

8.1 - SCOUT FELLOWSHIP

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of the Scout Fellowship is to provide service to the Scout Association in the Australian Capital Territory and the community in general and to provide for the mutual fellowship of the members.
2. This policy should be read in conjunction with Scouts Australia Policy and Rules - Scout Fellowship (R10).

STRUCTURE

3. The Scout Fellowship ("the Fellowship") is a Formation of the ACT Branch of the Scout Association of Australia.
4. The Fellowship may have a chairperson and other officer bearers as appropriate, who together will form the Fellowship Executive. The Chief Commissioner and their delegate will be ex-officio members. Election of any office bearers shall take place annually in May. While there is no term limit on Executive positions, annual elections must be held to confirm the ongoing support of the executive by Fellowship membership.
5. The Fellowship is responsible to the Branch Commissioner Group Support and Fellowship.

MEMBERSHIP

6. Membership is open to persons over 18 years of age who are prepared to adhere to:
 - the Aim of the Association.
 - the Principles of the Association as encapsulated in the Scout Promise and Law.
 - the Policies of the Association.
 - the Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics for adults in the Association.
 - the Rules of the Association.
7. Membership is also open to Reserve Leaders, appointed Leaders and registered Rovers.
8. Appointment to the Scout Fellowship will require the completion of the appropriate application forms before being submitted to the Appointments Committee of the Branch Executive Committee. Members will be appointed as "Member of the Scout Fellowship".
9. Members will receive a Certificate of Appointment which is renewable every three years, or as otherwise appropriate, on the recommendation of the Fellowship Executive.
10. To retain appointment, a commitment of significant participation, is required, (at least 5 Fellowship meetings or activities per year). This can include participation in activities under the auspices of Branch (e.g. Gang Show or Jamboree), Section (e.g. Cuboree or Cottersshield) or Group (e.g. Tri-Lakes Regatta).

CERTIFICATE OF ADULT APPOINTMENT (CoAA)

11. Leaders who hold a current CoAA and transfer their primary appointment from another Formation, may retain their CoAA (Youth Program or Program Support Leader) as a member of Fellowship.
12. Adults wishing to join Scouts ACT as a member of Fellowship may either join as an ordinary Member or as a Trainee Leader.

13. Those wishing to join as a Trainee Leader must undertake the training and appointment requirements for either a Youth Program or Program Support Leader as specified in current ACT Branch policy and rules.
14. Leader appointments are for a three-year period and may be renewed in accordance with current ACT Branch policy and rules. In addition, Leaders will be required to demonstrate, as a minimum, 90 hours of active leadership each three years.

FINANCES

15. Members must pay the prescribed Fellowship fee. Members must also pay the annual Branch registration fee, subject to any concessions, Formation support or other subsidy that applies to a member. The Fellowship fee shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship, but if circumstances warrant, may be changed with the Fellowship Membership consent, at a General Meeting following one month's notice of intention to move to change the Fellowship fee.
16. Finances will be managed by the Fellowship Executive.

UNIFORM

17. Consistent with a national approach, Scouts ACT will adopt 'Azure Blue' (pantone number 7709C) colour for flags and scarves. The Fellowship badge will consist of the Scouts Australia logo set on an azure blue background with the word 'Scouts Fellowship' appearing below the logo in white writing:



18. Full uniform is optional, however when worn it must comply with current Scouts ACT Branch Policy. The Fellowship scarf shall be worn to all Fellowship activities. The Fellowship badge can be worn on the right sleeve similar to that of a Formation badge.

REGISTRATION

19. The Fellowship is to be included in the Branch Annual Census.

ACTIVITIES

20. The Fellowship may undertake any activities consistent with its purpose and the principles of the Scout Association.
21. Separate Formations (which may have overlapping membership) may be set up as separate Fellowships to advance the special interests of members and facilitate their activities, e.g. security, catering, bushwalking, general service, technical interests, etc.
22. As a registered Formation of the Branch, the Fellowship can liaise with all other Sections to ensure fulfilment of the 'Purpose' of the Fellowship.

AUTHORITY

This policy or amended policy was approved by the Branch Executive Committee on 26 June 1991, 27 July 1994, 24 April 1996, 12 February 2003, 26 November 2020 and 15 December 2022.