

FACTSHEET



SSAGO Rules and Regulations

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Introduction

This factsheet briefly details where to find SSAGO rules and regulations, how and why they are changed and why SSAGO members must follow them.

Where to find the rules and regulations

The rules and regulations of SSAGO can be found in the Constitution and Policy Documents displayed on the SSAGO website. Anyone unable to find this information should contact the SSAGO National Executive Committee (exec@ssago.org.uk) to ask for guidance. These documents are aimed to be written in a thorough but understandable manner. If anything causes confusion or if any clarification is needed the National Executive can provide help to all members.

What are the rules and regulations?

Quite simply they are policies that state how SSAGO should be run, from election procedures at the AGM through to the every day running of a club event. They include requirements to fill in forms concerning membership, nights away and adventurous activities, risk assess and staff events properly through to reporting accidents and disciplining incidents.

Whilst some rules are specific to SSAGO, such as the rules around running a National Event and running for a national executive position, our

activity rules are governed by The Scout Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR).

When, how and why do the rules and regulations get changed?

There will always be a valid reason for altering or updating SSAGO rules and regulations. Depending on the nature of the change these will either be passed to member vote at a Full Committee Meeting (reps' meeting) or at an AGM/EGM.

Some changes are made due to changes in The Scout Association or Girlguiding UK policies that have a knock on effect to SSAGO. Others may be made by the organisation to aid its smooth running and efficiency. Members should be given a month to see any proposed changes before they are taken to member vote and should ask any necessary questions to the SSAGO National Executive before or during the meeting where the changes are being voted on.

Why should I follow the rules and regulations?

The rules and regulations are in place to ensure the safety of SSAGO members as well as accountability of all SSAGO events. Not following the necessary procedures may result in the nullification of SSAGO insurance. Those who constantly disobey rules and regulations will be disciplined in line with the SSAGO 'Activity Guidelines and Behaviour Disciplinary Procedure' Policy Document. This may result in personal or club expulsion from SSAGO.