

2013

Rules for National Camping Competition & Zonal Qualifiers



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The following rules apply to both the Zonal Qualifiers and the National Finals for the National Camping Competition in and after 2013.

- Rule 1: Each District may enter one Patrol comprising six Scouts, preferably from the same Troop.
- Rule 2: Districts **must** enter teams **within the age range of the Scout Section**. No member of the team can be older than **14 ½ years on the date of the Zonal/Final Competition**. All team members **must** be members of the Scout Section. Patrol members can be replaced from the Zonal to the Final where age prevents them from doing so.
- Rule 3: A Patrol of 6 Scouts would have a total age not exceeding **77** years as at 31st March in the year of the competition. All members of the team must **still** be members of the **Scout Section** on the date of the National Competition. If a District enters a Patrol of **less than 6** Scouts the combined age range will be dropped by **12 ½ years** for every member of the Patrol missing. All team ages will be calculated as at **31st March** in the year of the competition and will be based on a years and completed months basis.
- Rule 4: At registration, the Patrol Leader must supply on the appropriate forms:
- Competition Parental consent & medical form, giving personal details and allergies etc for each individual in the patrol. (this will be sent with joining instructions) However this information should be given to the organisers well in advance of the weekend
 - A menu for the weekend (to be left with the organisers) and
 - A list of patrol members, which includes ages and dates of birth.

 - Event Passport
- Rule 5: All camping gadgets must be made on site and should be useful. A maximum of six will be marked.
- Rule 6: Manufactured tables and forms are permitted and the patrols should be self equipped – excluding toilet facilities.
- Rule 7: Tents –
- Patrols should camp in the tents normally used by the Patrol. Either ‘Patrol Style Tents’ or Dome tents and/or hike tents are acceptable.
 - Where a patrol is of mixed gender separate sleeping tents **must** be provided. One tent should be suitable as a store tent.
 - Scouts should be familiar with their tents, as pitching etc will be marked.
 - **Any questions on this rule should be directed to SHQ.**
- Rule 8: Patrols will be in full Scout Uniform for arrival, formal inspections and departure. We would expect all members of the Patrol to be smartly turned out in their Scout Uniform. (kilts, smart trousers or activity trousers)
- Rule 9: All food to be supplied by the Patrol – with the exception of the Saturday dinner, which will contain meat / veg and fruit. Allergies will be catered for. (if notification is received)

beforehand) Patrols should provide a small quantity of food from each course as a 'taster' to the judges.

Rule 10: Patrols to book in by 1000 hrs on day one. All transport and Leaders to be clear of the site by 1030 hrs on day one.

Rule 11: All Patrols will be given a reasonable time to set up.

Rule 12: Meals

- Sat Lunch – packed lunch.
- Sat Dinner – Ingredients supplied by organisers.
- Sat Supper – as per the patrol menu. (*Hot drinks provided by the camp*)
- Sun Breakfast – a cooked Scottish Breakfast (include at least three cooked items)
- Sun Lunch – a light cooked meal.

Rule 13: Cooking will be, where possible, over wood on alter fires/ fire sites (*provided by the site*). All Patrols should also be equipped with gas stoves to be used as backup in case of adverse weather conditions.

Rule 14: All meals are marked (100 marks) with a maximum of 20 marks awarded for the method of cooking. If the judges feel a Patrol will fail to complete cooking their meal on a wood fire in the time available they may instruct the Patrol to cook the remainder of the meal on gas. The only marks lost here will be for the cooking condition (maximum 20) all other marks for the meal will still be available. **No cooking required for Saturday Supper.**

Rule 15: In addition to normal camping equipment patrols should bring:

- 10 scout staves (or equivalent)
- 10 lashing ropes
- 2 compasses
- Notebook and pen
- Basic firelighting equipment (all wood will be available at the campsite, therefore please do not bring your own supply)

Rule 16: Pits should not be dug (unless instructed). *A central pit will be dug by site team (where appropriate).* A suitable device should be provided by the patrol for the disposal of waste water. *Dry Waste should be burnt where possible, tins flattened then rubbish should be secured in bags.*

Rule 17: Judging will be to the level of the requirements of the Scout Training Scheme and camp craft as set out in 'Nights Away'. Scout initiative will also be included and marking throughout the event will recognise teamwork, leadership, scouting skill and knowledge, involvement and enjoyment.

Rule 18: The judges will be looking for use of a Patrol System control by a Patrol Leader.

Rule 19: The 'Bases' event on *Saturday and Sunday* is to include challenges for individuals, team working and initiative. Also there will be several fun bases.

Rule 20: Inspections:

- *Uniform – At registration a uniform inspection will be carried out*

- Full – full uniform worn, kit displayed to show appropriate storage of wet / dry items. Bedding to be aired if weather permits.
- Kitchen – includes all utensils, plates, mugs, pots, pans, food stores and eating areas.

Patrols will receive feedback after the first set of inspections highlighting good points and any areas for improvement / changes expected before the next inspection.

Rule 21: **The judge's decision on all matters is final.**

General Information:

- All Zonal Qualifiers will take place on the weekend of 22-23 June 2013 at Everton, The Barrwood and Daviot. The National Final will take place on the weekend 7 - 8 September 2013 at Meggernie
- Teams selected from Zonal Qualifiers will be invited to attend the National Camping Competition Final.
- A centralised marking scheme will be used at all Zonal Qualifiers and at the National Final.
- The **winner** from each Zonal event will gain automatic entry to the National Final and then **upto** 12 of the next highest placed teams will be invited to attend, assuming the minimum standard of 600 points from a possible 1000 has been achieved. **All teams will be notified within one week of the Zonal Qualifier.**
- While no specific guidance is given on the size of campsite pitch for a Patrol it is anticipated that the minimum site will be 10m (deep) x 8m (wide).
- Scout Leaders of participating Patrols will not be permitted onto the competition site unless invited to assist in advance of the event by the organisers. If, due to distance, Leaders stay on the campsite for the weekend they will be asked to camp in an area away from the main competition site.
- The National Camping Competition Trophy will be presented at 1500 hrs.
- No vehicles will be permitted on the site before 1430 hrs.
- Leaders, family and friends are welcome to attend the presentation.
- Patrols and Districts will receive, by post / email, feedback after the competition from the judging team at a later date.

Remember the event is designed to be enjoyed. Good luck and **Have FUN!**

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