissioner may appoint an Assistant District Commissioner who will be responsible for maintaining effective liaison between the District and the District Scout Fellowship, motivating them to actively support Scouting at various levels.

Rule 36 The Chief Scout

36-1 Refer to By Laws Chapter 2 section 4/C/3

Rule 37 The President

37-1 Refer to By Laws Chapter 2 section 4/C/1

Rule 38 Vice Presidents

38-1 Refer to By Laws Chapter 2 section 4/C/2

Rule 39 The Treasurer

39-1 Refer to By Laws Chapter 2 section 4/C/4

Rule 40 The Secretary

40-1 Refer to By Laws Chapter 2 section 4/C/5

Rule 41 The Chief Commissioner

41-1 Refer to By Laws Chapter 2 section 4/C/3

Rule 42 The National Headquarters of the Scout Association of The Bahamas

42-1 The National Scout Council of the Scout Association of The Bahamas maintains a Building on Dolphin Drive Nassau with departmental structures as required for the implementation of its policies and to provide service and materials necessary for the proper conduct and development of Scouting in The Bahamas.

Rule 43 The National Scout Council of the Scout Association of The Bahamas

43-1 Refer to By Laws Chapter 2 section 2

Rule 44 The National Executive Committee

44-1 Refer to By Laws Chapter 2 section 3

Rule 45 Committees of the National Executive Committee
Rule 46  Officers and National Executive Committee Members:

Rule 47  The World Scout Movement

Rule 48  Political Activities

Rule 49  Expressions of Opinion of The Association’s Policy
Rule 50  Protected Badges, Designations, Trademarks and Copyright

50-1 The following badges and all Scout designations are protected and may not be used without the prior permission of National Headquarters:

- Badges and emblems to include World Membership Badge, the Arrowhead Badge, and all badges the design of which incorporates the Arrowhead Badge, bearing of the Scout Association, the Silver Turtle Badge, Merit Badge and Wood Badge;
- Designations to include the name of the Scout Association of The Bahamas, all designations of members and appointments which incorporate the word “Scout”, the title “Scouter”.

50-2 The National Executive Committee may under this rule, authorize reproduction of the Arrowhead badge, the name of the Scout Association of The Bahamas (excluding the World Membership Badge) on items such as flags, letterheads, forms, reports and other stationary, signs and notice boards, publicity materials, pictures of places or events connected with Scouting an on fundraising items. The Badges and designations hereby permitted are restricted to specific items and quantities being ordered and this rule does not empower manufacturers or printers to create stocks of items incorporating such reproductions.

50-3 Trademarks of which the Scout Association of The Bahamas is proprietor or registered user may not be use without proper written permission of the National Executive Committee.

50-4 No organization or individual may state or imply that any item has been approved in content quality or otherwise, by the Scout Association of The Bahamas without prior permission of National Executive Committee.

50-5 No organization or individual may reproduce any part of any publication the copyright of which is vested in The Scout Association of The Bahamas, except that the National Executive Committee may authorize the reproduction of extracts to meet a specific purpose in production of material required to further their work.

50-6 The copyright of works which is vested in the Scout Association of The Bahamas may only be licensed or assigned by National Executive Committee.

Rule 51  Correspondence

51-1 Members of the Scout Association of the Bahamas may not address correspondence on matters relating to Scouting or as representatives of the Association to any royal personage, department of state, embassy or legion at home or abroad, to any Scout Association Headquarters abroad, or to the World Scout Bureau, Committee, or conference except after Consultation with and through National Headquarters.