

14th October, 2016

NEW SCOUT UNIFORM – UPDATE

Dear Leaders & Members,

Once again the need has been felt to issue communication to all so that everyone has the same information about the transition to the new scout uniform. Please also refer to previous communication dated 16th May, 2016 to ensure that consistent information.

Over the summer months, national staff have been busy ensuring a smooth launch of the new uniform in conjunction with the chosen supplier, In Design (Malta) Ltd. Everything was set for the launch of the uniform except for the last batch of uniforms which unfortunately got held up in a container shipped on a vessel belonging to a shipping line (Hanjin Shipping) which recently filed for bankruptcy. The delayed shirts should be delivered to Malta by the end of November 2016 provided that there are no further delays. Hence for the time being, the new uniform will be soft-launched, knowing that the stock will be very limited until the delivery of the effected consignment. For the time being we wish to give priority to our Gozitan brothers and sisters due to the 100 years Rally on 30th October. Therefore, ID Malta will be able to guarantee availability of uniform items as from the end of November, with uniform being fully available for everyone from that point forward.

1) Official Presentation of the New Scout Uniform at Annual General Assembly

So as to officially mark the introduction of the New Scout Uniform, a staging of the complete uniform will be held during the Annual General Assembly which is being held on 20th October, 2016 during which the assembly members will be able to see the official uniform launch.

2) Soft Launch of the New Scout Uniform

Official uniform items (Long Sleeved Shirt, Cargo Pants, Smart Trousers for adults, Skirt) are available for purchase from the supplier (ID Malta) at their shop. We are informed that the sleeveless jacket (blue fleece gilet) should be available for purchase from December 2016 onwards.

ADDRESS : **ID Malta, Zebbug Road, Attard** (close to Thi Lakin School)

Nearest Bus Stop: Sewda

Google maps Location: <https://goo.gl/maps/2Y5Pk7bbNJH2>

CONTACT TELEPHONE (for queries) : **2700 8080 / 2149 8860**

ID MALTA OPENING HOURS:

Up to 29th October, 2016					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 - 13:00 15:00 - 19:00	9:00 - 13:00 15:00 - 19:00	9:00 - 13:00 15:00 - 19:00	9:00 - 13:00 15:00 - 19:00	9:00 - 13:00 15:00 - 19:00	9:00 - 13:00

As from 31st October, 2016					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 - 12:30 13:30 - 18:00	9:00 - 12:30 13:30 - 18:00	9:00 - 12:30	9:00 - 12:30 13:30 - 18:00	9:00 - 12:30 13:30 - 18:00	9:00 - 12:30

3) Scout Uniform Sizes

The official list stocked Uniform Sizes according to different cuts are listed in Annex 1 at the end of this circular.

As per May 2016 communication, any member requiring over-sized garment or any female Muslim members are to visit ID Malta to have their measurements taken. The tailor-made uniform will then be available for collection from the supplier in a few weeks.

4) Scout Badges & Placement

As from 1st November, 2016, official scout badges are available for purchase to all members, parents and leaders from the Badge Shop at IHQ, Floriana (On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30pm – 7:00pm). Badges requiring a certificate can only be purchased against the official certificate. Leaders can still make use of the Online Order Form introduced in January, 2016 and this is accessed through <http://scout.org.mt/scoutshop.html>

Shortly, visuals will be available to provide a graphical picture of the official placement of badges which is to be followed by all members and leaders.

5) Group Name Tags

We are pleased to advise that all Group name tags are in stock and are available for collection by an authorised leader from IHQ as from 15th October, 2016 at a price of €2.50 each pair VAT included.

Since the Association ordered in bulk the price was highly discounted as a one-time offer to the Association.

The cost price for future orders will not be as cheap and the price will depend on the numbers of name tags being ordered. Subsequently, the group will be able to order more Group Name Tags by sending an email to shop@scout.org.mt

6) Scout Uniform Belt

The belts will continue to be sold from the Badge Shop at IHQ, Floriana. Please note that a new supplier has been selected, with the first consignment expected shortly. More information on availability will be sent in due course.

7) Headgear and Bermudas - the way forward

Following detailed consultation with fourteen GSLs who jointly voiced their issues with certain aspects of the uniform, the National Scout Council has decided that (extract from the minutes dated 2nd August, 2016):

- *"The Executive Committee is to consider and discuss the introduction of bermudas as part of the new scout uniform with a view to be available in 6 months on pre-order for any section/age."*

Furthermore it was also recorded that :

- *"The NSC and EC do not find anything wrong with having headgear with the new scout uniform although this should not be the beret. Therefore this is to be opened for wider consultation and groups are to be asked to forward proposals in this regard. The parameters for consultation still need to be defined and are to include the need to have a common uniform across groups, headgear which is non-military and also cost considerations. A final decision is to be taken within a year."*

In this respect, Groups are invited to put forward their proposals in relation to the use of headgear with the new scout uniform in writing to hon.sec@scout.org.mt, preferably with a detailed description of their proposals, ideally supported with images. So as to reach a decision, the consultation period will run up to the 20th November, 2016. When submitting their proposals, we encourage groups to factor in the opinions of the youth members.

8) Band accessories - Board of review: update

Following the submissions received from groups who have a scout band, the Board of Review has met to evaluate the over 180 items and is looking to conclude its recommendations to the Executive Committee within the set timeframe of mid-October. Further information will be available in due course directly to those groups who submitted registration forms.

While it is hoped that the above information is clear, I remain at your disposal to answer any questions you might have regarding the above.

With everyone's cooperation we can look forward to the introduction of a standard uniform across our Association which is a unifying factor, just as our Founder would have liked to see!

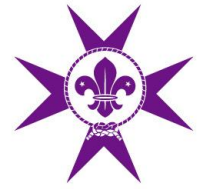
Yours in Scouting,

Leslie Bonnici
Chief Commissioner



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Annex 1

Uniform Sizes – Children Cut

Scouts Shirt Child	11.5
Scouts Shirt Child	12
Scouts Shirt Child	12.5
Scouts Shirt Child	13
Scouts Shirt Child	13.5
Scouts Shirt Child	14
Scouts Child Cargo Pants	20
Scouts Child Cargo Pants	22
Scouts Child Cargo Pants	24
Scouts Child Cargo Pants	26
Scouts Child Cargo Pants	28
Scouts Child Cargo Pants	30

Uniform Sizes – Male Cut

Note : Adults (Leaders and Rovers over 18 years) can choose between the ‘Cargo Trousers’ or ‘Smart Trousers’. Youths (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Ventures under 18 years) are to use ‘Cargo Trousers’. [Youths may use the ‘Smart Trousers’ only when participating in band events.]

Scouts Male Shirt	14.5
Scouts Male Shirt	15
Scouts Male Shirt	15.5
Scouts Male Shirt	16
Scouts Male Shirt	16.5
Scouts Male Shirt	17
Scouts Male Shirt	17.5
Scouts Male Shirt	18
Scouts Male Cargo Trousers	28
Scouts Male Cargo Trousers	30
Scouts Male Cargo Trousers	32
Scouts Male Cargo Trousers	34
Scouts Male Cargo Trousers	36
Scouts Male Cargo Trousers	38
Scouts Male Cargo Trousers	40
Scouts Male Cargo Trousers	42
Scouts Male Cargo Trousers	44
Scouts Male Cargo Trousers	46
Scouts Male Cargo Trousers	48
Scouts Male Smart Trousers	28
Scouts Male Smart Trousers	30
Scouts Male Smart Trousers	32
Scouts Male Smart Trousers	34
Scouts Male Smart Trousers	36
Scouts Male Smart Trousers	38
Scouts Male Smart Trousers	40
Scouts Male Smart Trousers	42
Scouts Male Smart Trousers	44
Scouts Male Smart Trousers	46
Scouts Male Smart Trousers	48

Uniform Sizes – Female Cut

Note : Adults (Leaders and Rovers over 18 years) can choose between the ‘Cargo Trousers’ or ‘Smart Trousers’ or ‘Skirt’. Youths (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Ventures under 18 years) are to use ‘Cargo Trousers’. [Youths may use the ‘Smart Trousers’ only when participating in band events.]

Scouts Female Shirt	6
Scouts Female Shirt	8
Scouts Female Shirt	10
Scouts Female Shirt	12
Scouts Female Shirt	14
Scouts Female Shirt	16
Scouts Female Shirt	18
Scouts Female Shirt	20
Scouts Female Skirts	6
Scouts Female Skirts	8
Scouts Female Skirts	10
Scouts Female Skirts	12
Scouts Female Skirts	14
Scouts Female Skirts	16
Scouts Female Skirts	18
Scouts Female Skirts	20
Scouts Female Skirts	22
Scouts Female Skirts	24
Scouts Female Skirts	26

Scouts Female Cargo Trousers	6
Scouts Female Cargo Trousers	8
Scouts Female Cargo Trousers	10
Scouts Female Cargo Trousers	12
Scouts Female Cargo Trousers	14
Scouts Female Cargo Trousers	16
Scouts Female Cargo Trousers	18
Scouts Female Cargo Trousers	20
Scouts Female Cargo Trousers	22
Scouts Female Cargo Trousers	24
Scouts Female Cargo Trousers	26
Scouts Female Smart Trousers	6
Scouts Female Smart Trousers	8
Scouts Female Smart Trousers	10
Scouts Female Smart Trousers	12
Scouts Female Smart Trousers	14
Scouts Female Smart Trousers	16
Scouts Female Smart Trousers	18
Scouts Female Smart Trousers	20
Scouts Female Smart Trousers	22
Scouts Female Smart Trousers	24
Scouts Female Smart Trousers	26