# Baden-Powell Scouts' Association
# Disciplinary Policy Statement & Guidelines

The Baden-Powell Scouts' Association is fully committed to the good conduct of its members, who should, always, show respect and understanding for the Law and Promise, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Association.

Suspension is not an admission of guilt but is a precaution to make sure that no situation can arise that may cause further concern, it allows a period for investigation, and that no member is placed in a position which could cause further compromise to themselves, their Group or the Association.

As a result of such investigation, the suspension must be withdrawn, and warrants of individuals returned or a recommendation for cancellation of the registration of a Group and / or the warrants of any Scouters, must be forwarded with a full report to the National Committee through the Area Commissioner.

While suspended an individual will have their warrant withdrawn meaning the individual must refrain from participation in any activity connected with the Association and must not wear uniform or badges.

When a Group is suspended all activities of the Group will cease and, except in so far as may be otherwise provided by the terms of the suspension, all Group Scout Officers are automatically suspended with immediate effect and no member of the Group may wear uniform or badges.

Such action may be necessary in the following cases:

- When the action of an individual could seriously harm the reputation of the B-PSA.
- When a Group which has not met the requirements for registration e.g. Not paid membership fees, undertaken required training, etc.

The disciplinary procedures and appeal process are laid out in PAR 2019.

The ultimate sanctions are:

For a Group - the removal of its registration which means it cannot remain a member of the B-PSA.

For warranted leaders - the removal of their warrant, so they cannot remain part of the B-PSA.

For members over 18, dismissal from the B-PSA.

For members under 18, dismissal from the B-PSA.