

# Chapter 14 Other Matters

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### **Rule 14.1 Political Activities**

- a. The Scout Association of Malta is not connected to any political body.
- b. Uniformed members of The Scout Association of Malta, or individuals acting as representatives of the Association, must not take part in any political party meetings or activities that endorse any particular political party or candidate.

### **Rule 14.2 Citizenship and Participation**

- a. The aim of The Scout Association of Malta is to help young people prepare for and take a constructive place in society. Through its Training Programme, the development of a positive attitude to the needs of the community is encouraged.
- b. In pursuance of the Association's Purpose, each Member of The Scout Association of Malta shall, within the bounds of age and mental maturity, be encouraged:
  - to become involved in the processes by which decisions are made within the Association and to that end, to understand the organisation of the Association;
  - to become more aware of major social issues at local, national and international level;
  - to understand the processes of decision making by organisations and by Government, and to become aware of the individual's role in such processes.
- c. It is accepted that this will involve Members of The Scout Association of Malta in current social issues, some of which are controversial and may therefore have a political dimension. However, individuals representing the Association must not endorse any particular political party or candidate.
- d. If a recognised public authority makes a public request for volunteers to take action to avoid grave public danger or inconvenience, whether it arises from an industrial dispute or not, a Group Scout Leader may, with the consent of the District Commissioner and the Chief Commissioner, offer the services of Scouts provided that each individual participates voluntarily.

### **Rule 14.3 Expressions of Opinions of the Association's Policy**

- a. Members of The Scout Association of Malta may not express opinions on matters of Policy or on any other matter if it will appear that they are speaking or contributing on behalf of the Association when appearing on television, speaking on the radio or writing for or being interviewed by the Press, unless they have previously obtained permission to do so from Island Headquarters.
- b. Members of The Scout Association of Malta must not address correspondence on matters relating to Scouting or as representatives of the Association to any Presidential personage, Department of State, Embassy or Legation at home or abroad, to any Scout Association Headquarters abroad, or to the World Scout Bureau, World Scout Committee or World Scout Conference.

#### **Rule 14.4 Protected Badges and Designations**

- a. Except as authorised below, the following badges and all Scout designations are protected and may not be used without the prior permission of Island Headquarters:

##### Badges and Emblems

- The World Membership Badge
  - The Maltese Membership Badge (the Eight Pointed Cross with the World Membership Badge superimposed) and all badges that incorporate the Maltese Membership badge within the design
  - The Silver Dolphin
  - The Wood Badge Designations
  - The Dolphin Award
  - The name of The Scout Association of Malta
  - All designations of Members and appointments which incorporate the word 'Scout®'
  - The title 'Scouter'
- b. Under this Rule, the National Scout Executive may authorise reproduction of the following on flags, letterheads, forms, reports and other stationery, band instruments, signs and notice boards, publicity material, pictures of events or places connected with Scouting, fund raising items and items for presentation and Scout gifts:
- The Maltese Membership Badge;
  - The name of The Scout Association of Malta;
  - All badges of The Scout Association of Malta (excluding the World Membership Badge)
- c. The badges and designations permitted are restricted to specific items and quantities being ordered.
- d. This Rule does not empower manufacturers or printers to create stocks of items incorporating such reproductions.

#### **Rule 14.5 Transport – (to be transferred to chapter 10 when ready)**

- a. When Members or units of the Movement use their personal or unit transport on Scout activities, they should be aware of the current regulations affecting motor transport. Consent must be given by the parent/s and or guardians before the event/activity take place.