

## Chapter 12

### Flags and Ceremonial

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#### Rule 12.1 Permitted Flags <sup>SV</sup>

- a. The following flags may be used:
  - The Union Flag on land;
  - The Red Ensign at sea;
  - The World Scout Flag;
  - Group, District and County flags.
- b. Royal Navy Recognised Groups and Units may use a Red Ensign defaced with the Arrowhead Badge surmounted by an Admiralty Crown in the fly.
- c. Royal Air Force Recognised Groups may use a light blue pennant bearing the Arrowhead Badge, the Scout motto 'Be Prepared' and the Royal Air Force roundel in the fly.
- d. When abroad, Groups may use the Union Flag and the flag of the host nation displayed equally.
- e. Groups may use the flags of the constituent countries of the United Kingdom, together with their own corresponding flag, when in another United Kingdom country.
- f. The use of these flags is in addition to the Union Flag rather than in place of it.

#### Rule 12.2 Pennants

- a. Green camp pennants, Explorer Scout and Scout Network pennants and blue Scout pennants may be used as appropriate to suitable occasions.
- b. The blue pennant is the burgee to be flown with the Royal Navy Recognised Group Ensign.

#### Rule 12.3 Scout Flags <sup>SV</sup>

- a. Flags used by Scout Groups, Explorer Scout Units, Scout Networks and Scout Active Support Units (except Beaver Scout Colony flags) must be:
  - uniform size;
  - mounted on poles bearing the Arrowhead Badge as a mount;

- must bear the Arrowhead Badge, consisting of a white Arrowhead to the approved specification on a purple circle, and the Scout motto 'Be Prepared'.
- b. In addition, they may only bear the words 'Cub Scouts', 'Scouts', 'Explorer Scouts', 'Scout Network' and the appropriate Group, District or County title.
  - c. Beaver Scout Colony flags must be 3' x 2' mounted on poles bearing a polished wooden pike mount and must bear the Arrowhead Badge, consisting of a white Arrowhead to the approved specification on a purple circle, and the Beaver Scout motto 'Be Prepared'.
  - d. In addition they may only bear the words Beaver Scouts and the Group title.
  - e. Flags used by Scout Districts and Counties are of a similar design and may bear the name and emblem of the District or County in addition to the Arrowhead Badge as described, and the Scout motto 'Be Prepared'.
  - f. The colours to be used on flags, except in Scotland, are as follows:
    - Beaver Scout Colonies: white lettering on a turquoise background;
    - Cub Scout Packs: white lettering on a yellow background;
    - Scout Troops: white lettering on a green background;
    - Explorer Scout Units: white lettering on an olive green background
    - Scout Networks: white lettering on a warm grey background
    - Air Scout Troops, Explorer Air Scout Units and Air Scout Networks: yellow lettering on a light blue background;
    - Sea Scout Troops, Explorer Sea Scout Units and Sea Scout Networks: white lettering on a navy blue background;
    - Scout Active Support Units: white lettering on purple background;

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- g. In Scotland, Scout flags are matriculated by the Lord Lyon King of Arms and consist of the St. Andrew's Cross at the hoist with green fly and the Arrowhead Badge in yellow.
  - h. Scottish Area flags have the name of the Area in a bar above the badge in the colour of the Area.
  - i. The colours on flags in Scotland are:
    - Beaver Scout Colonies: white lettering on a turquoise background;
    - Cub Scout Packs: yellow background with the badge in green and with yellow lettering on green bars;
    - Scout Troops: green background with the badge in yellow and with the name of the Troop in black lettering on yellow bars;
    - Explorer Scout Units: white lettering on an olive green background;
    - Scout Networks: white lettering on a warm grey background;
    - Scout Active Support Units: white lettering on purple background.

#### **Rule 12.4 Ceremonial**

- a. In the conduct of normal Scouting activities, only those ceremonies described in the Association's handbooks should be used.

#### **Rule 12.5 The Scout Sign**

- a. The Scout Sign is made during the making or reaffirming of the Beaver Scout Promise, Cub Scout Promise and the Scout Promise and at no other time.

#### **Rule 12.6 The Scout Salute**

- a. The Scout Salute is made only by Members of the Movement in uniform on formal Scout occasions, as a mark of respect at the hoisting of National flags, at the playing of National Anthems, to uncased Colours, Scout flags and to funerals.

#### **Rule 12.7 Parades**

- a. On all parades of a public nature, other than in a place of worship, the Leader calls the party to the alert and the Leader alone salutes.