

SCOUTING ASSOCIATION OF THE POLISH REPUBLIC

CONSTITUTION

CHAPTER I

Title, range and seat

- § 1. The Association - Scouting Association of The Polish Republic Związek Harcerstwa Rzeczypospolitej, in abbreviation ZHR, hereinafter called the Association, is registered and possesses legal status.
- § 2. ZHR carries out its activities on the area of Poland. The seat of its chief authorities is Warsaw.
- § 3. ZHR may establish local units on the bases stated by this Constitution.

CHAPTER II

Definition, purpose and method

- § 4.1 The Association is an ideological and educational organization encompassing children, youth, scout leaders & the friends of Polish Scouting. The educational ideals of the organization are determined by the Promise & Law .

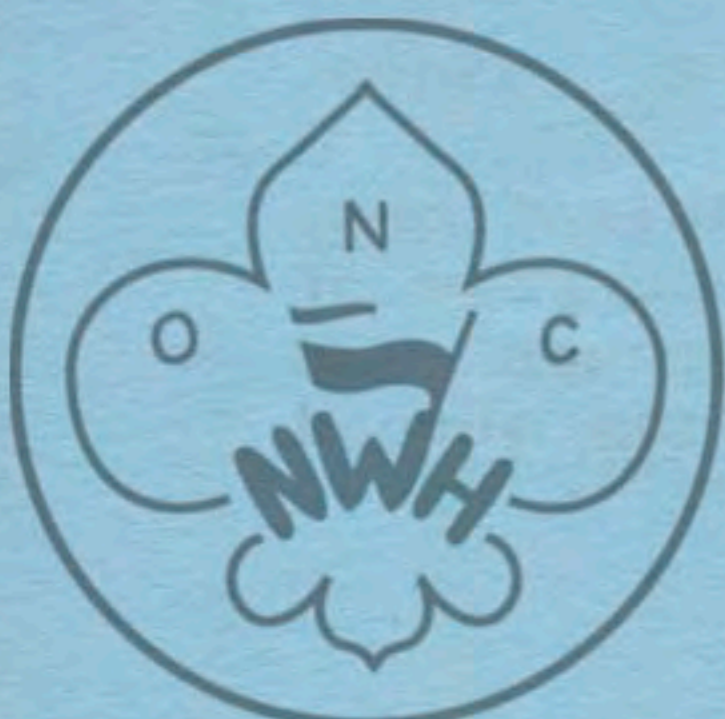
Promise & Law

The Promise

*I have sincere good will to do my duty to God and to Poland ,
to help others willingly and to obey the Scout Law .*

The Law

1. A scout - guide does his duty to God and to Poland and fulfills his responsibilities diligently
2. A scout's - guide's word is to be trusted like the word of Zawisza.
3. A scout - guide is useful and helps others.
4. A scout - guide is friend to all and brother to any other scout.
5. A scout - guide is courteous.
6. A scout - guide loves nature and makes his best to know it.
7. A scout - guide is well-disciplined, he obeys his parents and tutors .
8. A scout - guide is always cheerful.
9. A scout - guide is thrifty and generous
10. A scout - guide is clean in thought , speech and deed, he does not smoke cigarettes and drink alcohol.



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The Cub Promise

I promise to be good cub - brownie and always to obey the wolf law.

The Cub Law

1. A cub - brownie loves Poland.
2. A cub - brownie is brave.
3. A cub - brownie tells the truth.
4. A cub - brownie remembers about his duties.
5. Everybody is happy with a cub - brownie.
6. A cub - brownie wants to be still better.

When justifiable, the Chief Council may pass a regulation establishing another formula of The Promise and Law.

2. The Association brings up the youth on the bases of the Christian ethics. It is an organization open to all deep open to various world outlodes and authentic beliefs inspiring personal attitude in accordance with the Promise and Law.
3. The Association continues the tradition of Polish Scouting and it uses the traditional hymn, symbols and badges.
4. In its organization and the idea Association is independent from any political party.
5. The educational activity of the Association is based on the free work of its members.

§5. The purpose of the Association is

1. To bring up , by means of the scout method, brave, honest, active and self-sacrificing people in accordance with the Promise and Law.
2. To bring up young people to conscious citizenship in the sense of joint responsibility for their families, nation and country in the attachment to freedom and democracy, the respect for the views of others and the sense of value and dignity of a human being.
3. To further the scout ideals in the society by means of the Association's activity.

§6. Realization of the tasks takes place through:

1. Organizing members into units on the bases determined by the Constitution.
2. Training the members by means of the scout method.
3. Training instructors and patrol leaders.
4. Taking social actions, founding educational and training institutions which make it possible for the Association to carry out its activity and to popularize its ideals.
5. Informative and publishing activities.
6. Expressing , in public ,opinions about current issues, especially educational ones.
7. Expanding the Association's contacts with all organizations, the purpose of which in not contradictory to the purpose of the Association , especially with scouting groups and organizations in Poland, with scouting organizations abroad

and with the Polish the Polish Scouting outside Polish Republic (on exile).

8. Economic activity of the units.
9. Any activity inspired by the members of the Association provided that it is in agreement with the Constitution and possesses educational value.

CHAPTER III.

Members

§7. The members of the Association can be divided into:

- a) instructors
- b) participants
- c) cooperating members

§8.1. The instructors of the Association are the adults who are prepared for the educational work and fulfill the require ments of the regulations.

2. Instructors are admitted ,dismissed and punished by the regional-troop-scoutmaster or by the scoutmaster-in-chief in accordance with the regulations.

§9.1. The participants of the Association are organized into cub-groups , brownie-groups, scout & guide - groups and instructor circles.

2. Participants are admitted by the group - leader .
3. In the case of minors their parents or foster-parents allowance is required before the act of admission.
4. Admission,dismissal,punishment and expulsion of participants is carried out on the bases of the regulation passed by the Chief Council.

§10. The cooperating members

1. The cooperating members are adults who assist the activity of the Association.The cooperating members encompassed in the Friends of Polish Scouting (KPH) or registered by the authority of the unit with which they cooperate.
2. The cooperating members are admitted and dismissed by the authority responsible for registration.

§11. Rights of members

1. Every member of the Association has the right to take advantage of all the appliances and institutions of the Association and to take part in the life of the organization, provided that he adheres to the Constitution and the regula tions.
- 2.a) All the instructors have the passive right to vote to all authorities of the Association excluding the duties of the President , The Commissioner Girl Guides and The Commissioner Boy-Scouts, The Chief of the Regional Troop which can be fulfilled only by the instructors in the rank of the scout-master to which they have been promoted in accordance with the regulations.
- b) The instructors who fulfill a strictly assigned duty - appointed or elected by a collective body to fulfill exactly determined educational assignment in the Association have, in addition the active right to vote to all the authorities.

§12.Duties of members

1. Every member's duty is to :
 - a) adhere to the Constitution and regulations of the Association.
 - b) pay his registration fee
2. The duty of an instructor is also
 - a) to adhere to the Scout Law
 - b) to participate in the educational activity of the Association.
3. The duty of a participant is also
 - a) to adhere to the Scout Law (Cub Law)
 - b) to participate in the activities of his unit

§13. 1. The authority who has the right to admit members , may expel them from the Association.

- a) If a member constantly or in a crass way does not fulfil the duties laid down by §12.
 - b) If a member does not pay his registration fee for more than a year.
2. If expelled the member has a month to appeal his case to the Scout Jury.
 3. Members of the Association have the right to withdraw from the Association after having fulfilled all their duties(if they have any).

§14. A member of ZHR is not allowed to belong to any other ideological and educational scout organization.

CHAPTER IV

Chief authorities

§15. The chief authorities of ZHR are:

- a) General Conference -
- b) The Chief Council
- c) The President
- d) The Headquarters
- e) Girl Guides Commissioner
- f) Boy-Scouts Commissioner
- g) The Revisory Commission
- h) The Scout Jury

§16.1. The General Conference

...is the supreme authority of The Association

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- a) to decide about the fundamental issues concerning ideology, education ,program and organization of the Association.
- b) to elect the Chief Council, The President, The Girl-Guide-Commissioner and the Boy-Scout Commissioner , the Revisory Commission and the Scout Jury.
- c) to accept the accounts of the Chief Council, The Headquarters, the Revisory Commission § the Scout Jury.
- d) to vote the acceptance of the accounts
- e) to pass any modification of the Constitution
- f) to decide about dissolution or division of the Association
- g) to decide about fusion with other organization

The participation in the Conference is allowed to

- a) the delegates of the instructors who fulfil any duty in the Association, elected in accordance with the regulation

- b) passed by the Chief Council
- b) by virtue of their office, members of the Chief Council, The Headquarters , the Revisory Commission and the Scout Jury.

4. General Conference is valid if provided that more than half of the elected delegates is present.

5. An Ordinary Conference is summoned biannually by the Headquarters.

6. An extraordinary General Conference is summoned by the Headquarters on its own initiative or on the claim of the Chief Council, the Revisory Commission or on a written demand of 50% of the delegates on the last ordinary Conference, no later than two month after the demand has been received.

§17. The Chief Council

1. Between Conferences the supreme authority is the Chief Council.

2. The Chief Council is competent

- a) to appoint two V-ce Presidents, Secretary General, and Treasurer and 4 members of the Headquarters elected out of the instructors of the Association.
- b) to interpret the Constitution and the resolutions of the General Conference.
- c) to pass the regulations of the Chief Council, the Headquarters, the General regulation of the Friends of Polish Scouting and the cooperating members and to establish the general lines for other by-law of the Association.
- d) to supervise the activity of the Headquarters
- e) to supervise financial policy of the Association
- f) to pass the budget and to establish a per-capita rate of the registration fee.
- g) to elect the Girl Guide Commissioner and Boy-Scout Commissioner in case of the vacancies between conferences.

3. The Chief Council consists of 22 members, the President, Boy-Scout Commissioner, Girl Guide Commissioner and the Presidents of Regions elected by the Conference.

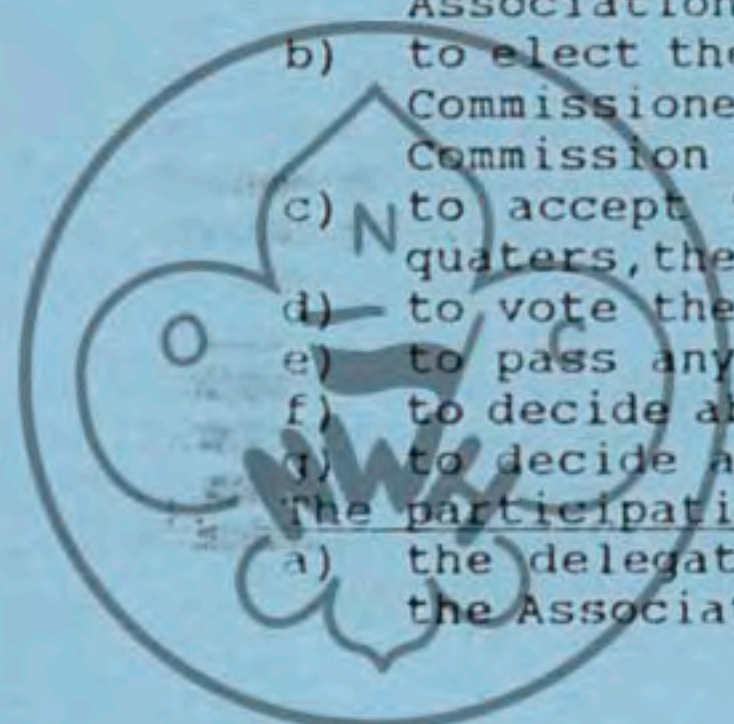
4. The members of the Council are elected by the General Conference out of instructors for two years : if a member of a Council resigns , the vacancy is filled by a coaptation from among the instructors of the Association. The number of the coopted members may not surpass one third of the number of the Council.

5. Meetings of the Council are held not more rarely than every third month. They are summoned by the President or one of the Vice Presidents. On the demand of at least one third of the Chief Council the President or one of the Vice Presidents is obliged to summon an extraordinary meeting in two weeks since the reception of the demand.

§18. The Headquarters

1. The Headquarters are competent

- a) to supervise the current activities of the Association.
- b) to abolish or suspend the decisions contrary to the Constitution, the laws of Conferences or regulations of the Association, enacted by the authorities of the



organization dependent on it. Every such case may be appealed to the Revisory Commission on the bases laid down by its regulation.

- c) to pass regulations, by-laws and instructions excluding those laid down by §18.2; §21.5; §22.4.
 - d) to prepare projects of the budget law of the Association
 - e) to prepare the account of its activities to the Chief Council annually and the Conference biannually.
2. The Headquarter consist of : the President, two vice Presidents, Girl Guide Commissioner, Boy-Scouts Commissioner, the Secretary General, the Treasurer and 4 members of the Headquarter.
 3. Meetings of the Headquarter are summoned by the President or one of the Vice Presidents .The meetings are valid if the presence of its five members provided that the President or one of the Vice Presidents is in that number.

§19 The President

The President supervises the activities of the Association and especially

- a) presides over meetings of the Chief Council and the Headquarters
- b) represents the Association outside
- c) is the superior of the Girl Guide Commissioner § Boy-Scouts Commissioner.

§20. The Girl Guide Commissioner supervises the activities of Girl Guide and the Boy-Scouts Commissioner - of the Boy- Scouts.

§21. The Revisory Commission

1. The Revisory Commission controls the financial policy of the Association and the accordance of the authorities , and units activity with the Constitution and the regulations of the Association.
2. During General Conference the Revisory Commission presents its account with the motion to vote the acceptance of the accounts of the Headquarters and the Chief Council,
3. a) The Commission consists of 7 members elected by General Conference for two years.
b) The members of the Commission elect from among themselves the Chairman the Vice Chairman and the secretary of the Commission.
4. In the case of resignation of a member of the Commission the vacancy is filled by coaptation from among the delegates on the last General Conference.
5. The Commission work on the bases of its own regulation.

§22.The Scout Jury

1. The Scout Jury is the supreme judicial authority of the Association.
2. The Jury is competent
 - a) to consider the appeals of the members mentioned in §7 a.c. in some other way expelled from the Association or punished by the authorities .
 - b) to judge all the altercations between the members of the Association mentioned in §7a.c. and between the members and the authorities of the Association.
3. a) The Jury consists of 5 members elected by General Conference from among the instructors of the Association.
b) The members of the Jury elect from among themselves the chairman ,the vice-chairman and the secretary of the Jury.

4. In the case of resignation of a member of the Scout Jury the vacancy filled by a coaptation from among the delegates on the last General Conference.
5. The Scout Jury works on the bases of its own regulation.

§23.1. All the judicial activities in the name of the Association are undertaken by the President with other members of the Headquarters or two members of the Headquarters entitled by the Headquarters.

2. The Headquarters can entitle other persons to undertake such activities in the name of the Association.

§24.1. All the authorities of the Association are elected and they do not receive salaries for their work.

2. All elections are secret and the number of the candidates is not limited.
3. The functions of: the Chief of the District Troop, the Chief of the Regional Troop, a member of the Headquarters and the Chief Council cannot go with the membership of the executives of any political party.
4. All the authorities are elected for two years.
5. It is not allowed to perform the same functions for more than two terms of the office.
6. All the resolutions of the authorities of the Association are taken by simple majority of at least a half of the members who have the right to vote, unless the Constitution states otherwise.

§25. Decisions concerning all the questions not mentioned in the Constitution and the by-laws are to be made by the leader of a unit.

CHAPTER V

Regional Units of the Association

- §26.1. Territorial the Association is divided into regions which are territorial units of the organization and they possess legal status .The units are created and liquidated by the Chief Council of ZHR. Every regional unit consists of the regional troops and the Friends of Polish Scouting acting on its territory.
2. The authority of the region are : the Headquarters of the Region , the Revisory Commission of the Region. Their activities and competencies are determined by their regulations.

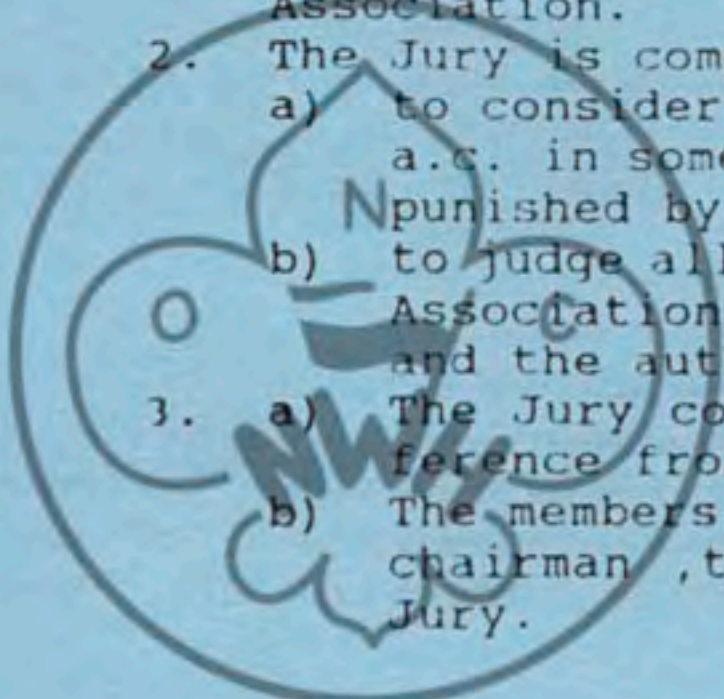
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Composition

§27. ZHR consists of the Girl Guides and the Boy-Scouts

- §28. 1 The head of the Girl Guides is the Girl Guide Commissioner of the Boy-Scouts is the Boy-Scouts Commissioner.
2. The organ of the Girl Guides Commissioner's activity is the Girl Guides Headquarter of the Boy-Scouts Commissioner's activity - the Boy-Scouts Headquarters.

§29. The Girl Guides and The Boy-Scouts consists of regional troops, the regional troop consists of district troops. The district troop consists of Cub groups, Scout or Guide groups senior scout circles and instructor circles.



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- §30. 1. The activity of a group is supervised by its leader, the activity of a circle - by a chairman
2. The activity of a Girl Guides district troop is supervised by a Girl Guides District Commissioner. The activity of a Boy-Scout District troops is supervised by Boy-Scout District Commissioner.
3. The activity of a Girl Guide Regional Troop is supervised by a Girl Guide Regional Commissioner. The activity of a Boy-Scouts Regional Troop is supervised by a Boy-Scout Regional Commissioner.
4. The thorough bases of creation, dissolution and activity of units and the bases of appointment of the leaders, Chairman & Commissioners are laid down by the regulations passed by the Headquarters.

- §31. 1. The Friends of Polish Scouting act attached to organizational units of the Association and to the President of the Association.
2. The Friends of Polish Scouting (KPH) must consist of at least 10 cooperating members. The District Commissioner in extraordinary cases has the right to lower the minimal number of the Friends of Polish Scouting attached to a group, down to 5 members.
3. The General regulation concerning the cooperating members and the Friends of Polish Scouting is passed by the Chief Council.

§32. The organizational units of the Association can appoint their chaplains in agreement with the appropriate Church superiors. The way of appointment and the competence of a chaplain is determined by the regulation of the Association.

CHAPTER VII

Group associations and programmatic-methodical movements

- §33. 1. The active members of the Association are free to take any educational activity.
2. Voluntary group associations and the programmatic-methodical movement uniting members and units of the Association are allowed to work within the Association.
- §34. 1. The movement can have district, regional or Association-wide character. They constitute the plane for the exchange of experience and furthering interesting initiatives concerning the programme & method, they are the natural plane of cooperation of the technical groups.
2. The purpose and the bases of activity of such movements are stated in their regulations which should be implemented by an appropriate authority of the Association the implementation and the announcement of such a regulation is with the approval of its activity.
3. The appropriate authority is understood as
- a) The Chief Council - for the Associational-wide movements
 - b) The Headquarters - for the regional or district movements
4. Refusal should be substantiated. The case can be appealed to the Revisory Commission on the bases laid down by its regulations.

- §35. 1. The group associations can be created - in accordance with

the regulations of ZHR - in order to preserve her organizational unity of a given group (a quarter-troop called "szczep" or in a district where the district troops cannot be yet created.

2. The group associations within the Girl Guides are implemented by the Girl Guide Commissioner within Boy-Scouts the Boy-Scout Commissioner. The interorganizational groups are implemented by the Headquarters.

CHAPTER VIII

Financial policy

- §36. 1. The property of the Association consists of movables, immovables and funds.
2. The funds come from;
- a) registration fees
 - b) the constitutional activity income
 - c) allocations, donations and public generosity
 - d) the property income
 - e) economic activities

CHAPTER IX

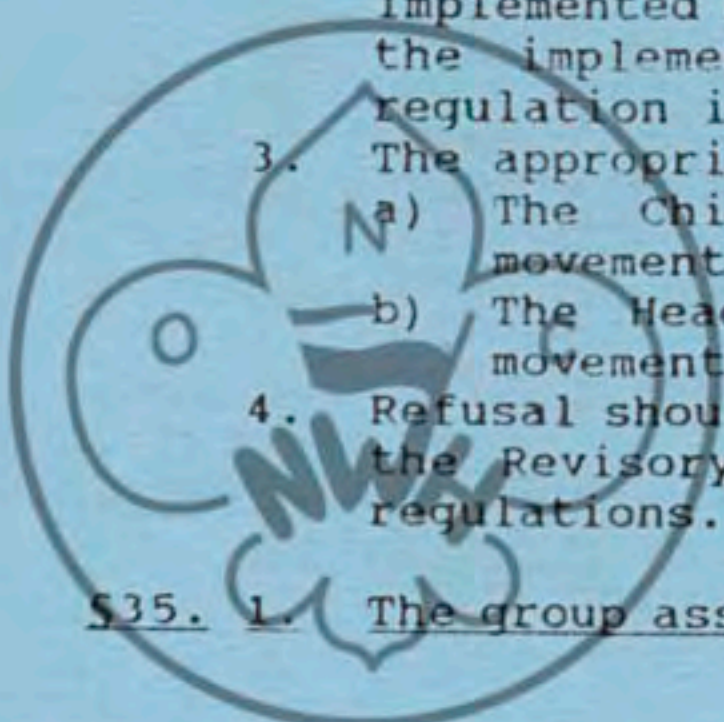
Change of the Constitution and dissolution of the Association.

- §37. 1. The resolution concerning changes of the Constitution dissolution or division of the Association and fusion with other organizations can be taken only by General Conference with the qualified majority of two thirds of votes in the presence of at least a half entitled to vote.
2. General Conference which makes the decision about dissolution of the Association decides also about transference of its property.

CHAPTER X

Final regulations

- §38. 1. Until February 28 1991 the co-educational district troops are allowed to work.
2. The decision about the organizational dependence of the units mentioned in §1. are made by the Headquarters.
3. The transformation of the hitherto existing regional troops into regional units should in accordance with the Chief Council decision have been carried out until March.1.1991
4. Up to the moment of creation of the Girl Guides troops, the activities of the Girl Guides on a given territory are supervised by the Girl Guide Commissioner's deputy appointed by her, the competence of the deputy is determined by the Headquarters in a regulation.



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