

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 the Assistant Chief Commissioner Group Support will be ex-officio members. Election of 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 Assistant Chief Commissioner Group Support.

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.
 - 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 expires on 31st December each year. Membership is renewable annually on the recommendation of the Fellowship Executive and payment of the appropriate fees.
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 Cottershield) or Group (e.g. Tri-Lakes Regatta).

FINANCES

11. Members must pay the prescribed Fellowship fee. Members must also pay the annual Branch registration fee, subject to any concessions, Group support or other subsidy that applies to a member. The annual 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 annual fee.

12. Finances will be controlled by the Fellowship Executive.

UNIFORM

13. 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:



14. 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 region badge.

REGISTRATION

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

ACTIVITIES

16. The Fellowship may undertake any activities consistent with its purpose and the principles of the Scout Association.

17. Separate groups (which may have overlapping membership) may be set up within the Fellowship to advance the special interests of members and facilitate their activities, e.g. security, catering, bushwalking, general service, technical interests, etc.

18. As a registered Section 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, and 26 November 2020.