

# UNIFORM OF THE UGANDA SCOUTS ASSOCIATION: Uniform Policy & Guidelines (Revised 2013)

The Uganda Scouts Association is a uniformed movement, and believes in the value of Scouting and the positive image created by wearing of a distinctive and recognizable dress by all of its members.

A uniform creates a sense of belonging, a feeling of pride and promotes spirit within the Scout movement.

The purpose of wearing a uniform is to show that you are equals in the spirit of brotherhood and that you stand for certain ideals.

Always be proud to wear your uniform as a Scout. When you are in Uniform, remember who you are and what you stand for. Let it be an example to all others who see you that you are a person of responsibility and integrity who can be trusted, and can lend a hand when help is needed.

Always act accordingly, as people will always look to you with respect.

Wear your complete uniform proudly and correctly at all scouting events such as: -

- At patrol and troop meetings, hikes, camps, rallies, and banquets.
- When you appear before a board of review or a court of honor.
- When you take part in scout service projects in your community.
- During Scout Anniversaries.

It is desirable that all Scouts must strive towards the adoption of a single common form of uniform, despite economic realities faced by the many different communities of our country; the Association recognizes the need to have policy and guidelines in respect to wearing of uniforms.

Therefore, the following are the policy guidelines in relation to the Official Scout Uniform:-

## 1. **Scout Uniform:** The Scout Uniform differs across sections of Scouting;

### (a). **Cub Scouts:**

- **Boys;** Khakhi Shorts and Shirt (Short sleeved), Yellow scarf with a Black Yellow Red binding and Yellow Stockings, Woggle, Black Shoes, Badges, a Khaki cap with a black Yellow Red.
- **Girls;** Khakhi Shorts /Skirt (short sleeved), Yellow scarf a black Yellow Red binding and Yellow Stockings, Woggle, Black Shoes, Badges, a Khaki cap with a black yellow Red binding.

**(b). Junior Scouts:**

- **Boys;** Khakhi Shorts & Shirt (Short sleeved), Green scarf with a black yellow Red binding and Red Stockings, Woggle, Black shoes, Cap with black yellow red, Black belt. Badges: World Badge (left hand side), Country Badge (Right hand Side)
- **Girls;** khakhi shorts/skirt & shirt (short sleeved), green scarf with a black yellow red binding and red stockings, woggle, black shoes, cap with a black yellow red, black belt. badges: world badge (left hand side), country badge (right hand side)

**(c). venture Scouts:**

- **Boys;** Khakhi Shorts/Long Trouser & Shirt (Short sleeved), Maroon Scarf with a black yellow red binding, Woggle, Black Shoes, Green Beret. Badges: World Badge (Left hand side), Country Badge (Right hand side)
- **Girls;** Khakhi Skirts / LONG Trouser & Shirt (Short Sleeved), Maroon(Blue) Scarf with a black Yellow red binding, Woggle, Black shoes, Green Beret. Badges: World Badge (Left hand side), Country Badge (Right hand side)

**(d). Rover Scouts:**

- **Boys;** Khakhi Long Trouser & Shirt (Long sleeved), Red Scarf with a black yellow red binding, Woggle, Black Shoes, Green Beret, Badges: World badge (Left hand side), Country Badge (Right hand side).
- **Girls;** Khakhi Skirt/Long Trouser & Shirt (Short Sleeved), Red Scarf with a black yellow red binding, Woggle, Black Shoes, Green Beret. Badges: World badge (Left hand side), Country Badge (Right Hand side).

**NB:** Note that a stave is part of Scout of the Scout uniform irrespective of ones Scout section

**(e). Scout Leaders**

- **Males;** Khakhi Trouser & Shirt (Long/Short Sleeved), Purple Scarf with a black yellow red binding and /or Gilwell Scarf (wood badge holders), woggle, Black/Brown Shoes, Green Beret. Badges: World Badge (left hand side), Country Badge (Right hand side)
- **Females;** Khakhi Skirt/Trouser/, Shirt (Long sleeved), Purple Scarf with a black yellow red and /or Gilwell Scarf (Wood badge holders), Woggle, Black or brown shoes, Green Beret. Badges: World Badge (left hand side), Country Badge (Right hand side)

**(f). District Scout Officials.**

**(g). National Scout Officials.**

**2. Uniform Numbers:** For uniqueness, all Scout Uniforms will have the members' number. Therefore, only registered members will be allowed to purchase/wear uniforms and the numbers on the uniforms will be renewed annually. Those members who do not renew their membership will lose their number and the right to wear the uniform.

**3. Source:** All Scout Uniforms **must** be bought from the National Scout Shop. It is illegal for anyone to make a Scout Uniform without authorization from the **NEC/BOARD** and as such, any Uniform without the number or purchased from any other place other than the National Scout Shop is illegal.

**4. Scarves:**

- **Section Scarves:** Scarves are to be of one pattern within the Section, and are to be worn with a woggle of one pattern within the Unit as described in **section1(a – e)** and shall be implemented by the **Youth Program** and **Training** departments.
- **District scarves:** Each District shall have a distinct scarf to wear at National events. For example, camps, celebrations.
- **National Scarf:** A National Scarf will only be worn by all members of a national contingent while representing the Association at an international Scouting event, Members of the National Scout Board, National Executive Committee and National Headquarter Staff (The Secretariat).
- National Scout Commissioners.  
Besides, the **NEC/BOARD** shall wear **navy blue trousers** and **blue shirts** with a centenary badge on the shoulders or any other badge as shall be determined.
- **Special scarves:** The **NEC/BOARD** may, at their discretion, grant permission for a special scarf to be worn by participants during a special district or national event. Such a special scarf may only be worn at the event itself.

**5. Ceremonial uniform.**

- **Weddings.**
- **Burial.**
- The Scouts of Uganda Scots Association shall have a ceremonial uniform and a camp fire jacket.

**Do's and Don'ts with the Scout Uniform.**

As shall be determined from time to time.

**6. Uniform prices:**For purposes of fairness, the price of the uniforms and colour shall be discussed by the Youth programmes Committee in the presence of the shop attendant and vetted by **NEC/BOARD**.

**7. Grace period:** Aware that most Scouts have made their own uniforms, a grace period of one year has been given to phase out and such after the grace period, it will be illegal to wear any other uniform other than the one stated in this policy from the time it is approved by the National Scout Board.

**Note:**

However, no Scout or prospective Scout is forced to leave or will not join Scouting because of the uniform, its costs or availability. It is also acknowledged that the “Uniformity” within the unit remains important.

Uniform should not become a barrier to membership, and no young person should be excluded from membership on the basis that they are unable to afford to purchase a uniform. But competitors must endeavor to appear in full uniform during the competition.

There is no requirement that all participants in District or National activities wear the same Uniform, and no young person may be excluded from any such activity on the basis of the uniform.

It is strongly recommended that participants in international activities or World Jamborees will be required to wear the appropriate uniform, which has been selected for the activity.

The Uniform (Uganda badge, membership badge, Scout belt, berets, scout knife, stave, woggle, lanyard wood badge beads and insignia are protected by copyright, trademark, and Uganda Constitution Charter and the Act of Parliament. The Uganda Scout Association has rebuked instances where it has felt that the uniform was used inappropriately and without permission. The Association rules and regulations also forbid the use of Scouting emblems for commercial or political purposes. Wear of the uniform and insignia is described in the **POR** and **Constitution** which Scouts should read.

It is important for you to know that each and every part of the Scout Uniform has a purpose or meaning, and that it has to be worn according to the established policy.

**RESTRICTIONS AND PENALTIES ON THE SCOUT UNIFORM:**

1. It shall not be lawful for any person, not being under the by-laws or rules of the Uganda Scout Association duly authorized and entitled so to do, publicly to wear, carry, or bear any uniform, badge, token or emblem which under the said by-laws or rules are specifically adopted for use under the authority of the Association or which could reasonably be held to be an imitation of the same in such style or

manner as to convey an impression that such person is under the said bye-laws or rules entitled so to wear, carry, or bear such uniform, badge, token or emblem as it is contained in the POR.

2. No person shall sell or offer for sale any article bearing a badge, token, or emblem specifically adopted for use under the authority of The Uganda Scout Association, or which could be reasonably be held to be an imitation of the same, unless he shall have first submitted such article to the inspection of the NEC/ BOARD or any other Commissioner approved by Executive Committee to do so and shall have obtained authority from him in writing.
3. No Scout shall seek or attempt by virtue of his wearing any uniform, badge, token or emblem of the Association, or uniform, badge, token, or emblem purporting or appearing to be such, to enforce or exercise authority otherwise than in accordance with and as authorized by the NEC/BOARD as stipulated in the POR and constitution.
4. No badge, or other decoration may be worn on Scout Uniform, except: National badge or international Jamboree and National events badges, which may be worn until replaced by a subsequent event timeframe expires.
5. A used Scout Uniform should never be sold. It is a tradition that once a Scout Uniform has been worn, it is considered “**experienced uniform,**” and should be put into the Lending closet (in good condition) to be freely given to Upcoming Scouts.
6. **Woggles:**  
Woggles of the Gilwell **SHALL** only be worn by Scout Leaders who have satisfactorily completed the appropriate Wood Badge training.  
Other Scouts shall wear woggles according to their sections as prescribed in this policy.

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