The Baden-Powell Scouts' Association
Uniform and Badges Policy

The uniform and badges worn by members of the B-PSA are the outward demonstration of the values of the Association, and visibly highlight the differences in our traditional Scouting ethos – all members of the Association should wear the uniform correctly and with pride.

Correct method of wear

The appropriate uniform, as described in PAR, may be worn by all Members of the Association, but is not usually worn by non members (unless they are members of similar Scouting organisations with whom we have a trading relationship).

Correct method of wear is part of the Association's training programme, and includes:-

- Head gear as specified in PAR is a part of the uniform, and is not optional
- No badge, other than those for the rank concerned, or as described in section specific uniform in current handbooks may be displayed on any uniform head gear
- All shirt buttons should be present and done up
- Shirts must be tucked in to trousers (short or long) / skirts
- Neckerchiefs are worn with an appropriate woggle, and rolled such that the triangle of material at the back of the neck is approximately 10cms. The woggle should be drawn up to the neck to hide the top button of the shirt (or similar for Beavers and Wolf Cubs wearing jumpers) and worn over shirt collars
- Similar neckerchiefs must be worn by all members of a Group. The colour and design of a neckerchief will be chosen by a GSM in consultation with the Group Council, and approved by the Area Commissioner. Designs will not normally be duplicated in an Area
- Below the waist, all members of each section of the Group wear the same style and colour (variation permissible between sexes)
- Uniform trousers are not of combat style
- There is no uniform outer coat, and therefore parade uniform does not include a coat (unless a member's welfare would be put at risk by not wearing a coat – see safety considerations)
- It is normal and preferable for Association members to travel in full smart uniform, and this is particularly important when travelling as a Group or Section – such as on trips or camps.

Safety Considerations
For all Scouting activities priority should be given to considerations of safety in specifying what form of dress is to be worn, however the inclusion of recognisable symbols of Scout membership are often advantageous (For example wearing neckerchiefs whilst hiking, when Scouts are often treated differently by the public). Weather conditions and other such considerations should be taken into account. The well-being of members should assessed.

Mourning
Members in mourning may wear a 5 cm black band around the left sleeve of the uniform above the elbow.

Badges and Emblems
No badge or emblem may be worn on uniform unless it has been approved by the NC. On special occasions temporary badges may be approved by the NC to commemorate a special occasion, or attendance at a special event.
Badges and emblems worn, normally indicate:

- where the Scout is from (Association, National, Area, County, District, Group and Patrol (Lodge or Six)
- what the Scout has achieved – progressive training and proficiency badges (see section handbooks for method of wear)
- length of service (see PAR Rules for Decorations & Adult Awards for method of wear)
- decorations and awards (see PAR Rules for Decorations & Adult Awards for method of wear)

The following emblems may be worn:

- International – The WFIS zulu shield may be worn on the right breast pocket, or the corresponding position on a jersey. Decorations and Awards made by another Scouting Association
- National – The Baden-Powell Scouts emblem and the Union Flag, on the right breast above the pocket on a shirt, or the corresponding position on a jersey
- Area, County and District – Badges approved by the NC may be worn on the right sleeve (guide sizes - maximum 50mm tall by 38mm wide)
- Group and Rover Crew – may wear badges, approved by the NC, on the point of the neckerchief, and a name tape on the right arm above Area etc. badges (guide size maximum 12mm depth)

Additional Approved Badges

- Kings Scout Award
- Kings Guide Award
- Queens Scout Award
- Queens Guide Award
- British Legion Affiliation
- WFIS circle of Friendship
- WFIS Good Turn Badge
- Pre 1990 B-P Award (now St George Award)
- All Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Logos

Only approved logos (available from the members area of the Association website) may used in the production of any activity clothing, publicity or stationery.

Flags

The following flags may be used:
The Union flag – once only in any parade at the head of the parade
The St. George's flag
Scout flags – bearing the section logo and Group name on the following background colours :- Beavers – light blue, Wolf Cubs – yellow, Scouts – Scout Green, Senior Scouts – maroon, Rover Scouts – Red.
Area flags
Patrol flags – normally as a pendant on a scout staff bearing the silhouette of the patrol logo from Scouting for Boys, and the Patrol name