



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

POLICIES and OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES MANUAL

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W1. WORLD SCOUT EMBLEM.

W1.1 Statement.

- W1.1.1 The basic design of the World Scout Emblem is used by Scouts in all of the 216 Scouting countries and territories throughout the world. It is one of the more widely recognised symbols about the globe because it has been worn by an estimated 250 million former Scouts and is used by over 25 million present Scouts.
- W1.1.2 World Scout Emblem utilises the arrowhead surrounded by a rope in a circle, tied with a reef knot to symbolise the unity and the World Brotherhood throughout the Scout movement. The arrowhead and the rope are white on a background of purple, the colours chosen by the Founder, the late Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Gilwell. In heraldry, “purity” is the virtue most frequently symbolised by white, while the purple denotes leadership and helping other people.
- W1.1.3 In Scouting, the tips of the emblem represent the three main points of the Scout promise. The two five-pointed stars represent the original ten points of the Scout Law, and in some countries they also stand for truth and knowledge.
- W1.1.4 The arrowhead, as it is commonly know in Scouting, as selected by Baden-Powell from the “North Point” used on maps. The emblem helps to remind all Scouts that they are to be true and reliable as a compass in keeping the Scouting ideals and in showing the way to others.

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