

# 12<sup>th</sup> World Scout Moot



Internal Rules

**Scouts of China**

**Jul 30 – Aug 10 2004, Taiwan**

## **1. Introduction**

The World Scout Moot (WSM) is a place of gathering, friendship and sharing for Rovers and young leaders, in the context of the values embedded in the Scout Principles, Promise and Law.

During 12 days, thousands of very different people will live together and will have the opportunity to discover each other's way of acting, thinking and living. It is very important that all the participants in the WSM and members of the various staff bodies behave in the appropriate way as this will enhance our inter-cultural and inter-personal exchanges and contribute to the success of this event.

Participants, leaders or staff members are invited to keep to the rules listed below. Those who fail to observe these rules in any situation will be subject to disciplinary measures. Any cost arising from such measures will be the responsibility of the person/s or involved.

The WSM Committee will evaluate any problems or cases where these rules have been disregarded and will involve the Heads of Contingent in the actions to be taken.

No complaints or request for compensation will be accepted for ceasing to participate in activities because of disciplinary measures.

The WSM Committee will also consider and evaluate any omissions or exceptional cases that are not addressed by these current rules.

## **2. Clothing**

Scout uniform must be worn for official occasions, such as:

- Opening Ceremony
- Inter-Religious Ceremony
- Closing Ceremony

It is up to each Contingent Leader or Coordinator to decide other occasions when the uniform should be worn. Apart from that, any other proper and suitable clothing should be worn with the WSM scarf. Out of respect for different cultures, participants must be appropriately covered in all circumstances.

## **3. Interpersonal Relations**

It is forbidden to indulge in attitudes, actions or activities, which go against the physical, psychological or moral integrity of a person, or which may damage his or her emotional stability. Participants are expected to show mutual respect and not display attitudes of intimacy in public.

## **4. Punctuality**

It is essential for the proper organization of the different activities that everybody arrives at the correct time stated in the established timetables, in order to ensure that everybody is capable of carrying out their activities.

Necessary exceptions from the above mentioned timetables will be made and communicated in due time before their implementation.

## **5. Commerce and gambling.**

Only such commerce expressly authorized and promoted by the event organizers will be allowed during the event. Gambling is not allowed at any time.

## **6. Swapping**

Swapping of badges or other collector items for commercial gain is forbidden. In case of disregard

to this rule all items will be confiscated. Swapping accepted and encouraged, providing the deal is fair, undertaken in the Scouting spirit and neither side gains commercially.

## **7. Substance abuse**

### *Alcohol*

For health, educational and safety reasons the WSM is a non-alcohol event. Therefore it is not permitted to carry, consume or sell alcoholic drinks (drinks containing more than 1% alcohol by volume) during the event. The Risk Management services may search participant's property - preventively or for given reasons - and confiscate alcoholic drinks, which will not be returned.

### *Tobacco*

For health, educational and safety reasons the WSM is a no-smoking event. Therefore nobody is permitted to smoke during the event's activities. Smoking is only allowed during rest periods and in areas specifically set aside and marked for this purpose ("smoking areas").

### *Drugs*

Possession, consumption or supply of any kind of illegal drugs (other than for medical reasons) is strictly forbidden by the Taiwanese law and can be up to capital punishment. Anyone found in possession of, consuming or supplying such substances will be expelled from the WSM immediately.

### *"National Specialities"*

The event's organisers highly recommend to refrain from the consumption of "*national specialities*" (e.g. *bitter nuts, snorting tobacco, maté, coco leafs or water pipe*), which might cause irritation or confusion to other cultures.

## **8. Weapons**

It is not permitted to bring onto the WSM site, or to possess, any kind of weapons such as firearms or knives with blades longer than 15cm (approximately 6 inches). Weapons will be confiscated. They may be returned, upon request of the Head of Contingent, at the end of the event. When not in use all knives must be safely stored.

## **9. Swimming**

Swimming is only permitted according to the programme and in the marked areas and under the supervision of life guards.

## **10. Damage and Losses**

Participants will be personally responsible for damages to property resulting from improper actions and their consequences. Serious assault or theft will result in an immediate expulsion from the WSM without exception.

## **11. Fire**

It is not allowed to ignite open flames (campfire, candles, etc) apart from those planned in the programme at appropriate sites. Only electric or gas lights may be used for lighting in camp. Fire works are not permitted under any circumstances on site unless exceptional approval has been given by the Risk Management, Fire Services.

## **12. Identification**

All participants, staff and on-site visitors will receive a WSM-ID card. Those who received a scarf upon arrival are requested to wear it clearly visible at all times. The WSM-ID card and the scarf are personal, and must not be exchanged. The only exception to this rule is for higher safety reasons, e.g. while swimming.

## **13. On-Site Presence**

The permanent presence of the participants on the site/s of the activities is obligatory throughout the event. In case of emergency, the WSM Staff must be able to locate all participants.

Only the camp chief may authorize those persons, who do not have a permission to leave the events site due to their credentials, when there is sufficient reason to do so.

The only exception to this rule is for (medical) emergencies, which will be officially declared by Risk Management (Health Care staff).

#### **14. Traffic control – Dong Hwa Village**

Generally there are no motor driven vehicles allowed on-site during the day (from 06:00 until midnight) except security vehicles, fire engines and ambulances.

A small number of clearly marked and registered vehicles may get a permission to enter the site during the day, if there is a real logistical need.

During the night (from midnight until 06:00) a minimized number of clearly marked and registered vehicles, needed for logistical reasons, will have access to the WSM site.

All of the above mentioned vehicles will have to obey the "World Scout Event Driving Rules and Regulations"

#### **15. Arrival of participant**

Access to the WSM site is not given to participants before the officially communicated opening day and time and after the officially communicated closing day and time.

#### **16. Toilets**

Toilet areas should be treated with respect for privacy and for the good functioning of the toilets.

#### **17. Rubbishes**

With so many people in the same place, everybody's help is needed to keep the area clean and protect the environment. The easiest way is to put rubbishes in the bins or the recycling containers available for this purpose. But be careful and use the correct bin: Rubbishes need to separate in accordance with the local regulations.

#### **18. Mobile Phones**

Participants must keep their mobile phones disconnected during the activities to not disturb them.

#### **19. Environment**

Participants and staff members will have the opportunity to visit and stay in some protected areas (e.g. National Park). They must keep in mind the following rules:

- Use the marked trails and paths to walk
- Use shampoos and soaps environmental-friendly
- Turn off the taps after using them
- Not cut the trees and bushes

#### **20. Off-Site activities**

During Off Site activities, participants, leaders or staff members are also invited to follow the rules of the visited places.

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