

Amendments to POR – January 2014

Date	Chapter	Title	Outline of amendment & reasoning	Current rule	Proposed rule
Jan 2014	9	Adventurous Activities Permit Scheme	Updated to include auto belay systems	<p>Rule 9.7 Adventurous Activities Permit Scheme</p> <p>a. These rules apply to all adventurous activities.</p> <p>Adventurous activities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hill walking and off road cycling (in Terrain One and Two); • climbing and abseiling (except bouldering); • caving; • snowsports (in Terrain One and Two); (except artificial slopes and nursery slopes); • all water activities, except swimming, on class B1, B2, B3 or A waters; • all motorised water activities and SCUBA activities on class C waters; • hovercrafting. 	<p>Rule 9.7 Adventurous Activities Permit Scheme</p> <p>a. These rules apply to all adventurous activities.</p> <p>Adventurous activities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hill walking and off road cycling (in Terrain One and Two); • climbing and abseiling, except; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bouldering; • climbs using auto belay systems (systems that lower a climber to the ground without any human intervention); • caving; • snowsports (in Terrain One and Two); (except artificial slopes and nursery slopes); • all water activities, except swimming, on class B1, B2, B3 or A waters; • all motorised water activities and SCUBA activities on class C waters; • hovercrafting.
Jan 2014	9	Terrain Definition	Clearer articulation on navigating steep ground	<p>Rule 9.28 Terrain Zero Definition</p> <p>Terrain Zero describes terrain which meets one of the following criteria:</p> <p>a. Meets all the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is below 500 metres above sea level; and • is within 30 minutes travelling time from a road which can take an ordinary road-going ambulance or a building which is occupied (such as a farm) or another means of summoning help (such as a telephone box); and • contains no element of scrambling. <p>or:</p> <p>b. Is a road, or path adjacent to a road, on which you would expect to see traffic.</p>	<p>Rule 9.28 Terrain Zero Definition</p> <p>Terrain Zero describes terrain which meets one of the following criteria:</p> <p>a. Meets all the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is below 500 metres above sea level; and • is within 30 minutes travelling time from a road which can take an ordinary road-going ambulance or a building which is occupied (such as a farm) or another means of summoning help (such as a telephone box); and • contains no element of steep ground (routes or areas where the average person would need to use their hands at least for balance if not for actual progress. This does not stop people from using their hands as an aid to confidence.) <p>or:</p> <p>b. Is a road, or path adjacent to a road, on which you would expect to see traffic.</p>

Jan 2014	9	Terrain Definition	Clearer articulation on navigating steep ground	<p>Rule 9.29 Terrain One Definition Terrain One describes terrain which meets all of the following criteria:</p> <p>a. Meets any of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is below 800 metres but more than 500 metres above sea level or; • is more than 30 minutes but less than three hours travelling time from a road which can take an ordinary road-going ambulance or a building which is occupied (such as a farm) or another means of calling help (such as a telephone box). <p>And</p> <p>b. Contains no scrambling.</p> <p>and</p> <p>c. Is not a road, or path adjacent to a road, on which you would expect to see traffic.</p> <p>and</p> <p>d. Is not Terrain Two as defined by Rule 9.30.</p>	<p>Rule 9.29 Terrain One Definition Terrain One describes terrain which meets all of the following criteria:</p> <p>a. Meets any of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is below 800 metres but more than 500 metres above sea level or; • is more than 30 minutes but less than three hours travelling time from a road which can take an ordinary road-going ambulance or a building which is occupied (such as a farm) or another means of calling help (such as a telephone box). <p>And</p> <p>b. Contains no element of steep ground (routes or areas where the average person would need to use their hands at least for balance if not for actual progress. This does not stop people from using their hands as an aid to confidence.)</p> <p>and</p> <p>c. Is not a road, or path adjacent to a road, on which you would expect to see traffic.</p> <p>and</p> <p>d. Is not Terrain Two as defined by Rule 9.30.</p>
Jan 2014	9	Terrain Definition	Clearer articulation on navigating steep ground	<p>Rule 9.30 Terrain Two Definition Terrain Two describes terrain which meets all of the following criteria:</p> <p>a. Meets any of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is over 800 metres above sea level or; • lies more than three hours travelling time from a road which can take an ordinary road-going ambulance or a building which is occupied (such as a farm) or another means of calling help (such as a telephone box), or; • contains an element of scrambling <p>and</p> <p>b. Is not a road, or path adjacent to a road, on which you would expect to see traffic.</p>	<p>Rule 9.30 Terrain Two Definition Terrain Two describes terrain which meets all of the following criteria:</p> <p>a. Meets any of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is over 800 metres above sea level or; • lies more than three hours travelling time from a road which can take an ordinary road-going ambulance or a building which is occupied (such as a farm) or another means of calling help (such as a telephone box), or; • contains an element of steep ground (routes or areas where the average person would need to use their hands at least for balance if not for actual progress. This does not stop people from using their hands as an aid to confidence.) <p>and</p> <p>b. Is not a road, or path adjacent to a road, on which you would expect to see traffic.</p>

Jan 2014	9	Terrain Definition	Updated for clarity	<p>Rule 9.31 Specialist Terrain When in terrain or using skills that have not been assessed for a terrain 2 hillwalking permit (such as glaciers), then specific approval is required for the activity from the responsible Commissioner based on advice from someone with knowledge and experience of the activity. Specific approval is in addition to the holding of a terrain 2 hillwalking permit.</p>	<p>Rule 9.31 Specialist Terrain When in terrain or using skills that have not been assessed for a terrain 2 hillwalking or a climbing permit (such as glaciers, scrambling, via ferrata), then specific approval is required for the activity from the responsible Commissioner based on advice from someone with knowledge and experience of the activity. Specific approval is in addition to the holding of a terrain 2 hillwalking or climbing permit.</p>
Jan 2014	9	Climbing & Abseiling	Updated with clearer information on Climbing helmets, use of equipment, providing activity for members and non members.	<p>Rule 9.34 Climbing and Abseiling</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The person holding the permit should ensure that this activity is carried out in accordance with the Association's publications or using techniques approved by an Assessor. b. On multi-pitch climbs the maximum number is two persons to one leader. On single pitch climbs, abseils and climbing walls the maximum number who may be supervised is six persons. c. Properly fitting helmets and harnesses must always be worn by all those actively involved when climbing or abseiling on natural features, except in the case of 9.34e. d. When climbing or abseiling on artificial climbing walls properly fitting harnesses must be worn. Helmets need not be worn unless required by the rules for the use of the climbing wall and provided that the activity leader is satisfied that the climber or abseiler has sufficient skill not to react unpredictably. Novices must always wear helmets, except in the case of 9.34e. e. A Sikh wearing a Turban may choose to climb or abseil on natural features and artificial climbing walls without a helmet. This does not apply to a Sikh wearing a Top Knot. 	<p>Rule 9.34 Climbing and Abseiling</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Climbing helmets must always be worn by all those climbing or abseiling on natural features, except in the case of 9.34c. b. Climbing helmets need not be worn by those climbing or abseiling on artificial walls provided the activity leader is satisfied that the climber or abseiler has sufficient skill not to react unpredictably. Novices must always wear helmets, except in the case of 9.34c. c. A Sikh wearing a Turban may choose to climb or abseil on natural features and artificial climbing walls without a helmet. This does not apply to a Sikh wearing a Top Knot. d. All climbing equipment should be used following the manufacturer's guidelines. Where it is not possible to follow manufacturer's guidelines a backup / redundancy must be built into this element of the setup. e. The storing, maintenance and replacement of all climbing equipment should follow the manufacturer's guidelines.

				<p>f. Leadership and training in abseiling and climbing activities when carried out according to the standards set out in these rules may be offered to other youth groups, schools and individuals subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the relevant District or County Commissioner confirming in writing support for the team of instructors who have the necessary skills and knowledge to control the non-Members involved; proof of the necessary extension of insurance cover being provided to Headquarters. <p>Approval may be given for one-off activity or for one year's operation of a specific facility and instruction team.</p> <p>g. Other than (f) above, the only persons who may undertake abseiling and climbing activities using Scout equipment and/or under Scout supervision under the preceding provisions are Members of the Scout and Guide Movements.</p>	<p>f. Automatic belay systems (systems that lower a climber down to the ground when they let go of the climbing wall without any human intervention) can be led by either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A climbing permit holder (within the remit of their permit); or, Following a written operating manual which must be agreed by a County Climbing Assessor. <p>g. Abseiling and climbing activities can be run for non members, when carried out following these rules, as long as the necessary extension of insurance cover is obtained.</p> <p>h. Other than (g) above, the only persons who may undertake abseiling and climbing activities using Scout equipment and/or under Scout supervision are Members of the Scout and Guide Movements.</p>
Jan 2014	9	Paintball	New rules on providing paintballing (view more information on the introduction of this rule)	<p>Rule 9.39 Paintball Games</p> <p>a. Members may not take part in the activity known as 'paintball' (or any similar activity).</p> <p>b. Paintball games may not take place on property owned or leased by, or used in the name of, the Scout Movement.</p>	<p>Rule 9.39 Paintball When taking part in paintballing members must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> use operators who are members of the UK Paintball Association (UKPBA), the UK Paintball Sports Federation (UKPSF) or an equivalent body; have parental permission for all under 18s taking part.
Jan 2014	9	Towing of Inflatables	Rule now under 9.67 Banned Activities	<p>Rule 9.66 Towing of Inflatables Behind Powered Watercraft</p> <p>a. The activity of being towed on an inflatable behind powered watercraft is specifically forbidden.</p>	<p>Rule 9.66 Rule Intentionally Left Blank</p>

Jan 2014	9	Banned Activities	All banned activities now under single rule	Rule 9.67 Bungee Jumping a. The activity of bungee jumping is specifically forbidden.	Rule 9.67 Banned Activities The following activities are not permitted within The Scout Association: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Towing of inflatables behind powered watercraft (eg banana boating)• Bungee jumping• Hitch hiking
Jan 2014	9	Bungee Running	Rule removed, classed as general activity not requiring specific rules	Rule 9.68 Bungee Running a. Bungee running should be undertaken in accordance with the factsheet FS120003 Bungee Running.	Rule 9.68 This rule is intentionally left blank.
Jan 2014	9	Motor Sports	Clearer rules	Rule 9.72 Motor Sports a. All Groups, Districts or Counties undertaking activities on land involving motorised vehicles should contact Unity (Scout Insurance Services) to see whether further insurance is required.	Rule 9.72 Motor sports Motorised activities away from public roads may be undertaken when: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants must wear appropriate safety equipment for the activity being undertaken, this includes helmets for all off road and racing activities.• Safety briefings must be given to all participants and marshals.• The activity must take place in an area with clear separation and boundary between participants and spectators/ the public.• The maximum speed must be considered based on the age and ability of the participant, the vehicle, the supervision, the terrain and any additional factors including legal restrictions on age e.g. quad biking.
Jan 2014	9	Chainsaws/Tree felling	Rule removed. Use of maintenance equipment now covered through safety information.	Rule 9.73 Chainsaws / Tree Felling a. Chain saws may only be used by persons aged 17 years of age or over. They must wear the correct safety equipment which must include safety helmets and footwear, protection for eyes and face, legs, arms and hearing, all of which must meet the appropriate British or European standard. b. Users must have obtained an approved qualification or be undertaking an approved course of training.	Rule 9.73 This rule is intentionally left blank.
Jan 2014	9	Hitch-Hiking	Rule now under 9.67 Banned Activities	Rule 9.74 Hitch-Hiking a. Members engaged in Scouting activities must not travel by hitch-hiking.	Rule 9.74 Rule Intentionally Left Blank

Jan 2014	9	Marching	Rule removed, classed as general activity not requiring specific rules	<p>Rule 9.75 Marching</p> <p>a. Marching parties of Scouts must have responsible traffic pickets at the head and rear of the column.</p> <p>b. At night such pickets must show a white light at the column's head and a red light at its rear.</p>	Rule 9.75 This rule is intentionally left blank.
Jan 2014	11	Awards for Good Service	Minor amendments for clarification	<p>Rule 11.5 Awards for Good Service</p> <p>a. Awards for good service are made by the Chief Scout, who is advised by the Awards Board, to adult Members or Associate Members and, exceptionally, to others who have given valuable service to Scouting over a considerable period.</p> <p>b. <i>This rule is intentionally left blank.</i></p> <p>c. <i>This rule is intentionally left blank.</i></p> <p>d. A Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service, with a white and yellow knot cloth emblem and a brooch of similar design, is awarded for good service while holding adult appointments for a period of not less than five years.</p> <p>e. The Award for Merit, formerly the Medal of Merit, worn with a green neck ribbon and emblems or brooches with a green knot, would normally be awarded after a period of not less than 12 years, but exceptionally after 10 years of outstanding service while holding adult appointments.</p> <p>f. The Bar to the Award for Merit, formerly the Bar to the Medal for Merit, worn with a green neck ribbon with a vertical yellow stripe and emblems or brooches with a green knot and yellow fleur-de-lys, may be awarded after not less than five years of further outstanding service while holding adult appointments.</p> <p>g. The Silver Acorn, worn on an orange ribbon around the neck, and emblems or brooches with an orange knot is awarded for specially distinguished service for a period of not less than twenty years.</p> <p>h. A Bar to the Silver Acorn, denoted by the substitution of an orange ribbon with a green stripe, and emblems or brooches with an orange knot and green fleur-de-lys may be awarded after not less than five years further distinguished service.</p> <p>i. The Silver Wolf, worn on a green and yellow ribbon around the neck, and emblems or brooches with a yellow and green knot is the unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout, awarded for service of the most exceptional nature.</p>	<p>Rule 11.5 Awards for Good Service</p> <p>a. Awards for good service are made by the Chief Scout, who is advised by the Awards Board, to adult Members or Associate Members and, exceptionally, to others who have given valuable service to Scouting over a considerable period.</p> <p>b. <i>This rule is intentionally left blank.</i></p> <p>c. <i>This rule is intentionally left blank.</i></p> <p>d. A Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service, with a white and yellow knot cloth emblem and a brooch of similar design, is awarded for good service while holding adult roles for a period of not less than five years.</p> <p>e. The Award for Merit, formerly the Medal of Merit, worn with a green neck ribbon and emblems or brooches with a green knot, would normally be awarded after a period of not less than 12 years, but exceptionally after 10 years of outstanding service while holding adult roles.</p> <p>f. The Bar to the Award for Merit, formerly the Bar to the Medal for Merit, worn with a green neck ribbon with a vertical yellow stripe and emblems or brooches with a green knot and yellow fleur-de-lys, may be awarded for further outstanding service while holding adult roles.</p> <p>g. The Silver Acorn, worn on an orange ribbon around the neck, and emblems or brooches with an orange knot is awarded for specially distinguished service while holding adult roles for a period of not less than twenty years.</p> <p>h. A Bar to the Silver Acorn, denoted by the substitution of an orange ribbon with a green stripe, and emblems or brooches with an orange knot and green fleur-de-lys may be awarded for further distinguished service while holding adult roles.</p> <p>i. The Silver Wolf, worn on a green and yellow ribbon around the neck, and emblems or brooches with a yellow and green knot is the unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout, awarded for service of the most exceptional nature while holding adult roles.</p>

Jan 2014	11	Awards for Good Service	Clarification as to who can nominate others for good service awards	<p>Rule 11.1 Applications for Awards and Recognition of Service</p> <p>a. Applications for Scout awards and recognition of service are initiated by a District or County Commissioner.</p> <p>b. Application forms, as listed below, detail the necessary qualifications and the administrative procedure and may be obtained by these Commissioners or by District or County Secretaries from the Scout Information Centre or visit www.scouts.org.uk/awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Form TSA06/GS</i> - Application for Award for Good Service to the Movement and Chief Scout's Personal Award. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Form TSA07/CGM</i> - Application for Cornwell Scout Badge, Gallantry or Meritorious Conduct Awards. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Form TSA05/L</i> - Application for Chief Scout's length of service awards. <p>c. Before completing an Application Form, District and County Commissioners are advised to consult the guidelines <i>Applying for Decorations and Awards</i>, available from the Scout Information Centre or visit www.scouts.org.uk/awards</p>	<p>Rule 11.1 Applications for Awards and Recognition of Service</p> <p>a. Applications for Scout awards and recognition of service are initiated by any member of The Scout Association. Nominations must be supported by the County/Area/Region (Scotland) Commissioner or where a CC/AC/RC is nominated, supported by the appropriate line managing Commissioner.</p> <p>b. Application forms, as listed below, detail the necessary qualifications and the administrative procedure and may be obtained by these Commissioners or by District or County Secretaries from Scout Shops Ltd or visit www.scouts.org.uk/awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Form TSA06/GS</i> - Application for Award for Good Service to the Movement and Chief Scout's Personal Award. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Form TSA07/CGM</i> - Application for Cornwell Scout Badge, Gallantry or Meritorious Conduct Awards. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Form TSA05/L</i> - Application for Chief Scout's length of service awards. <p>c. Before completing an Application Form, District and County Commissioners are advised to consult the guidelines <i>Applying for Awards</i>, available from Scout Shops Ltd or visit www.scouts.org.uk/awards</p>
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Jan 2014	14	Data Protection and Responsibilities within Scouting	New rule to reflect responsibilities under the Data Protection Act	Not Applicable	<p>14.11 Data Protection and Responsibilities within Scouting</p> <p>The Scout Association is committed to protecting personal data in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998 ('the Act') which regulates the collecting and handling of personal data whether kept using manual or electronic systems.</p> <p>a) Personal data in Scouting will be held and used in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998. In particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal data will only be collected and used for the purpose of activities directly relating to Scouting and/or a person's Membership or association with Scouting. • The information will never be passed to a third party without consent or as required by law. • The information will be kept as accurate and up-to-date as possible for the purposes for which it is being held. • The information will be kept secure and prevented from being used in an unauthorised or unlawful way. • The information will be securely destroyed when no longer required. • Individuals can request a copy of their personal data by making a Subject Access Request (SAR) to the relevant Scout Executive Committee or National Headquarters <p>b) All Members and Associate Members must ensure that when handling any personal data they comply with the Data Protection Act and the requirements set out in Rule 14.10 a) above.</p> <p>c) Scout Executive Committees are the Data Controllers for all and any personal data collected, managed, kept or handled by their Group, District or County and are responsible for protecting the personal data held by that body and for compliance with the Data Protection Act.</p> <p><i>For further details please see the Data protection and Scouting Factsheet: [Ref No. To be linked/inserted]</i></p>
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Jan 2014	14	Compass Membership System ("Compass")	<p>New rule to reflect introduction of Compass Membership System</p> <p>(view data section of Compass FAQs for more information)</p>	Not Applicable	<p>Rule 14.12 Compass Membership System ("Compass")</p> <p>NOTE: THIS RULE COMES INTO EFFECT ONCE YOUR COUNTY/AREA/REGION (SCOTLAND) HAS MIGRATED TO COMPASS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Compass is the official membership system of the Association. b) Compass must contain accurate and up-to-date information on all youth, adult Members and Associate Members of the Association as well as connected individuals such as Executive Committee Members, Occasional Helpers and relevant parents/carers. c) Compass must be used in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and the rules given in 14.11 above. d) Adult members are responsible for maintaining their own data e.g. name, address, contact details either directly or via a nominated individual. Certain other data may only be updated/maintained by authorised persons e.g. roles, training records, permits etc. e) Responsibility for maintaining youth data rests with the leader of the Section(s) to which the young person belongs. f) All membership data should be checked as regularly as possible to ensure it is correct/factually accurate and must, in any event, be checked on an annual basis. g) All joining information must be either entered directly into compass or recorded using the Association's official Joining Forms and then be transferred accurately into Compass. h) Members must ensure that any reports from Compass (electronic or hardcopy) are held and stored in compliance with the Data Protection Act and the Rules given in 14.11 above. i) Members must ensure that any reports from Compass (electronic or hardcopy) are destroyed securely as soon as no longer required. <p><i>Please see the Compass Membership System Factsheet (available from January 2014)</i></p>
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