

	<p>Scouts Australia Queensland Branch Brisbane North Region</p> <p>ANNUAL MAY EXPEDITIONS VENTURE</p>	<p>REGION OFFICE: Cnr Sicklefield Rd & Shand Street ALDERLEY Qld P.O. Box 430 ALDERLEY Qld 4051 Tel: (07) 3354-3532</p>
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INFORMATION CIRCULAR No.4

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RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

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1. GENERAL

- 1.1 A SCOUT'S OWN will be held on the Saturday night. EVERY ONE on the Venture is expected to participate. Only genuine incapacitation (sickness or injury) is acceptable reason for non-participation.
- 1.2 All instructions related to SAFETY, ETIQUETTE & COURTESY, and BEHAVIOUR apply to every one on the Venture, ie Venturers and Staff Members.
- 1.3 The staff kitchen area is OUT OF BOUNDS to all Venturers, and to other than authorised staff, at all times.
- 1.4 Before setting up camp at any bivouac site, all Venturers and staff are required to report to the Leader in Charge - Bivouac Site, for direction to the correct location. This leader will also be the reference point for general information.
- 1.5 Leaders not allocated to specific key functions may be allocated to any tasks required, at the discretion of the Venture Leader, and may be rotated between tasks, eg hiking, check point or bivouac site duties.
- 1.6 All Venturer Section Leaders will be expected to participate in the Competition Assessment, in cooperation with the Venture Leader. Other Section Leaders may be requested to assist in the Competition Assessment.

2. ALL CATEGORIES OF HIKERS (Competitive, non-competitive and conducted hike - refer Info. Circular No.1, clause 10)

- 2.1 For the SAFETY of everyone, ALL hikers must report IN to and OUT of every checkpoint nominated in the route instruction for each day.

Failure by category 1 or 2 patrols to do this will earn demerit points or relegation to category 3.
- 2.2 For SAFETY, Venturers of every hiking party must have, and carry, the complete inventory of equipment, food and water listed in Information Circular No.1 - clauses 6, 7, 8 and 9. Each party must also carry a copy of General Hike Instructions No.2 - "Safety and Lost Procedures".
- 2.3 Any category 1 or 2 patrol which, in the opinion of the Venture Leader, proves to have inadequate navigational skills to satisfactorily negotiate the set route, or any part of it, maybe transferred to category 3, at any stage of the Venture, at the discretion of the Venture Leader.

- 2.4 At CHECKPOINTS: -
- Keep packs clear of and do not lean on vehicles,
 - Do not interfere with checkpoint operators' equipment,
 - Do not ask for water - check point supplies are for C.P. operators' use or for emergency usage. (Your thirst is not necessarily an emergency).

3 COMPETITIVE SECTION ONLY

- 3.1 Competitive patrols, in addition to satisfying the above, must submit an EXPEDITION REPORT (complying with Guidelines No.1, - "Production of an Expedition Report") and written FIELD NOTES (complying with Guidelines No.3 - "Field Notes") compiled en route (not re-written in camp). They must also undertake a number of Special Tasks for which instructions will be issued on each day of the competition.
- 3.2 Personal surnames or the names of participants' Units must not appear on any material submitted in relation to the competition - only your patrol number. The use of first names is allowable in the "Hiking Log" section of the report.
- 3.3 All written submissions required for Special Tasks or assignments must be in the Expedition Report, unless other instructed, when the report is submitted at the completion of the competition.
- 3.4 All submissions must be lodged by the specified time and at the specified location. Late submissions will earn demerit points.
- 3.5 Infringement of any "General Hike Instructions" - particularly General Hike Instruction No.1 - "Etiquette and Courtesy", and/or failure to observe any specific requirements of the Route Instructions for each day, will earn demerit points or, in extreme cases, could lead to disqualification and relegation to Category 3.
- 3.6 PROCEDURE IN EVENT OF ILLNESS OR INJURY: - A May Venture is a simulated Venturer Award Expedition. If a member of a patrol should get sick, then the other members of the patrol have a responsibility to look after him/her, even if it means abandoning the expedition.

The same mateship must exist on May Expedition Ventures. For this reason, the following procedure must be followed if a member of a competitive patrol becomes sick during the hike: -

- (1) Assist the sick Venturer to the nearest checkpoint.
- (2) Advise the SENIOR Checkpoint Operator that the sick member may be too ill to carry on hiking.
- (3) After notification as in (2) above, the whole patrol must wait at least 30 minutes to see if the sick member recovers sufficiently to carry on hiking. If he/she has recovered sufficiently, the SENIOR Check Point Operator must be so advised, after which the whole patrol may proceed to check out normally and carry on hiking.

If he/she cannot continue, the whole patrol must remain at the checkpoint while the C.P. Operator makes arrangements with the Venture Leader and/or Search and Rescue Leader, for the evacuation of the sick member.

- (4) If the evacuation can be carried out without the help of the patrol, then the patrol must record the evacuation arrangements in their field notes and have the record signed by the Senior C.P. Operator.

The sick member may then be left with the C.P. Operators and the rest of the patrol can proceed to check out normally and carry on hiking - provided there are still at least three members.

(5) If the evacuation of the sick member requires the rest of the patrol, such assistance must be given. The patrol cannot continue in the competition until the sick member has been handed over to the S & R evacuation team.

The remaining evacuation details must be recorded in their field notes and the record signed by the evacuation team Leader. The patrol may then carry on as in (4) above.

(6) In the very unlikely event that a patrol leaves a sick member at a checkpoint or elsewhere, without making the above arrangements, they will be considered as unfit to operate independently and be relegated to category 3.

(7) If an accident should occur during the hike, the above procedure should be followed, with the exception that step 1 need not apply. It may be more desirable for the S & R team to go to the accident victim.

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