

FACT SHEET #17

Baden-Powell Scout Award – Transition Arrangements



Beginning in January 2014, a two year transition period begins whereby Rovers can either move to the new Baden-Powell Scout Award scheme, or continue with the old Method A / Method B scheme.

As part of the review of the Rover Scout Section in 2011 a new award scheme was proposed, and following further development by the Rover Review Implementation Team, the National Operations Council adopted a new Rover Scout Award Scheme in 2013.

In January 2014, a two-year transition period will begin that will allow for Rovers to either finish their Baden-Powell Scout Award (BPSA) on the Method A/B scheme or transition to the new award scheme. From 1 January 2016, only BPSAs under the new scheme will be accepted.

Remember, the BPSA Support Team is available to provide information, answer questions, and inform Rover Crews on the transition arrangements.

To transition, or not to transition? That is the question

As there is a two-year transition period to the new Baden-Powell Scout Award, Rovers should look at where they are at with their current Baden-Powell Scout Award before deciding to whether or not to transition. They may not have much left to complete, and would be better off finishing the BPSA on the Method A/B scheme.

Each Rover will have a different situation depending on their age, available time to complete badges and any other considerations. Rovers should think about what is going to be best for them and how they can best attain the BPSA. Remember the BPSA Support Team is there to assist.

Who can transition?

Transitioning is only for Rovers who have:

1. **already achieved badges**; or
2. who have **already commenced badges**

under the Method A/B award scheme.

Rovers who have not begun the BPSA should only commence under the new BPSA.

No hybrids

There can be no hybrid BPSA. No mixture of old BPSA badges and new BPSA badges will entitle a Rover to be awarded the BPSA.

The Rover must either:

1. **complete the BPSA under the old scheme**; or,
2. **transition what they've already begun to one of the new badges**, and complete the BPSA under the new scheme.

Each component of the new award scheme has been summarised in this factsheet and there are many ways the Rover can transition to the new award.

Common sense approach

Rovers should seek the views of their Rover Crew when considering transitioning to the new award scheme. Rovers and their Rover Crew should use a common sense approach when agreeing how an individual could transition.

Credit for work done towards badges under the new BPSA can only be given if it is currently a part of an existing BPSA badge proposal or a completed BPSA badge that meets the requirements of the badge under the new award scheme and has not already been credited.

For more information contact the BPSA Support Team

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Below is a general guide to transitioning between the old and new award schemes. The BPSA Support Team can help Rovers and Rover Crews to transition.

New BPSA Badge	Old BPSA Badge	Notes
Squire Training	Rover Skills	Award to any Rover who has completed their Squire Training or Rover Skills Badge. They do not have to be fully invested/Knighted to be awarded the Squire Training badge.
Rover Skills	Scoutcraft (camps only)	Camps completed as part of the Scoutcraft (Method A) are to be credited towards the camping criteria for Rover Skills. Rovers are also to be credited for organising activities or holding a position of responsibility in the period 1 January to 31 December 2013 (that meet the criteria).
Physical	Ramblers Physical	Award to any Rover who has completed Ramblers (Method A) or Physical (Method B).
Service	Service Social Spiritual Physical Intellectual and Emotional	Award to any Rover who has completed Service (Method A). Award to any Rover who has completed six or more months of regular, active service as part of attempting to complete Service (Method A) or any Method B badge.
Community Development	Service Social Spiritual Physical Intellectual and Emotional	Award to any Rover who has complete a suitable community development project under Method A or B.
Personal Growth	Service Ramblers Scoutcraft Social Spiritual Physical Intellectual and Emotional	Award to any Rover who has complete a suitable personal growth project under Method A or B.