



BYE LAWS

OF

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&

GUIDES

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

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SCOUT/GUIDE LAWS

1. A Scout/Guide is Trust worthy.
2. A Scout/Guide is Loyal
3. A Scout/Guide is a friend to all and a brother/sister to every other Scout/Guide.
4. A Scout/Guide is Courteous.
5. A Scout/Guide is a friend to animals and loves nature.
6. A Scout/Guide is disciplined and helps protect public property.
7. A Scout/Guide is Courageous.
8. A Scout/Guide is thrifty.
9. A Scout/Guide is pure in thought, word and deed.

THE BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BYE-LAWS

1. **Short Title :** These Bye-Laws shall be called 'The Bharat Scouts and Guides National Association Bye- Laws'.
2. **Commencement :** These Bye-Laws shall come into force on the date of approval by the National Council.
3. **Definitions :**
 - (i) 'Association' means the Bharat Scouts and Guides National Association ;
 - (ii) 'Memorandum of Association' means the Memorandum of Association of the Bharat Scouts and Guides ;
 - (iii) 'Rules' means the Rules of the Bharat Scouts and Guides ;
 - (iv) Words and expressions used in these Bye-Laws shall, unless otherwise provided in the Bye- Laws, have the same meaning assigned to them in the Memorandum of Association and the Rules.
4. **Membership :**
 - (i) Subject to the provisions of the Memorandum of Association and the Rules, membership of the National Association is open to citizens of India who subscribe to the Aims and objects of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, provided, however, any citizens of any other Nation may be admitted as a member as provided for in the Rules.

- (ii) The membership of the Association shall consist of four kinds, namely –
 - (a) General Members
 - (b) Life Members
 - (c) Ordinary Members
 - (d) Special Members
- (iii) The General Members are those mentioned in rule 4(2) (a) of the Rules of the Bharat Scouts & Guides
- (iv) A person who desires to become a Life Member shall present an application for enrolment as such and he shall pay along with the application not less than Rs. 10,000/- The applicant shall furnish in the application particulars such as his name, address, age, occupation, educational and other qualifications, services, if any, rendered to the Movement and an affirmation that he subscribes to the Aims and Objects of the Bharat Scouts & Guides.
- (v) The application shall be addressed to the Director, who shall place the same before the National Executive Committee at its next meeting; the National Executive Committee shall decide on the admission of the person as a life member and its decision shall be final.
- (vi) A person who desires to become an ordinary member of the Association shall present an application for enrolment as such and he/she shall pay along with the application an annual subscription of Rs.100/- or such sum as may be prescribed from time to time by the National Executive Committee; the applicant shall furnish in the application such particulars as his name, address, age, occupation, educational and

- other qualifications, meritorious service, if any, rendered to the Movement and an affirmation that he subscribes to the Aims and Objects of the Bharat Scouts and Guides.
 - (vii) The application for Life membership and Ordinary Membership must be recommended by two members of the National Association who are eligible to participate in the election of the Association at any level.
 - (viii) The application shall be addressed to the Director, who shall place the same before the National Executive Committee at its next meeting ; the National Executive Committee shall decide on the admission of the person as an ordinary member and decision shall be final.
 - (ix) The National Council or the National Executive Committee as the case may be, shall reserve the right of admission of any person respectively as a Life Member or an Ordinary Member.
 - (x) On admission, membership shall commence from the date of application.
 - (xi) As regards Special Members, the National Director shall maintain a Register of Roll of Members and the members of the Association shall sign in the Register and they shall be Special Members of the National Association for the purpose of Section 12 of the Societies Registration Act, provided, however they have not resigned or ceased to be members under the Memorandum of Association and the Rules.
5. **(a) General Meeting :** (i) Every Society registered under this act shall hold every year a General Meeting called the Annual General Meeting. The National

Executive Committee in consultation with the President shall decide the time, date & place of Meeting. Notice to members be issued not less than sixty days before the date of Meeting. The Director shall send the notice of the meeting by ordinary post under certificate of posting to the address of the members as registered in the Association.

- (ii) The notice shall be deemed to have been duly served on the date the notice is posted for which purpose the Director shall maintain a despatch register in which he shall enter the name and address of the member to whom the notice is sent and the date on which the notice is sent.
- (ii) The Director shall send copies of resolutions and subjects to be considered at the ordinary annual meeting not less than fourteen days before the date of the meeting, in the manner provided in Bye- Law 5, sub-clauses (a) (i) and (ii) above.

5. (b) Special General Meeting :

The National Commissioner or the National Executive Committee shall convene a special General Meeting in Consultation with the President to transact a particular purpose or purposes for consideration there of according to the rules and regulations of the society. The notice of the meeting along with the subject shall be sent to every member of the National Council twenty one days previous to the date of the Special General Meeting. The notice shall be sent in the manner provided in the Bye-Law 5(a) (i).

6. Meeting of the National Executive Committee :

- (i) The Director shall send notice of the meeting of the National Executive Committee not less than

twenty-one days before the date of the meeting; the notice shall specify the time, date and place of the meeting and the agenda for the meeting; the notice of the meeting shall be sent in the manner provided in Bye-Law 5, sub-clauses (a) (i) and (ii) above.

7. Conduct of Elections :

(1) Election of President, Vice-President and National Commissioner :

- (i) The President, the Vice-President and the National Commissioner shall be elected by the National Council at an ordinary meeting.
- (ii) The Director shall send notice of the meeting together with the latest list of members of National Council not less than sixty days before the date of the election and calender of events specifying the time date, place of election.
- (iii) Only a person eligible under the Rules shall be nominated for the office of the President or the Vice-Presidents or the National Commissioner.
- (iv) The nomination shall be made in Form-1 (vide Appendix).
- (v) The proposer and seconder shall be members of the National Council.
- (vi) The nomination shall be signed by the proposer and the seconder and the candidate.
- (vii) A member may subscribe either as proposer or seconder only as many nominations as there are vacancies.
- (viii) The nomination shall reach the Director who shall be the Returning Officer, not less than thirty days before the date of the meeting.

- (ix) A nomination which is not in the prescribed form, or which does not reach the Director before the time and date prescribed or which is not signed by the proposer, or seconder or the candidate or which contains the name of a person as a candidate who is not eligible to be nominated to the office or of a person as proposer or seconder who is not eligible to propose or second shall be invalid.
- (x) The Director who is the Returning Officer shall scrutinise the nomination on the date appointed for scrutiny and declare nomination as valid or invalid.
- (xi) The Director shall prepare a list of valid nomination and publish it on the notice board of the National Headquarters, and send a copy to the contesting candidate for information.
- (xii) Any candidate may withdraw his candidature by written intimation signed by him and delivered to the Director either in person or by registered post within the time and date fixed for withdrawal.
- (xii) On the expiry of the time and date fixed for withdrawal, the Director shall prepare a list of contesting candidates and publish it on the Notice Board of the National Headquarters.
- (xiv) If the numbers of candidates duly nominated is equal to the number of vacancies, the Director shall declare the candidates duly elected; if the number of candidates duly nominated is less than the numbers of vacancies, the Director shall declare the candidates duly elected and arrange for fresh election for the remainder of the vacancies and shall fix the time and dates for receipt of nomination scrutiny, withdrawal and poll, if necessary.
- (xv) If the number of duly nominated candidates is more than the number of vacancies, an election

- shall take place at the meeting of the National Council and the election shall be by secret ballot.
- (xvi) Every member shall have only one vote; where the number of vacancies is more than one, each member shall have as many votes as there are vacancies, provided, however, no member shall cast more than one vote for each candidate; no vote shall be given by proxy.
- (xvii) The ballot paper shall be in Form II (Vide Appendix) and shall contain the names of the candidates in the alphabetical order.
- (xviii) The ballot paper shall bear the official seal of the National Association and initial of the Returning Officer on each Ballot Paper such of the Ballot Papers which do not bear the seal and initials are liable to be rejected.
- (xix) (a) The National council shall at its annual Meeting decide the time and place during which voting shall take place, (b) The member who receives the ballot paper shall cast his/her vote in a compartment provided for the purpose and put the seal 'x' provided for the purpose against the candidates choice and imburse ballot in the ballot Box.
- (xx) On completion of the voting as fixed by a General Meeting the Returning officer with the Assistance of tellers shall count the votes openly before the candidates/Agents or the members present. The National Council shall nominate as many as required the tellers to assist the returning officer to count the votes polled.
- (xxi) A ballot paper shall be invalid :
 - (a) if it is not in the prescribed form and does not bear the seal of the National Association and initials of the Returning Officer; or

- (b) if it bears the signature of the voter or any mark by which the voter becomes recognisable; or
 - (c) if it does not contain the seal 'x' mark against any candidate or if it contains the seal 'x' mark against more than one candidate, in case where only one person is to be elected or if it contains more seal 'x' marks than the number of candidates to be elected to the office; or
 - (d) if it is not clear as to the person in whose favour the vote is cast.
- (xxii) A person who secures the highest number of votes shall be declared elected first and next highest number of votes obtained will be declared elected next if there are more than one vacancy.
- (xxiii) In the event of equality of votes, the decision shall be determined by drawal of lot.
7. (2) (i) Election of President, Vice-President and National Commissioner for the third and subsequent consecutive terms.
- (ii) if the same person is nominated for the office of the president or Vice President or National Commissioner for the third or any other consecutive terms, he shall be declared elected by simple majority.
8. **Election to the National Executive Committee:**
- (i) National Council shall elect from among the representatives of State Associations on the National Council, 25 members to the National Executive Committee, at least nine of whom shall be women ;

Provided, however, not more than two members one of whom shall be a woman shall be elected from any one State Association.

- (ii) The Bye-law 7(i) (ii), (iv) to (xvi) shall apply to such election.
- (iii) The ballot paper shall contain the names of the contesting candidates in column (1) arranged in accordance with the States to which the Candidates belong, in the alphabetical order.
- (iv) The Bye-law 7 (1) (xviii) to (xxi) shall apply.
- (v) The first nine women candidates who secure the largest number of votes polled shall be declared elected.

The National Council shall elect 25 members to the National Executive Committee from among the representatives of the State Association on National Council out of which at least nine of whom shall be women not more than two Candidates shall be elected from the same state.

9. Election of the National Treasurer :

- (i) The National Executive Committee shall elect the National Treasurer from among the general members of the Association.
- (ii) The election of the National Treasurer shall take place at the first meeting of newly constituted National Executive Committee.
- (iii) The Chairman of the National Executive Committee shall call for nominations for the office of the National Treasurer; the nominations shall be made from the floor; there shall be a proposer and a seconder and if there is only one nomination the person nominated shall

be declared elected; if there are more than one nomination then there shall be election by ballot and the person who secures the largest number of votes shall be declared elected.

10. Election of five members to the Finance Committee :

- (i) The National Council shall, along with the election of the President, the Vice Presidents, National Commissioner and members of the National Executive Committee, elect five members to the Finance Committee from among the general members of the National Council, at least one of whom shall be a woman.
- (ii) The Bye-laws applicable to the election of other office-bearers and members of the National Executive Committee shall apply with such modification as may be necessary.
- (iii) Every member shall have as many as five votes each, but only one vote shall be cast in favour of one candidate.
- (iv) The five candidates who secure the highest numbers of votes shall be declared elected.

11. All Bye-Laws now in force for the conduct of meetings and elections except those expressly and by implication repealed by the Bye-Laws 1 to 10 above shall continue to be in force until they are expressly altered, amended or annulled.

[Approved at the Meeting of the National Council held at the ASSEMBLY HALL of the National Headquarters of the Bharat Scouts & Guides on 26th November, 2000.

**APPENDIX
THE BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

Election to the office of.....

Nomination Paper

I propose the name of.....

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as a candidate for election to the office of.....

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Date

Signature of the proposer

*()

I second the name of.....
as a candidate for the election to the office of.....
.....

Date

Signature of the Seconder

*()

I.....am willing to serve, if elected

Signature of Candidate

*()

Note : * Please enter the name in block letters.

Form II

**THE BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES
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Election of the office of.....

Ballot Paper

Name of candidates	* Cross (X) Mark in favour of desired candidate
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

APPLICATION FORM

To,

The Director,
Bharat Scouts & Guides
Lakshmi Mazumdar Bhawan
16, Mahatma Gandhi Marg,
Indraprastha Estate,
New Delhi-110002

Sir,

I apply for admission as a Life Member/an Ordinary Member of the Bharat Scouts and Guides. Particulars are given below :

1. Name (in block letters)
2. Address
3. Age
4. Occupation
5. Educational and other qualification
6. Service done to the Movement
7. Affirmation

I hereby affirm that I subscribe to the Aims and Objects of the Bharat Scouts & Guides.

I hereby pay the sum of Rs. 10,000.
Rs. 100

Date_____

Signature of applicant

Recommendation

We recommend the above applicant for admission as a Life Member/an Ordinary member of the Association.

1. Signature of Member

*()

2. Signature of Member

*()

***Note :** Please enter the name in block letters.

Proposal Form

THE BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES

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(Honorary Life Member)

It is proposed that _____
be admitted as an Honorary Life Member. Particulars are
furnished below :

1. Name (in block letters)
2. Address
3. Age
4. Occupation
5. Educational and other Qualifications.
6. Meritorious Service rendered to the Movement.
7. An affirmation from the person is attached.

Date : NATIONAL COMMISSIONER

Affirmation

I hereby affirm that I subscribe to the Aims and Object
of the Bharat Scouts and Guides.

Date _____

Signature of person
proposed