



CONSTITUTION

and By-Laws of the
Uganda Scouts Association

December 2003

I. CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

Accredited representatives of District Scout Councils, Scout Unions and Scout Committees, which had adopted and practised the Scout Movement which was introduced in Uganda in 1915, assembled in Kampala, Uganda, in December 2003 and established the National Scout Conference for the coordination of the Scout Movement throughout the country, together with a Board, an Executive Committee and a Secretariat.

The present Constitution governs the operation of the Uganda Scouts Association in a kindred spirit of cooperation and friendship.

CHAPTER I

THE SCOUT MOVEMENT

ARTICLE I

Definition

1. The Scout Movement is a voluntary, non-political educational movement for young people opens to all without distinction of gender, origin, race or creed, in accordance with the purpose, mission, principles and method conceived by the Founder and stated below:

Purpose

2. The purpose of the Scout Movement is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Mission

3. The mission of Scout Movement is to contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society.

This is achieved by:

- Involving them throughout their formative years in a non-formal educational process;

- Using a specific method that makes each individual the principal agent in his or her own development as a self-reliant, supportive, responsible and committed person; and
- Assisting them to establish a value system based upon spiritual, social and personal principles as expressed in the promise and law.

ARTICLE II

Principles

1. The Scout Movement is based on the following principles:

- **Duty to God**

Adherence to spiritual principles, loyalty to the religion that expresses them and acceptance of the duties resulting there from.

- **Duty to Others**

- Loyalty to ones country (Uganda) in harmony with the promotion of local, national and international peace, understanding and cooperation;
- Participation in the development of society with recognition and respect for the dignity of one's fellow human being for the integrity of the natural world.

- **Duty to Self**

Responsibility for the development of oneself.

Adherence to a Promise and Law

2. All members of the Scout Movement are required to adhere to a Scout Promise and Law approved by the World Organization and inspired by the Promise and Law originally conceived by the Founder of the Scout Movement in the following terms:

The Scout Promise

On my honor, I promise that I will do my best -

- To do my duty to God and my Country;
- To help other people at all times; and
- To obey the Scout Law.

The Scout Law

1. A Scout's honour is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is loyal.
3. A Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others.
4. A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every Scout.

5. A Scout is courteous.
6. A Scout is a friend to animals.
7. A Scout obeys orders of his Parents, Patrol Leader or Scout Leader without question.
8. A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties.
9. A Scout is thrifty.
10. A Scout is clean in thought, word and deed.

ARTICLE III

Method

The Scout Method is a system of progressive self-education through:

- A promise and law;
- Learning by doing;
- Membership of small groups (for example the patrol), involving, under adult guidance, progressive discovery and acceptance of responsibility and training directed towards the development of character, and the acquisition of competence, self-reliance, dependability and capacities both to cooperate and to lead;
- Progressive and stimulating programmes of varied activities based on the interests of the participants, including games, useful skills, and services to the community, taking place largely in an outdoor setting in contact with nature.

CHAPTER II

TITLE, PURPOSE AND ORGANS OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE IV

Title of the Scout Association

1. The organization of the Scout Movement in Uganda is governed by this Constitution under the title of “Uganda Scouts Association”, hereinafter called the Scout Association, as an independent, non-political, non-governmental organization.

Purpose of the Scout Association

2. The purpose of the Scout Association is to foster the Scout Movement throughout Uganda by:
 - (a) promoting unity and understanding of its purpose and principles,

- (b) facilitating its expansion and development, and
- (c) maintaining its specific character.

**Organs of the
Scout Association**

3. The organs of the Scout Association are:
- (a) The Patron
 - (b) The National Scout Conference
 - (c) The National Scout Board
 - (d) The National Executive Committee
 - (e) The Uganda Scout Bureau
 - (f) The District Scout Councils
 - (g) The Scout Unions
 - (h) The Scout Committees

**CHAPTER III
MEMBERSHIP**

ARTICLE V

**Membership of
World Organization**

1. Uganda Scouts Association is the sole body controlling the Scout Movement throughout Uganda and is the National Scout Organization recognized as a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and accordingly agrees to adhere to the Constitution of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and, in accordance with the principles of democracy, and with decisions of the World Scout Conference.

ARTICLE VI

**Membership of the
Scout Association**

1. Membership of the Scout Association is open to all people in Uganda who agree to conform to the purpose, principles and method of the Scout Movement and pay a membership fee as determined by the National Scout Conference.
2. The categories of membership include young people, adults, supporters and corporates. Young people must take the Scout Promise and belong to these age groups 6-11years(Cub Scouts), 12-15years (Junior Scouts), 16-17years (Venture Scouts) and 18-25years (Rover Scouts). Adults aged 26 and above must take the Scout Promise and agree to support the education of young people. Supporters and Corporate Members do not have to take the Scout

Promise but they have to agree with the purpose, principles and method of the Scout Movement as conceived by the Founder.

3. To become a member of the Scout Association one must belong to a District Scout Council, Scout Union or Scout Committee which fulfill the requirements for membership.

ARTICLE VII

Requirements

1. The Authority to confer membership and recognize a District Scout Council, Scout Union or Scout Committee is vested in the National Scout Conference.
2. Only one Council from any one district or region can be recognized for membership in the Scout Association.
3. Membership of a District Scout Council, Scout Union or Scout Committee in the Scout Association requires:
 - a) Establishment and evidence of its operation;
 - b) Adoption of and sustained adherence to the purpose, principles and method as laid down by Chapter I of this Constitution;
 - c) Enrolment to be open to all who agree to conform with the purpose, principles and method of the Scout Movement;
 - d) Maintenance of the Association as an independent, non-political, voluntary movement of probity and effectiveness;
 - e) Registration with the Uganda Scout Bureau;
 - f) Regular payment for its registration or subscription fees;
 - g) Approval by the National Executive Committee prior to implementation of any by-laws by the District Scout Council, Scout Union or Scout Committee; and
 - h) Submission of quarterly reports and an annual report both programme and financial reports to the Uganda Scout Bureau.

ARTICLE VIII

Procedure

1. The Chief Commissioner shall investigate an application for membership by a District Scout Council, Scout Union or Scout Committee. If the Chief Commissioner considers that the requirements laid down by Article VII are fulfilled, he/she shall make the necessary recommendations to the National Scout Conference by post.

2. If within three months the recommendation is unopposed, or opposed by less than five per cent of the Member Councils, Unions or Committees the Chief Commissioner shall declare the District Scout Council, Scout Union or Scout Committee a Member of Uganda Scouts Association. If five per cent or more of the members oppose admission, the application shall be referred to the next meeting of the National Scout Conference, where admission shall require a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

ARTICLE IX

Suspension and Expulsion

1. The National Executive Committee may provisionally suspend the membership of any District Scout Council, Scout Union, Scout Committee or any specific individual member, in its opinion, no longer fulfils the requirements for membership. If the National Executive Committee maintains its suspension, the National Scout Conference at its next meeting shall hear the report of the National Executive Committee and invite the suspended member to make written or oral comments. The National Scout Conference has the broadest power to then decide on an appropriate action. If its decision is to expel the member, such decision shall require a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

Withdrawal

2. Any member (District Scout Council, Scout Union or Scout Committee) or any specific Individual may withdraw from the Scout Association by written notice addressed to the Executive Secretary/NEC. Withdrawal shall take effect on September 30 of the second year following that during which notice was given, subject to the member having at that date fulfilled all obligations arising out of its membership, including financial obligations.

Effects of Termination of Membership

3. A member, who for any reason, ceases to be a Member, shall no longer be entitled to the privileges and services of the Scout Association, to the recognition by its Members, and to the use of the emblems and other material associated with Scouting

CHAPTER IV
**THE PATRON, CHIEF SCOUT AND
REGISTERED TRUSTEES**

ARTICLE X

Patron

1. The Patron of the Association shall be the sitting President of Uganda, provided he/she is willing to accept the office. In the event of the President being unwilling to accept the position, the National Scout Conference shall elect a distinguished person to the office of the Patron.

Chief Scout

2. The Patron shall commission the Chief Scout on the recommendations of the National Scout Conference from amongst Scouters who will have rendered distinguished service to the Scout Movement and the community. The warrant of appointment shall be valid for as long as the person is willing to continue to serve in the capacity of Chief Scout.

**Registered
Trustees**

3. The National Scout Conference shall appoint three (3) Trustees who shall apply for registration as a corporate body whose name shall be The Board of Trustees of the Uganda Scouts Association. Trustees shall ordinarily be residents in Uganda and shall be elected for a term of four years, renewable for one further consecutive term unless they resign or are removed from office by a majority vote at any meeting of the National Scout Conference. Trustees shall not hold any other Scout office in Uganda.

ARTICLE XI

**Functions
of Patron**

The functions of the Patron are:

1. To promote, encourage and foster the growth of Scouting in Uganda.
2. To officiate/preside over International, National, Regional and District Scout Events held in Uganda.
3. To preserve and protect all properties and interests of the Scout Association holding in trust for children and Scouts of Uganda.
4. Where possible to lead and represent the Scout Association at International and Regional Scout Events held outside Uganda.
5. To commission the Chief Scout, Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the National Scout Conference.

6. To recognize and award Scouters for distinguished service to the Movement with the Patron's Award during the annual Patron's Day.

ARTICLE XII

Functions of Chief Scout

The functions of the Chief Scout are:

1. Foster Scouting in Uganda generally and watch over the interests of the Scout Movement throughout the country.
2. Keep the Patron informed of the developments within the Scout Association and the Scout Movement.
3. Appoint the Chairperson and members of the National Scout Board and Chief Commissioner of the Scout Association.
4. Recognize and award Scouters for distinguished service to the Movement with the Chief Scout's Award.
5. Chair meetings of the Arbitration Committee in case of disputes related to officers of the Scout Association.

ARTICLE XIII

Functions of Registered Trustees

The functions of the Registered Trustees are:

1. Perform these duties in accordance with the National Law governing Trusteeship.
2. Hold and manage all the movable and immovable properties of the Scout Association.
3. Sign, execute and affix the common seal of the corporate body to documents of the Scout Association in the presence of any two Trustees who will attest its fixing.

CHAPTER V

THE NATIONAL SCOUT CONFERENCE

ARTICLE XIV

Composition

1. The National Scout Conference is the governing organ of the Scout Association and is composed of all the Members of the Scout Association.
2. Members (District Scout Councils, Scout Unions or Scout Committees) are represented at any meeting of the National Scout Conference by a delegate

or delegates not exceeding six from any one Member (District Scout Council, Scout Union or Scout Committee).

3. The Conference shall elect its Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons from amongst Scouters of outstanding service to the Movement to serve for a period of five years, renewable for not more than one consecutive term.

ARTICLE XV

Functions of Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons

The functions of the Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons are:

1. Convene and preside over the meetings of the National Scout Conference.
2. Foster the organization and effective operation of the Conference.
3. Keep the Chief Scout informed of the state and activities of the Association.
4. Advise the Chairman of the National Scout Board and Chief Commissioner on policy and governance matters of the Scout Association.
5. Recognize non-warranted leaders of the Scout Association.

ARTICLE XVI

Functions of Conference

The functions of the National Scout Conference are:

1. To consider the policy and standards of the Scout Movement throughout the country and to take such action as shall further the purpose of the Scout Association.
2. To formulate the general policy of the Scout Association.
3. To consider applications for membership and decide as to the expulsion of Members.
4. To hold elections as provided in the By-Laws.
5. To consider reports and recommendations presented by the Chief Commissioner.
6. To consider recommendations brought forward by Members (District Scout Councils, Scout Unions or Scout Committees).
7. To consider proposed amendments to this Constitution and its By-Laws.
8. To exercise other functions resulting from this Constitution and its By-Laws.

ARTICLE XVII

Voting

1. Each Member (District Scout Council, Scout Union or Scout Committee) shall have six votes and, except as provided for under paragraph 2 of this

Article, resolutions shall be taken by a simple majority of the Members present or represented and voting. In the event of a tie, the motion is defeated.

2. Decisions concerning the admission of new Members (Article VIII, paragraph 2), the expulsion of Members (Article IX, paragraph 1), the determination of the annual registration fee (Article XXXIV, paragraph 1) and the amendment of this Constitution (Article XXXV), shall be passed by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.
3. A Member unable to be present at a meeting of the National Scout Conference may vote by proxy given to another Member, but no Member may accept more than one proxy.
4. In appropriate circumstances determined by the National Executive Committee, there may be a postal referendum to Members between meetings of the National Scout Conference where the same rules as to voting, majority and in the event of a tie shall apply.
5. Any Member who shall have failed to pay its annual registration fee up to and including the end of the fiscal year preceding the Conference shall forfeit its right to vote at that meeting of the Conference, unless remission or postponement of dues has received prior authorization from the National Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XVIII

Meetings

1. There shall be an annual meeting of the National Scout Conference at such time and place as the Conference may decide.
2. An extraordinary meeting may be called on the decision of the National Scout Board, or at the request of not less than one third of the Members.
3. The presence of one half of the Members shall constitute a quorum.
4. The National Scout Conference shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

CHAPTER VI

THE NATIONAL SCOUT BOARD

ARTICLE XIX

Composition

1. The National Scout Board is the supervisory organ of the Scout Association. Its members shall consider the interests of the Scout Association as a whole and shall neither consider themselves, nor be considered, as representing any particular Member (District Scout Council, Scout Union or Scout Committee).

2. The National Scout Board shall be composed of:

a) Voting members:

Twelve elected members, who shall be members of recognized District Scout Council, Scout Union or Scout Committee. They shall be elected by the National Scout Conference, by secret ballot, from a list of nominees submitted by Members. In no case shall more than two elected members from any one District Scout Council, Scout Union or Scout Committee serve on the National Scout Board in any one period. The Chief Commissioner is the thirteenth member of the National Scout Board.

b) Ex-officio non-voting members:

(i) The Executive Secretary/National Executive Commissioner of the Scout Association, who shall also be an ex-officio member of all subsidiary committees of the National Scout Board.

(ii) A National Treasurer, elected by the National Scout Conference.

Term of

Service of

Elected Members

3. Each member elected by the National Scout Conference is elected for a period of four years and can be re-elected once. After two continuous terms, a retiring member shall only be eligible for re-election after a lapse of four years.

Vacancies

4. Vacancies occurring amongst the elected members of the National Scout Board shall be filled for the remainder of the term still to be served by the resigning or deceased holder of the seat by the runners-up in order of election, at the election in which the resigning or deceased member was elected.

ARTICLE XX

Functions

The functions of the National Scout Board are:

1. To act on behalf of the National Scout Conference between its meetings; to give effect to its decisions, recommendations and policies; and to represent it at international and national events.
2. To promote the Scout Movement throughout the country by means of visits, correspondence, training courses and other appropriate action.
3. To advise and assist Members (District Scout Councils, Scout Unions or Scout Committees) in carrying out the purpose, principles and method of Scouting.
4. To accept the responsibility for the raising of additional funds.
5. To establish committees and sub-committees as required for the proper functioning of the Board and for orderly and effective implementation of the basic principles of Scouting as expressed in this Constitution and its by-laws.
6. To maintain relationships with other recognized members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, as well as national, civic and other authorities, religious and educational bodies, and
7. To exercise other functions resulting from this Constitution and its By-Laws.

ARTICLE XXI

Voting

1. Each voting member of the National Scout Board shall have one vote.
2. Resolutions shall be taken by a simple majority of the voting members present and voting. In the event of a tie, the motion is defeated.

ARTICLE XXII

Meetings and Committees

1. The National Scout Board shall meet once every three (3) months, giving a fourteen (14) days notice at such time and place as the Board may decide.
2. The presence of eight members having right to vote shall constitute a quorum.
3. The National Scout Board shall elect its Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons as provided for in the By-Laws.
4. The National Scout Board shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

5. The National Scout Board may establish, on a permanent or ad hoc basis, such subsidiary committees or other organs as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

CHAPTER VII

THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE XXIII

Composition

1. The National Executive Committee is the executive organ of the Scout Association. Its members shall consider the interests of the Scout Association as a whole and shall neither consider themselves, nor be considered, as representing any particular Member (District Scout Council, Scout Union or Scout Committee).
2. The National Executive Committee shall be composed of:
 - a) The Chief Commissioner, a citizen of high integrity, elected by the National Scout Conference, who is the Chairperson of the Committee.
 - b) The Deputy Chief Commissioner who shall be appointed by the Chief Commissioner.
 - c) The National Treasurer elected by the National Scout Conference.
 - d) Deputy National Treasurer who shall be appointed by the National Treasurer in consultation with the Chief Commissioner.
 - e) Other Assistant Chief Commissioners, not exceeding nine (9) appointed by the Chief Commissioner, for the duration of his/her term; at least two of whom shall be female and two shall be under 35years.
3. The Deputy Chief Commissioner and the other Assistant Chief Commissioners are chosen and appointed by the Chief Commissioner and report to him/her for the duration of his/her term.
4. At the end of the term, only the position of the Chief Commissioner shall be offered for election through the National Scout Conference.
5. All appointments at national level shall be ratified by a simple majority of the National Scout Board to remain valid.
6. The Executive Secretary/National Executive Commissioner is an Assistant Chief Commissioner. When he/she is salaried, he/she is recruited according

to the labour laws of Uganda and serves a term consistent with the content of his/her contract. As a member of the National Executive Committee, he/she is the secretary.

Term of Office 7. The term of office for the Chief Commissioner is four years, renewable for not more than one further consecutive term. The Deputy and Assistant Chief Commissioners can be re-appointed without any term limit.

Vacancies 8. Vacancies occurring amongst the members of the National Executive Committee shall be filled for the remainder of the term still to be served by the resigning or deceased holder of the seat through appointment by the Chief Commissioner.

ARTICLE XXIV

Functions of The functions of the Chief Commissioner are:

Chief Commissioner

1. To be responsible for overall leadership and management of the Association.
2. To supervise the execution of all directives and decisions of the National Scout Conference and the National Scout Board.
3. To keep the Board informed of the activities and progress of the Movement.
4. To issue warrants to Commissioners and similarly to withdraw such warrants.
5. To present a progress report for the preceding year at the annual general meeting of the National Scout Conference.
6. To represent the Scout Association to the public and other authorities.
7. To appoint the Executive Secretary/NEC and supervise the work of the Uganda Scout Bureau, as provided for within the framework of the budget approved by the National Scout Conference.
8. To make contacts, as necessary, by correspondence and visits in order to promote and to safeguard the interests of the Scout Association.
9. To exercise other functions resulting from this Constitution and its By-Laws.

ARTICLE XXV

Functions The functions of the National Executive Committee are:

of National

1. To act on behalf of the National Scout Conference and National Scout Board

Executive Committee between their meetings; to give effect to their decisions, recommendations and policies; and to represent the Scout Association at international and national events.

2. To promote the Scout Movement throughout the country by means of visits, correspondence, training courses and other appropriate action.
3. To advise and assist Members in carrying out the purpose, principles and method of Scouting.
4. To recommend the admission of Members (District Scout Councils, Scout Unions or Scout Committees) applying for membership, and to suspend provisionally the membership of a District Scout Council, Scout Union, Scout Committee or individual member .
5. To prepare the agenda and procedure of the meetings of the National Scout Conference, giving consideration to suggestions from Members.
6. To supervise the management of the Uganda Scout Bureau.
7. To approve the annual budget and financial statements of the Uganda Scout Bureau.
8. To accept the responsibility for the raising of additional funds.
9. To approve the by- laws governing members (District Scout Councils, Scout Unions or Scout Committees).
10. To grant consultative status to such organizations as may be of assistance to the Scout Association.
11. To decide upon granting of awards for services to the Scout Movement in Uganda.
12. To exercise other functions resulting from this Constitution and its By-Laws.

ARTICLE XXVI

Voting

1. Each voting member of the National Executive Committee shall have one vote.
2. Resolutions shall be taken by a simple majority of the voting members present and voting. In the event of a tie, the motion is defeated.

ARTICLE XXVII

Meetings and Committees

1. The National Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month at such time and place as the Committee may decide.
2. The presence of half the members having right to vote shall constitute a quorum.

3. The Chief Commissioner shall be the Chairperson of the Committee and as such chair all its meetings and proceedings.
4. The National Executive Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure.
5. The National Executive Committee may establish, on a permanent or ad hoc basis, such subsidiary committees or other organs as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

CHAPTER VIII

THE UGANDA SCOUT BUREAU

ARTICLE XXVIII

Composition

1. The Uganda Scout Bureau shall serve as the Secretariat of the Scout Association. It shall comprise the Executive Secretary/National Executive Commissioner (NEC) of the Scout Association and such staff as the Association may require. The Executive Secretary/NEC shall be appointed by the Chief Commissioner and shall be the chief administrative officer of the Scout Association.
2. The Uganda Scout Bureau shall consist of its national headquarters and such other Offices as may be established from time to time.

ARTICLE XXIX

Functions of

Executive

Secretary/NEC

The functions of the Executive Secretary/NEC are:

1. To direct the work of the Uganda Scout Bureau.
2. To appoint, supervise and remove the staff of the Uganda Scout Bureau, as provided for within the framework of the budget approved by the National Executive Committee. Such staff shall be recruited as per the Labour Laws of Uganda. Uganda Scouts Association is an equal opportunity employer.
3. To make contacts, as necessary, by correspondence and visits in order to promote and to safeguard the interests of the Scout Association.
4. To exercise other functions resulting from this Constitution and its By-Laws, and such other functions as the National Scout Board and National Executive Committee may delegate.

ARTICLE XXX

Functions of

The functions of the Uganda Scout Bureau are:

**Uganda Scout
Bureau**

1. To assist the National Scout Conference, the National Scout Board, National Executive Committee and its subsidiary organs in the fulfillment of their functions; to make preparations for all their meetings; and to provide the necessary services for the implementation of decisions.
2. To provide the services necessary for the promotion of the Scout Movement throughout the country, such as research and documentation, training, programme, public relations and publications.
3. To maintain relations with Members (District Scout Councils, Scout Unions or Scout Committees) and to assist them in the development of Scouting.
4. To promote the development of Scouting in districts where it does not exist, and to assist non-members (District Scout Councils, Scout Unions or Scout Committees) to attain the standards necessary for membership in the Scout Association.
5. To enquire into applications for membership, requests for aid and other similar matters.
6. To supervise the organization of international, national, regional and district Scout events in Uganda.
7. To maintain relations with organizations whose activities are concerned, inter alia, with youth.

CHAPTER IX

**DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCILS, SCOUT UNIONS AND
SCOUT COMMITTEES**

ARTICLE XXXI

Composition

1. District Scout Councils, Scout Unions and Scout Committees may be established in conformity with the requirements of this Constitution, comprising Members of the Scout Association so desiring within a geographical area, profession or religious affiliation to be defined from time to time by the National Executive Committee. There shall be not more than one Council, Union or Committee in each area.

**District Scout
Councils**

2. The Scout Movement in Uganda shall be organized into a number of District Scout Councils, each with an elected Chairperson, Vice Chairpersons,

District Treasurer and District Commissioner in accordance with Article VII of this Constitution. The District Commissioner in consultation with the other elected officials will appoint the District Executive Commissioner and Assistant District Commissioners. If in any area of the country it is found not possible or convenient to form District Scout Council, the Chief Commissioner shall make provision, as the National Scout Board considers necessary, for the well being of Scouting in such areas. The area of responsibility of each District Scout Council shall be well demarcated such that no area is covered by more than one District Scout Council.

**Scout Union and
Scout Committees**

3. Scouts in a distinct group, profession or religious affiliation can form a Scout Union or Committee to carryout activities and promote the Scout Movement in Uganda. The Scout Union or Committee must conform to Article VII of this Constitution and By-laws to be recognized as a member.

ARTICLE XXXII

**Functions of
District Scout
Councils, Unions,
Committees**

1. The functions of the District Scout Councils, Scout Unions or Scout Committees are:
 - (a) To further the Scout Movement by promoting the spirit of friendship, cooperation and mutual co-existence.
 - (b) To exercise such functions as are provided for in the by-laws governing the District Scout Councils, Scout Unions or Scout Committees.
 - (c) To ensure the proper implementation of the decisions and policies laid down by the Scout Association which affect the District Scout Council, Scout Union or Scout Committee.

ARTICLE XXXIII

**Relationships
between
District Scout
Councils, Unions,
Committees and
Scout Association**

1. The by-laws governing District Scout Councils, Scout Unions or Committees and any amendments thereto, must be approved by the National Executive Committee before entering into Force.
2. In the event of a conflict between the obligations resulting from the present Constitution and the obligations resulting from a constitution or other laws governing a District Scout Council, Scout Union or Committee, the obligations resulting from the present Constitution shall prevail.

CHAPTER X

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

ARTICLE XXXIV

Finances

1. Each Member (District Scout Council, Scout Union, Committee and their individual members) shall pay an annual registration fee at an agreed rate to be determined from time to time by the National Scout Conference, by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.
2. All funds shall be deposited to the credit and bank accounts of the Scout Association. Payments from these accounts shall always require two signatures of the designated persons. The official signatories of the Scout Association are Chief Commissioner (Principal signatory), National Treasurer, and Executive Secretary/National Executive Commissioner.
3. An audited financial statements shall be prepared annually not later than three months after the end of the financial year and these shall be presented to the National Scout Conference. The National Scout Conference shall appoint auditors of the Scout Association on an annual basis.
4. The year of the Scout Association shall run from 1st January to 31st December
5. The Association shall derive its income from membership fees, donations, grants, legacies, loans, trading and any other operations compatible with the principles of Scouting and the Laws of Uganda.
6. The Scout Association may acquire and dispose property in accordance with this Constitution and Laws of Uganda.
7. The National Treasurer shall prepare a budget for each financial year, in consultation with Uganda Scout Bureau and Chief Commissioner and present it to the Board for endorsement and submission to the National Scout Conference for approval.
8. District Scout Councils, Scout Unions or Committees may fundraise and manage their own funds but must send copies of activity and financial reports to the Uganda Scout Bureau not later than three (3) months at the end of the funded activity for consolidation into the Scout Association programme and financial reports.

ARTICLE XXXV

Amendments to the Constitution

This Constitution may be amended by the National Scout Conference at any of its meetings by a two-thirds majority of votes cast. Texts of proposed amendments shall be communicated to the Uganda Scout Bureau at least sixty days before the Conference date and the Uganda Scout Bureau shall send all the proposed amendments to all Members at least one (1) month in advance of the time of the meeting.

ARTICLE XXXVI

Interpretation

1. Any dispute regarding the interpretation of the provisions of this Constitution shall be referred to an independent Constitutional Committee appointed by the Chief Scout. Its decision shall be final.

Arbitration

2. In case of any dispute between officers of the Conference or Board, the matter shall be referred to the Arbitration Committee, which shall be an independent group of 3 people who shall not hold any Scout office at National level and shall be chosen by the Chief Scout. After resolving such a matter the Committee shall be disbanded.

Dissolution

3. The Scout Association shall be dissolved only at a National Conference meeting attended by at least two-thirds of members with voting rights. A Dissolution Committee shall then be set up to dispose the assets and liabilities of the defunct Association. A two-thirds majority shall be required for the validity of the decisions.

Commencement

4. This Constitution and its by-laws shall be deemed to have come into force whenever a positive response for its acceptance by the World Scout Committee has reached the Scout Association headquarters in Kampala.

II. BY-LAWS

BY-LAW I

THE NATIONAL SCOUT CONFERENCE

Section 1: Notice of Meetings

The notice of an ordinary meeting of the National Scout Conference shall be mailed by the Uganda Scout Bureau to all Members (District Scout Councils, Scout Unions or Committees) at least two months in advance of the opening day of the meeting and, in the case of an extraordinary meeting, at least fourteen (14) days in advance. The notice, to such extent as may be possible, shall include the agenda of the meeting.

Section 2: Agenda of Meetings

The National Executive Committee shall invite Members (District Scout Councils, Scout Unions or Committees) to suggest or propose subjects for inclusion in the agenda of an ordinary meeting of the National Scout Conference at least four months in advance of the opening day of the meeting. Any subject proposed by five or more Members (District Scout Councils, Scout Unions or Committees) should be included in the agenda in the form proposed.

Section 3: Credentials

The Uganda Scout Bureau, shall be in charge of verifying the credentials of delegates to the National Scout Conference.

Section 4: Quorum

The quorum at an annual meeting shall be one half of the members with voting rights. The same shall apply for extraordinary meetings.

Section 5: Nominations

Nominations for all positions to be elected by the Conference shall be in writing using the prescribed format and must be proposed and seconded by two members (District Councils, Scout Union or Committee) of the Scout Association. Such nominations must be received by the Uganda Scout Bureau not less than 60 days prior to the National Scout Conference meeting.

Section 6: Secretary of National Scout Conference

The Executive Secretary/NEC shall serve as Secretary of the National Scout Conference.

BY-LAW II
THE NATIONAL SCOUT BOARD

Section 1: Notice of Meetings

Notice of meetings shall be communicated by the Uganda Scout Bureau so as to be received by members of the Board at least thirty days in advance of the date set for the meeting. The notice, to such extent as may be possible, shall include the agenda of the meeting.

Section 2: Election of members

Four months in advance of the opening day of any Uganda Scout Conference, the Uganda Scout Bureau shall notify all Members (District Scout Councils, Scout Unions or Committee) of the vacancies on the Board to be filled by elections, and shall request Members to propose names of candidates no later than two months in advance of the opening day of the Conference. No subsequent additions shall be accepted. The nomination of candidates shall be made or endorsed by their Members (District Scout Councils, Scout Unions or Committees). The approved list of nominees shall be communicated to Members no later than 1 month in advance of the opening day of the Conference.

Section 3: Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons

The National Scout Board shall elect by ballot a Chairperson and one or more Vice-Chairpersons from among its twelve elected members. Their term of office shall be for four years.

Section 4: Consultants

The National Scout Board may invite any competent person, whose presence it deems useful, to participate in one or more of its meetings as a consultant and without vote.

Section 5: Conduct of Affairs

- a) The Executive Secretary/NEC shall serve as Secretary of the National Scout Board.
- b) Between meetings of the Board matters shall be submitted by the Executive Secretary/NEC to members for consideration by correspondence.

Section 6: Voting by Proxy

Members of the Board may vote by proxy given to another member of the Board but no member may accept more than one proxy.

BY-LAW III
INCORPORATION

The Uganda Scouts Association shall be incorporated in accordance with the Laws of the Uganda in order to enjoy the status of a juristic person.

BY-LAW IV
LANGUAGES

The official language of the Scout Association is English.

In the event of a conflict arising out of the interpretation of this Constitution, its By-Laws or any other official document of the Scout Association, the English text shall prevail.

BY-LAW V
AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

These By-Laws may be amended by the National Scout Conference at any of its meetings by a simple majority of the Members present and voting. Texts of the proposed amendments shall be communicated by the Uganda Scout Bureau to all Members at least sixty days in advance of the date of the meeting.

APPENDIX

ACCREDITED DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCILS, SCOUT UNIONS AND SCOUT COMMITTEES

1. In exercising its responsibility under Article VI and VII of the Constitution of the Scout Association, the National Executive Committee shall additionally satisfy itself that the National District Scout Council, Scout Union or Scout Committee is non-political and that, by the quality of its leadership, the organization of its leader training, the size of its membership and its resources, it is self-sufficient and capable of providing adequate services to its members and assuming all duties and responsibilities of a Member of the Scout Association. These conditions will ordinarily require a membership of the order of **500** or more in the case of a District Scout Council and at least 56 in the case of a Scout Union or Scout Committee.
2. A District Scout Council, Scout Union or Scout Committee which is non-political but which cannot meet all the above requirements, but would otherwise meet the requirements of Article V. 3 may, upon application and at the discretion of the National Executive Committee, be included in the Official List of Members of Uganda Scouts Association, and so reported to the National Scout Conference.
3. Members (District Scout Council, Scout Union or Scout Committee) placed on the Official List in accordance with paragraph 2 above shall be called an Accredited Member. The status of Accredited Members shall be governed by the provisions stated below.

A. RIGHTS

Accredited Members shall have the following rights:

- (1) To attend a National Scout Conference subject to payment of the Conference fees.
- (2) To be represented at a National Scout Conference by a maximum of two delegates and two observers.
- (3) To have the right of voice at a National Scout Conference, but not the right to vote.
- (4) To receive all the publications of the Uganda Scout Bureau, including circulars.
- (5) To receive services from the Uganda Scout Bureau and its other Offices, as practicable, in the form of visits, opportunity of participation in courses and seminars, as well as other types of assistance.
- (6) To attend world or regional Jamborees, camps and other gatherings.
- (7) To receive invitations to national Jamborees, camps and other gatherings.

B. OBLIGATIONS

Accredited Members shall have the following obligations:

- (1) Acceptance of and conformity with the requirements of the Constitution of the Uganda Scouts Association and its policies.
- (2) Payment of an annual registration fee of UGX 100,000 (One thousand shillings only), to be reviewed from time to time by the National Executive Committee. Payment by its individual members and units of an annual registration as follows:

| Category | AMOUNT (UGX) |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Units (open groups or schools) | 10,000 |
| Commissioners and Trainers | 10,000 |
| Scout Leaders and Rover Leaders | 5,000 |
| Rover Scouts | 5,000 |
| Venture Scouts | 2,000 |
| Junior Scouts | 2,000 |
| Cub Scouts | 2,000 |
| Corporate Members | 500,000 |

C. OTHER PROVISIONS

- (1) Nothing precludes an Accredited Members from being recognized, in due course, as a Member of the Uganda Scouts Association, if it fulfills the requirements laid down in paragraph 1 above and makes an application for membership.
- (2) A Member (District Scout Council, Scout Union or Scout Committee) which is eligible for membership of the Uganda Scouts Association in accordance with paragraph (1) above cannot have the status of an Accredited Member.
- (3) The National Executive Committee shall review, at intervals of not more than four years, the list of members granted the status of Accredited Members and take appropriate action.
- (4) The National Executive Committee shall have power to suspend or withdraw its accreditation of a District Scout Council, Scout Union or Scout Committee which, in its opinion, no longer fulfills the conditions of accreditation, and shall report accordingly to the Conference. Applications for the status of an Accredited Member shall be submitted to the Uganda Scout Bureau for consideration by the National Executive Committee.