



**Scouts Australia**  
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Youth Events Policy





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## Events Policy

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### **PURPOSE**

This policy sets out the approach Scouts Australia takes to managing large scale activities and events, including events run on behalf of Scouts Australia (i.e., by Branches) and events run by Branches with attendees from interstate and/or overseas.

### **OVERVIEW**

Scouts Australia provides youth and adult members with opportunities to participate in, and/or lead, large-scale activities and events. Whilst each event will have a unique offering, all events have a common purpose - the development of knowledge, skills, experience and capabilities in young people so they are enabled to have a beneficial impact in the creation of a better world. This is achieved through a fun, challenging, adventurous and inclusive program, with known and new peers, resulting in a positive and rewarding experience for all.

Attendance at events by a young person provides a great experience and an opportunity for personal development. For those who attend it is likely to be one of the highlights of their lives and a major factor for continued engagement in Scouting.

A three-tier structure sets the classification for the types of events and the level of national program oversight that is expected. Each category, or tier, represents a different style and magnitude of activity or event.

1. Tier 1 events, known as **Scouts Australia Youth Events**, are the flagship Scouts Australia and World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) Youth Events<sup>1</sup>. Specific Branch or National Contingents are formed to manage attendance at these events.
2. Tier 2 events, known as **Nationally Endorsed Events**, are Branch run events with Scouts Australia approval, where youth members are invited to attend from multiple Branches and/or other National Scout Organisations. This includes Adventurous Activity Schools and other international opportunities<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> The flagship events are Australian Scout Jamboree, Australian Rover Scout Moot, World Scout Jamboree and World Scout Rover Moot.

<sup>2</sup> International opportunities include nationally coordinated Contingents and Branch Friendship Tours

3. Tier 3 events are locally organised Youth Events (organised by Branch/Region/District/Group or Units), not registered as a National Youth Event.

**Scouts Australia Youth Events** may nominate to apply for Asia Pacific Region status.

This policy applies to all those involved in Scouting. This includes youth and adult members, supporters, employees, and contractors engaged with activities and operations of events for Scouts Australia or one or more of its Branches.

## POLICY STATEMENT

Scouts Australia, and its associated Branches, shall conduct and lead and/or participate in large-scale activities and events where:

- The event is complementary to the Australian Scouting Youth Program
- The event facilitates development in, and is linked to, the Scouts Australia Educational Objectives
- The event adheres to the Purpose and Principles of Scouting, as outlined in Policy & Rules
- The Plan>Do>Review> process considers personal progression and youth involvement at each stage
- The Plan>Do>Review> process considers learnings from past events of a similar nature, hosted by a range of Branches
- Operations are consistent with this policy and the Australian Scouting Major Events Standard
- Operations are consistent with all other policies, standards and practices of Scouts Australia
- **Tier 1 Scouts Australia Youth Events** are determined through a bidding process, outlined in the Australian Scouting Youth Events Standard
- **Tier 1 Scouts Australia Youth Events** are approved by and run under the authority of the National Operations Committee
- **Tier 2 Nationally Endorsed Events** are recognised through an application process, outlined in the Australian Scouting Youth Events Standard
- Attendance at **Tier 1 Scouts Australia Youth Events** and **Tier 2 Nationally Endorsed Events** are endorsed by the Branch of membership and the host locality of the event and/or the home National Scout Organisation for international contingents attending
- Contingents and/or Delegations may be formed to support attendance at **Tier 1 Scouts Australia Youth Events**
- The relevant (National or Branch) Commissioner Youth Program (or delegate) provides event oversight and support for stakeholder engagement for all **Tier 1 Scouts Australia Youth Events** and **Tier 2 Nationally Endorsed Events**
- The relevant (National or Branch) Commissioner Youth Program (or delegate) must be consulted and informed throughout the lifecycle of the event for all **Tier 1 Scouts Australia Youth Events** and **Tier 2 Nationally Endorsed Events**

- Where the event includes participation from members of other National Scout Organisations, the relevant International Commissioners must be consulted and informed throughout the lifecycle of the event
- The event fee is appropriate for the nature of the event for youth and adult members
- Only **Tier 1 Scouts Australia Youth Events** are expected to produce financial documentation for the Scouts Australia National Executive Committee, which includes a percentage of the application fee and profit as part of the budgeting process
- A travel subsidy that seeks to equalise the cost of travel for Australian participants may be applied to **Tier 1 Scouts Australia Youth Events**
- Every invested youth member is offered the potential opportunity to attend an event scheduled for their section
- The event promotes engagement with more than one Scouts Australia youth section
- The event ensures representation of all portfolios<sup>3</sup> of Scouts Australia are supported to be engaged in the preparation of, and present at, the event
- The event utilises marketing, media and external relations support from the host Branch<sup>4</sup>
- Internal and external support mechanisms are in place, or accessible, for members who take on positions of responsibility in the organisation of events
- When the event is for young people aged 18-25, a Rover Scout Moot, the Chief Director of this event shall be under 30 at the conclusion of the event
- The organisation learns from what we do for the continual improvement of Scouting event experience for all members
- Event documentation, including comprehensive reporting, is provided to the national organisation within three months of the conclusion of the event for all **Tier 1 Scouts Australia Youth Events**

Everybody involved in Scouting is responsible for adhering to the policies, standards and practices of Scouts Australia, and its associated Branches, and to encourage others to do likewise.

This policy will be reviewed at one or more of the following checkpoints:

- The conclusion of each **Tier 1 Scouts Australia Youth Event**
- As the need arises with other related policy changes
- Three calendar years after the previous review date

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<sup>3</sup> Portfolios are Youth Program, Adult Training and Development, International, Scouts Australia Institute of Training (Scouts Australia RTO). These portfolios are responsible for the engagement of any subsequent sub portfolio.

<sup>4</sup> Events are encouraged to gain expertise and/or support from the Scouts Australia Branding, Marketing, Communications Committee in the absence of support from their Branch