
Factsheet:

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1. Overview:

This factsheet contains a list of terms and abbreviations used in SSAGO Policy and aims to explain these to someone who may be unfamiliar to any of SSAGO, Scouting or Guiding terms. It is recommended members search this document using Ctrl+F to find terms, missing terms can be added by emailing exec@ssago.org.

2. Glossary of Terms:

1st Response - A first aid qualification run jointly by The Scouts and Girlguiding and which is recognized by SSAGO.

AA - Adventurous Activity, a type of activity SSAGO Clubs may undertake which require an adventurous activities form to be completed.

Accounts - A document produced by the National SSAGO Treasurer to show members the financial status of SSAGO.

Agenda - A document circulated in advance of a meeting outlining the topics to be discussed.

AGM - An Annual General Meeting, usually held at the SSAGO Spring Rally. Where members of the National Exec and future SSAGO events are decided and the annual report and accounts are presented.

A Safe Space - A set of rules outlining safeguarding of young people in Girlguiding.

Assistants - National SSAGO roles which provided a specific purpose and which are co-opted by the National SSAGO Exec.

Ball - A term used for a formal SSAGO Dinner held each year around April.

Clubs - Shortened term for groups affiliated to National SSAGO.

Club Reports - A termly document completed by clubs which allows them to share what they have been doing this term.

Compass - The Scouts membership system, analogous to GO in Girlguiding.

Constitution - The rules that the SSAGO Exec and Clubs must follow.

Co-opted Roles - The term used for roles where applicants are chosen based on their skills and knowledge by the National Exec, normally selected outside of an AGM.

CRB check - An old term standing for Criminal Records Bureau, now replaced by DBS.

DBS Check - Stands for Disclosure and Barring Service, an official record of an individual's criminal convictions and checks their suitability to work with young people.

Dev Fund - Short form of The Development Fund, money belonging to National SSAGO able for members to apply to to help grow and support SSAGO.

Disclosure - Another name for a DBS.

EGM - An Extraordinary General Meeting, a meeting similar to the AGM but which can be called at any time (subject to the rules of the governing document), often to resolve a significant problem within SSAGO.

Exec - A short term for the National SSAGO Executive Committee.

Ex-officio - A term used for an individual who holds their role by virtue of another role they hold, in SSAGO commonly used to refer to representatives of The Scouts or Girlguiding attending SSAGO meetings.

Factsheet - A documents (like this one) which provide further guidance on SSAGO policy.

GDPR - General Data Protection Regulations, a data protection law covering the EU and UK.

GG - Abbreviation for Girlguiding.

Green Card - A set of rules about alcohol use in Scouting, which is followed by SSAGO when under 18s are present.

GO - Guiding Organiser, Girlguiding's membership system, analogous to Compass in Scouting.

Going Away With Licence - A Girlguiding scheme for taking young people on residential experiences, the license is awarded once the training is completed. A Guiding analogue of the Nights Away Permit.

Governing Documents - The policies by which SSAGO is run and includes the constitution and other policy documents.

Minutes - Documents produced by the secretary which capture key discussions and the outcomes of votes.

Indie - A shortened term for the Independent Members Club.

Indie Rep - The representative of the Independent Members Club on the SSAGO Full Committee.

Independent Members - A SSAGO Club open to eligible members to join, irrespective of their university or location.

Inspire - A girlguiding provision for 18-30 year olds.

Memorandum of Agreement - A pair of documents between SSAGO and either The Scouts or Girlguiding which set out our commitments and obligations to each other.

Modules - A common name for Scout Training Courses, for example Module 1E is Essential Information for Executive Committee Members.

NAN - Nights Away Notification, a form that must be completed by SSAGO members before a residential experience.

Network - A Scout's section for 18-25 year olds.

Nights Away Permit - A Scouting training course for taking young people on residential experiences, a Scouting analogue of the Going Away With License.

NSASU - National Scout Active Support Unit, a term used for SASUs which are based at the UK level, like the SSAGO SASU.

Policy - Documents approved by the SSAGO Full Committee which set out the rules SSAGO members and clubs follow.

POR - Policy, Organisation and Rules (of the Scout Association). Part of The Scouts governing documents and a basis for SSAGO policy.

RA - Risk Assessment.

Rally - A term used to describe a National SSAGO Camp, run three times a year in Spring, Summer and Autumn.

Register of Interests - A record maintained by the National Secretary of declared Conflicts of Interests which is released annually alongside the accounts.

Reports - Updates from members of the Executive Committee, often written with updates on a particular topic or general business.

Rep - A term for a club's representative at the SSAGO Full Committee.

Reps - A shortened term for the SSAGO Full Committee.

Reunion - A regular joint event between SSAGO and SAGGA to bring together past and present members.

SAGGA - Scout and Guide Graduate Association, an organisation similar to SSAGO which caters to university graduates.

SASU - Scout Active Support Unit, a scout unit designed for adults who support the Scout Movement. SSAGO has a SASU.

SSAGO - Student Scout and Guide Organisation.

SSAGO Full Committee - Term used for a meeting attended by the National Exec and one representative from each SSAGO club, usually held at each rally.

SSAGO SASU - Term used to refer to the Scout Active Support Unit which is a part of SSAGO, used to differentiate it from SSAGO.

SU - A Students' Union, which a SSAGO Club may be affiliated with.

Sub-Committee - A team of volunteers which report to the National Executive to complete specific work, including the Independent Members Committee, National Event Committees and Projects.

TA - Training Advisor (in Scouts), an individual who will assist individuals in marking off scout training modules as completed.

Team Pink - A term used for joint meetings of the National SSAGO Exec and the SSAGO Assistants. The name derives from the pink hoodies worn by this group.

TSA - The Scout Association

Under-18 - A member under the age of 18, also called a young person.

Witan - A term used for a National SSAGO International Trip, usually held every 4 years.

Yellow Card - A scouting document for adults summarising the Safeguarding rules.

Young Person - A term mainly for an individual under the age of 18, within Scouting it may also include those in the Scout Network Section. The use of under-18 is preferred in SSAGO.

YP - Abbreviation for Young Person or Young People.