

Singapore Rover Constitution

SECTION A: General Matters

1. General

The primary aim of National Rover Roundtable is to foster closer relations between Crews while permitting an official platform for discussion, dissemination and deliberation of Rovering affairs in Singapore.

The National Rover Council, comprising of elected Rover Scouts from National Rover Roundtable, will perform executive leadership at the National level under the guidance of the National Rover Advisory Committee¹.

2. Definitions

2.1. Rover Scout

2.1.1. A Rover Scout should be a registered member of SSA.

2.1.2. Rover scouts should be aged from 17-26 years old or as stated in the P.O.R. document (2012).

2.2. National Rover Round-Table (NRR) refers to the organisational entity constituted by Rovers and Adult Leaders as described in Para 3 of this document.

2.3. Member refers to a member of the NRR unless otherwise specified.

2.4. Crew Rep refers to a registered Rover who has been appointed to represent his crew.

2.5. Crew refers to Rover Crew which is registered with The Singapore Scout Association (SSA) regardless of number of members.

2.6. National Rover Council (NRC) refers to the organisational entity constituted by elected Members from NRR.

2.7. Active Member refers to a Member who has performed satisfactory as deemed by the NRR and NRC.

2.8. Candidate refers to a registered Rover Scout eligible to run for the NRC.

2.9. Voting Member refers to Crew Reps who have been granted voting rights in accordance with Rule 3.

2.10. National Rover Advisory Committee (NRAC) comprising Commissioners in charge of Rover Programme, suitable representatives from Area and invited members, will provide advisory support to the National Rover Council.

¹ As stated in the revised Policy, Organization and Rules of Singapore Scout Association para. 4.9.4.

SECTION B: National Rover Roundtable (NRR)

3. Voting Rights

- 3.1. Members who are Crew Representatives from Crew with 6 or more registered Rovers are allowed a single vote.
- 3.2. Second Crew Representative will be granted an additional vote.
- 3.3. Voting Members may vote in absentia via a proxy with written consent from NRC.
- 3.4. All other Members are not granted voting rights.

4. Membership to NRR

- 4.1. Rover Crew Representative/s
 - 4.1.1. Each registered Rover Crew in Singapore is to appoint a Crew Representative who is a Rover to sit in the NRR.
 - 4.1.2. Crew with 15 or more Rovers may, in addition, appoint a second Crew Representative to NRR.
- 4.2. Rover Scout Leaders and Assistants
 - 4.2.1. All registered RSLs and ARSLs are members to NRR by default.
- 4.3. National Rover Council Members
 - 4.3.1. All NRC members are members to NRR by default.
- 4.4. Crew with Crew Representative who attends less than 2 meetings in their term will be revoked of their voting rights for the succeeding term.

5. Functions

- 5.1. Discussion
 - 5.1.1. All members may propose motions or issues for discussion in written request to NRC at least 1 month before NRR meeting convenes. These motions will be scheduled for discussion or deliberation at the meeting and in this case, the proposer shall prepare a background information paper to facilitate the discussion.
- 5.2. Dissemination
 - 5.2.1. It is the duty of all Members to be responsible for the flow of information from NRR or NRC to their respective Crews and vice versa and ensure appropriate follow ups if required.
 - 5.2.2. Information and decisions from NRR or NRC shall also be disseminated directly to Rovers through the NRC Relations department.
- 5.3. Deliberation
 - 5.3.1. All policy changes shall be deliberated by NRR and resolution should be based on a simple majority Voting of 60%. The motion should already have been discussed extensively in preceding meetings before ratification by NRR.
 - 5.3.2. All resolutions must be sponsored by the NRAC, endorsed by NPC and approved by Commissioner Council as per all TSSA Policies.

6. Meetings

- 6.1. The NRR shall convene no less than twice annually and its frequency shall be determined by the NRC.
- 6.2. The initial convening order shall be promulgated no less than 4 weeks prior the meeting and the final convening order with confirmed agenda and supporting documents shall be promulgated no less than 2 weeks prior the meeting.
- 6.3. Members are to revert their attendance to NRC Secretariat at least 3 weeks prior to the meeting.

7. Organisation

- 7.1. The NRR is co-chaired by the Commissioner in charge of the Rover Scout Programme, and Chairperson of the incumbent NRC or their delegates.
- 7.2. The NRC secretariat will perform secretarial duties for the NRR.
- 7.3. Members may be appointed to functional sub-committees to assist NRC.

8. Observance of this Constitution

- 8.1. Every Member, agrees to comply with and be bound by this Constitution.
- 8.2. No Member shall be absolved from the observance of this Constitution on the pleas that they have not received a copy, or that they are ignorant of its provisions, as a copy of this Constitution shall be made available for viewing online.
- 8.3. This Constitution must be observed in its entirety.
- 8.4. A member of NRC shall discharge his duties in the best interest of Singapore Roving and SSA.

SECTION C: National Rover Council (NRC)

9. Functions

- 9.1. The primary role of the NRC is to coordinate and lead the efforts in the development, implementation and dissemination of Rover Programme in Singapore. The key areas of responsibility are as follow:
 - 9.1.1. Provide leadership for Rover Projects at National Level.
 - 9.1.2. Represent Singapore Rovers in National and International Events.
 - 9.1.3. Uphold the image of Roving in SSA and Singapore with the Rover Motto as a guide.
 - 9.1.4. Revise and introduce policies to support development of Roving in Singapore.
 - 9.1.5. Build and maintain Resources for Roving and Youth Development.
 - 9.1.6. Build a Rover Community that can be called upon in times of service to SSA, community at large and for disaster relief and humanitarian assistance operations.
 - 9.1.7. Ensure Effective Communications among the Rover Community.
 - 9.1.8. Recruit and retain young adults as members of the Scout Movement.

9.2. Tenure

- 9.2.1. The normal tenure for NRC members is two years. Any deviation will require special provision granted by NRR.
- 9.2.2. In this rotational system, 6 members of NRC will relinquish their appointments every year, allowing for 6 new members to join. This will ensure continuous leadership renewal while retaining the experience of 6 incumbent NRC members.

9.3. Executive Powers

- 9.3.1. The Chairperson, representing the NRC, is vested with the following executive powers:
 - 9.3.1.1. Approval of annual budget for submission
 - 9.3.1.2. Approval of expenditure in accordance to approved budget
 - 9.3.1.3. Calling for by-elections should the circumstances call for it.
 - 9.3.1.4. Scheduling of National Rover Events including courses, talks and any other Rover related activities at National level.
 - 9.3.1.5. Approval for change to Terms of Reference for NRC office bearers.

10. Policy

- 10.1. All policy changes² shall be ratified by NRR based on majority Voting of 60% of Members eligible to vote. These motions should already have been discussed extensively in preceding meetings before ratification by NRR.
- 10.2. All resolutions shall be sponsored by NRAC, endorsed by Assistant Chief Commissioner (Programme) and approved by Commissioner Council as per all SSA Policies.

11. Responsibilities of Positions of Office

- 11.1. Office bearers shall perform their required duties in accordance with the Terms of Reference (TOR) attached as an Annex to this Constitution.

12. Organisation

- 12.1. The elected NRC will be a 12 person establishment with the option to co-opt additional members where required. Co-opted members have to be approved by the NRR.
- 12.2. The NRC is chaired by the Chairperson with the NRAC as the ex-officio in advisory capacity.
- 12.3. The Chairperson is appointed by the Chief Commissioner based on popular vote by members of NRC.
- 12.4. Other office bearers are appointed by the Chief Commissioner based on recommendations by the Chairperson.

² Including Rover Constitution and sections in SSA POR relating to Rovers and Roving.

13. **Positions of Office**

- 13.1. Chairperson
- 13.2. Vice Chairperson (Programme)
- 13.3. Vice Chairperson (Relations)
- 13.4. Head, Secretariat
- 13.5. Treasurer
- 13.6. Elected members of NRC
- 13.7. Co-opted members of NRC

14. **NRC Elections**

14.1. Eligibility

- 14.1.1. All registered Rovers-are allowed to run-for NRC-
- 14.1.2. Not more than 2 members from the same crew are allowed to apply for candidacy.

14.2. Key Appointment Holders

- 14.2.1. The Key Appointment Holders (KAH) are the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson (Programme), Vice-Chairperson (Relations) and the Head of Secretariat.
- 14.2.2. In respect to Trias Politica, KAH shall not be a Crew Representative and will not be granted voting rights at the NRR. However, if there is a tie in voting, the chairperson will cast the deciding vote.

14.3. Recurrent Term

- 14.3.1. There is no limit to the number of terms a Rover may hold in NRC and he may run for the same office in consecutive terms except for the office of Treasurer.

14.4. Election Committee

- 14.4.1. The election committee shall comprise members from the incumbent NRC who are not Candidates and supervised by the Returning Officer who is a member of NRAC.

14.5. Election Procedures

- 14.5.1. The electorate will be represented by Voting Members of the NRR.
- 14.5.2. The Crews shall only elect Candidates into NRC and not into specific office.
- 14.5.3. The NRC shall be formed within two weeks after the election.

14.6. General Contingency Plans

- 14.6.1. In the case where there are less than 6 Candidates standing for elections by the nomination closing date, the incumbent NRC will form an interim NRC with the approval of the NRR. This interim NRC will be in office until successful elections are held.
- 14.6.2. Vote of confidence (60% of Votes) for each of the Candidates is required when there are 6 or less Candidates.

15. **Termination, Resignation and Suspension**

15.1. Resignations

- 15.1.1. Resignations should be sent to the NRC in writing with at least one month notice.
- 15.1.2. Withdrawals of resignations are to be submitted to the NRC in writing a week prior to the resignation date.
- 15.1.3. Members who resign may run in subsequent elections.

15.2. The NRC may suspend without warning from membership and privileges of the NRC any Member of NRC who:

- 15.2.1. Violates this Constitution, by-laws and SSA POR.
- 15.2.2. Violates any resolution of the NRC or NRR, or refuses to abide by the same.
- 15.2.3. Is guilty of misconduct which is detrimental to the good name of the NRC and SSA.

15.3. The NRR may recommend termination from membership and privileges of the NRC any member of NRC, in accordance to the terms set in Rule 15.2, to the Commissioner in charge of the Rover Scout Programme.

15.4. Any Members may motion for a Vote of Non-Confidence against any NRC member who they deem is not performing to satisfaction.

16. **Constitutional Amendments**

- 16.1. No rule, provision or stipulation of this Constitution, shall be amended, altered or rescinded, nor any rules added hereto except by the concurring vote of 60% by the Voting Members of the NRR.

17. **Replacement issue**

- 17.1. A Candidate who is a Crew Representative, when elected, shall continue to retain his status as a Crew Representative, unless he is a KAH.

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Ratified by the following Crews, represented by their Crew Reps:

Changkat Changi Eagle Scout Group	ACS (Independent) Scout Group
Manjusri Red Fox Scout Group	Condor Sea Scout Group
St. Gabriel Southern Cross Scout Group	Mayflower Scout Group
The Fox Scout Group	Bukit Panjang Eagle Scout Group
Hwa Chong Scout Group	Impeesa Rover Crew
ACS (Barker) Scout Group	Hougang Rangers Scout Group
St. Andrews 'STAR' Scout Group	Montfort Knights Scout Group
Stallion Scout Group	Holy Innocents' Hornet Scout Group
Dunman High Scout Group	Chung Cheng High (Yishun) Scout Group

Total Number of Votables: 20

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