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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS A ROVER YOUTH HELPER

DETAILS OF APPLICANT

SURNAME		GIVEN NAMES		M	F
HOME ADDRESS			POST CODE	TELEPHONE	
NAME OF ROVER CREW			DATE OF BIRTH		
GROUP	DISTRICT		NAME OF SECTION		

I understand and accept the Scout Law and Promise; the aims, principles, religious policy and the obligation to equip myself through training for the responsibilities I am undertaking.

I agree to abide by all policies and rules now in force or which may be issued by The Scout Association of Australia, or the Australian Capital Territory Branch of the Association. I agree to return all Scout funds, property and books when I cease to perform the functions of Rover Youth Helper, or when called upon to do so by competent authority.

REFEREES

Name, address and telephone number of three adults referees. Referees should not be :

- a relative (neither immediate family nor related by marriage) nor should the referees be related to each other in any way; **or**
- a uniformed member of the Group/District to which you are applying; **or**
- a member of the Group Committee of the Group to which you are applying; **or**
- a member of the Branch Team.

Referees should have known the applicant for a minimum of two years and be able to comment on :

- your ability to relate to youth and adults
- overall character

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I authorise the Association to make any enquires it sees fit as to my character, background and suitability for appointment

SIGNATURE

DATE

Section Leader to complete:

I confirm that the Rover Youth Helper has:

1. been regular in attendance;
2. a knowledge of the section's award scheme;
3. the ability to instruct in the following two badges of the award scheme;

a) _____ b) _____

4. has a knowledge of the section's literature.

I acknowledge that the Rover Youth Helper has responsibility to their crew before the section and I have read and understand Branch Policies, Procedures and Rules 2-4 (Youth Member Instructors/Helpers).

Section Leader: _____ Date: _____

APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDED

CREW LEADER
DATE

BRC CHAIR
DATE

GROUP LEADER
DATE

ACT ROVER YOUTH HELPER REQUIREMENTS

A Rover Youth Helper was previously called a Rover Instructor.

Extract from *The Rover Record Book*

Before being awarded the cloth badge containing the words "Youth Helper", which is worn above the right pocket, the Rover must:

1. Show that he/she is acting with the approval of the Crew as an instructor to any Section of Scouts Australia other than the Rover section or any section of the Guides Australia to the satisfaction of the Leader concerned.
2. (a) Have a knowledge of that Section's award scheme.
(b) Be able to instruct in the more general areas of that scheme and also in two specialty areas of the scheme.
(c) Show a reasonable knowledge of the current literature of the Section, i.e. handbooks, etc.
3. Age restrictions for Assistant Leaders within Sections apply to Rover Youth Helpers.
4. The badge is removed within six months of the Rover ceasing to be an Instructor.

Extract from Branch Policies, Rules and Procedures 2.4 (Youth Member Instructors/Helpers)

The following requirements for appointment as a Rover Youth Helper are additional to those laid down in the Rover Record Book:

- a. Rover Youth Helpers are over the age of 18 and are legally adults with a consequent "Duty of Care" responsibility and are accountable for their actions. They are therefore to be subject to the same checks (police checks, referees reports etc) as are adult leaders.
- b. The age limits for Rover Youth Helpers are 18 and over to assist the Joey, Cub and Scout sections and 21 and over to assist the Venturer section.
- c. Rovers must have assisted a section regularly for a minimum of 6 weeks before applying to become Rover Youth Helpers. However, if non-attendance can be explained by, for example illness or a crew activity, providing a minimum of six weeks has been spent with the section, this requirement can be taken as being fulfilled.
- d. The requirement to be able to instruct in two speciality areas of the award scheme, is to be interpreted as being able to instruct in all areas of two badges.
- e. As the Joey section does not have an award scheme, the Rover must demonstrate the ability to assist the leaders in the running of programs.
- f. Rover Youth Helpers are not required to sign the Volunteer Agreement but must abide by the Rover Code of Conduct.
- g. Notification of intention to become a Rover Youth Helper (or a helper in the contingency of a leader requiring interim assistance) must be passed to BRC within two BRC meetings through the Group Leader.

The completed application must be passed to the Branch Office as soon as possible to enable the appropriate police checks to be undertaken and consideration and approval by the Appointments Committee and the Branch Executive Committee