

Colleagues,

Updates made to 'Policy, Organisation and Rules' (POR) this week will impact your Scout activities role and this summary is to highlight the amendments to note. Please follow the link at the bottom for full details of the changes which apply to your role.

The January 2015 POR publishes later this week including a number of changes to chapter 9, activity rules. Guidance documents have been amended to support these updates.

Please share this information with those who you know undertake Scout activities in these specialist areas.

Full details of all of the changes can be found at scouts.org.uk/activitiesupdates.

Here is a brief summary of these amendments:

Adult Groups

POR has been updated to reinforce the delivery of activities for mixed over and under 18 groups. The adult groups factsheet has also been updated to reinforce this.

Archery

Archery has been integrated into the Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme and we have given an implementation period to allow for the processes of appointing assessors and assessing individuals for permits to be established.

Boats and waters

A number of updates have been made to the rules relating to the inspection and use of boats and equipment, and the classifications and use of waters. The inspection schemes have been removed and are now placing emphasis on the operator of the equipment ensuring it is fit for purpose at the point of use. The ability for a commissioner to designate waters for training purposes have been removed, but to allow members the time to complete the permit assessment and issuing process we have allowed an implementation period.

Climbing

Following rule changes in Jan 2014 the revised permits for climbing are now available; this provides a structure for those operating on artificial walls. To support this all resources have been updated including new permits, assessor levels and assessment checklists. This does not affect existing climbing permits.

Nights Away

Rules and guidance have been updated to remove un-necessary barriers to nights away events whilst providing clarity and consistency. The key changes are the removal of restrictions for Beavers and Cubs taking part in nights away events, referencing to new processes such as recording on Compass, removal of the requirement to notify the host District Commissioner and reference to an appeals process.

Shooting

Rule 9.37 has been updated to simplify the wording where possible, reference has also been made to the management of cross bow activities (with an implementation period given to allow time for revising local processes).

Staged and musical performances

The rules referring to staged and musical performances have been simplified to focus on one rule 9.22, bringing more consistency to the way in which performance is managed within Scouting. To support this two new toolkits are available. The assessment process and requirements have been updated, and will become compulsory for all public performance, to support this change an implementation period has been allowed.

Regards,

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