

FACT SHEET #02

World Membership Badge as a Rover Scout

As a new member of the Scout movement, you will be invested and become a member of your Crew and be awarded the Membership badge (World Scout Badge).



WORLD MEMBERSHIP BADGE

The World Membership badge is used by Scouts in all 216 Scouting countries and territories. The Scout emblem is one of the most widely recognised symbols in the world, because it has been worn by an estimated 300 million former Scouts and is currently used by more than 28 million Scouts.

The three points of the arrowhead represent *Service to Others* (left), *Duty to God* (top), and *Obedience to the Scout Law* (right). The *Bond* around the arrow head represents the family of Scouting, with the *two five pointed stars* standing for truth and knowledge; and the ten points of the star represent the ten points of the original Scout Law. The *encircling rope* around the arrowhead symbolises the unity and family of the World Scout Movement, while the *reef knot* which cannot be undone no matter how hard it is pulled, is symbolic of the strength of world Scouting's unity and family.

AS A ROVER SCOUT

To be invested into the Worldwide Scouting Movement as a Rover Scout, the prospective member must satisfy the following membership requirements:

- Participate in at least **four Rover Crew activities** or meetings (at least one of which shall be away from the Rover Crew's usual meeting place).
- During talks with the Rover Crew, show an **understanding of the roles** of the Crew Executive, structure and history of the Rover Crew.
- Demonstrate an understanding of and be prepared to accept the **Scout Promise and Scout Law** from a young adult's point of view.
- Fulfill **Branch child protection requirements** including a police check, or other check required by State/Territory legislation.



PRESENTING THE BADGE

The Rover Crew should present the World Membership badge to the new member at their investiture ceremony.

The World Membership Badge is only awarded once, and if a member is linking from Venturers or transferring from another Rover Crew then they would have already been awarded the badge.

The *Rover Award Scheme Handbook* contains further details regarding the World Membership Badge and how it applies to Rover Scouts.

For more information contact the Baden-Powell Scout Award Support Team in your Branch.

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