



SSAGO
Student Scout and
Guide Organisation

POLICY DOCUMENT:

SSAGO MASCOT KIDNAPPING
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1 Introduction

Within SSAGO, clubs or individuals may have a mascot(s) of which one must be allowed to be kidnappable. Mascot Kidnapping is meant to be fun but has at times caused upset and damage to personal belongings. Mascot kidnapping should at all times be conducted in a safe and responsible manner as described in this policy document.

2 What is a Mascot?

A Mascot is an item which has been declared on the official mascot list as held by the National SSAGO Members Officer. The mascot is the property of its parent club at all times even in the event of it being kidnapped. There are three types of mascots, Kidnappable and non- Kidnappable

3 Kidnappable mascots

Kidnappable mascots are those that are listed on the SSAGO mascot kidnapping fact sheet and as such are the only items that can be kidnapped and held for forfeit.

4 Non- Kidnappable

These mascots are either historically important to the club, worth a significant amount of money or are fragile. These mascots are not allowed to be stolen under any circumstances.

5 National Mascots

Mascots belonging to the National Organisation are non- Kidnappable. These are defined as:

- Sir Hensley Wood (Rally Mementos)
- The Gadaffy Plate (Competition Trophy)
- SSAGO Beaver (National Chairperson)
- SSAGO Bunny (National Treasurer)
- Freda the Pink Elephant (Behaved most like a brownie at a Rally)

6 Kidnapping a Mascot

Mascots can be kidnapped at any time during a SSAGO event as long as it doesn't involve any criminal acts. A mascot may not be forcefully taken from a person looking after it. It may only be taken if the mascot is left un-attended or if handed over to someone accidentally.

7 Return of Mascots

Mascots can be kept by the kidnapping club or individual until the next opening/closing ceremony of a National SSAGO Rally, which ever is sooner (i.e. A mascot kidnapped during a Rally must be returned at the closing ceremony of that Rally). The return of the mascot is dependent on the owning club doing a forfeit. In the event where there is a dispute between the

kidnapper and the owner of the mascot the National SSAGO Chairperson has the final decision on the outcome of the dispute.

8 Mascot Recovery

Should the club or individual be able to recovery their mascot under the same rules as “6. Kidnapping a Mascot” before the opening/closing ceremony where the mascot is to be return, then they shall be exempt from forfeit.

9 Exceptions

1. During the SSAGO Ball all Mascots whether defined as kidnappable or not, may **NOT** be kidnapped.
2. During any National Event the Mascots of the club/individuals hosting the event are **NOT** kidnappable.

10 Non Mascots and non-SSAGO mascots

Non Mascots and non-SSAGO mascots are not covered by this policy document. In the case where other organisations property or others personal belongings are ‘kidnapped’ SSAGO will full assist it whatever action is deemed necessary by the victim. The offending clubs or individuals will then subject to SSAGO disciplinary procedures in addition to any legal action the victim may choose to pursue. In the event where an individual or club is found to have stolen an item and a complaint is made the SSAGO executive will investigate and the people involved may face a financial charge for loss or damages or even criminal charges if deemed necessary.