



# APPLYING FOR THE WORLD ORGANIZATION OF THE SCOUT MOVEMENT MEMBERSHIP





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## PURPOSE

A National Scout Organization (NSO) must meet certain membership requirements established by the constitution of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) prior to submitting an application for WOSM membership. The following serves as a guide for any NSO wishing to apply for WOSM membership, recognising that the support of a Region to an NSO in the pre-formal phase is a crucial part of working towards WOSM membership. Please refer to Chapter III of the WOSM Constitution for all constitutional provisions related to membership of WOSM.

## MEMBERSHIP

WOSM membership is open to all NSOs which fulfil the requirements for membership. NSOs which are members of WOSM are collectively referred to as Member Organizations. The authority to confer membership is vested in the World Scout Conference, on the recommendation of the World Scout Committee.

An application for WOSM membership will be considered if the NSO meets the eligibility and membership requirements. It is further established practice that the World Scout Committee requests a positive endorsement from the concerned Regional Scout Committee prior to taking a membership application into consideration.

## ELIGIBILITY

An NSO is eligible to apply for WOSM membership if it is registered and established in a sovereign state. There can be only one member NSO from any one sovereign state.

# ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

**An NSO is required to provide proof of the following:**

- a) Adoption and evidence of sustained adherence to the purpose, principles, and method as laid down by Chapter I of the WOSM Constitution
- b) Establishment of the NSO as an independent, non-political, voluntary movement of probity, and effectiveness
- c) Enrolment to be open to all who agree to conform to the purpose, principles, and method of the Movement
- d) Establishment of its legal entity and evidence of its widespread operation in the territory it represents
- e) Demonstration that, by the quality of its leadership, the organisation of its leader training, and the size of its membership and its resources, it is self-sufficient and capable of providing adequate services to its members and assuming all obligations of a Member Organization.

## PROCEDURE

The World Scout Committee shall investigate an application for membership by an NSO, applying established objective criteria to be published from time to time. If it considers that the membership requirements are fulfilled, it shall make the necessary recommendations to the World Scout Conference by post or electronic communication.

If within three months the recommendation is unopposed or opposed by less than five per cent of the Member Organizations, the World Scout Committee shall declare the NSO a member of WOSM.

If five per cent or more of the Member Organizations oppose admission, the application shall be referred to the next meeting of the World Scout Conference, where admission shall require a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

# APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Prior to submitting an application, liaise with the respective Regional Support Centre for preliminary assessment of meeting eligibility and membership requirements.
2. Submit the following documents as part of the application package to the respective Regional Support Centre:
  - a) Official letter, in English or French, using the NSO's letterhead requesting for WOSM membership. A template may be obtained upon request from the respective Regional Support Centre. The official letter must include:
    - i. Signature/s of one or more legal representatives of the NSO
    - ii. Formal commitment that the NSO, for so long as it remains a Member Organization, will adhere to:
      - any and all relevant provisions in the WOSM Constitution
      - each of the membership requirements under WOSM Constitution Article V.5
      - all obligations of Member Organizations as outlined in Article VII.3
    - iii. Confirmation that the NSO is fully aware of the obligation to pay the estimated annual registration fee at a level determined by the policies and decisions of the World Scout Conference. The NSO may confirm this estimated amount with the respective World Scout Bureau Regional Support Centre.
  - b) Supporting documents (in English or French unless otherwise mentioned)
    - i. Official recommendation letter from the respective Region
    - ii. A report of a recent field visit prepared by the respective Region
    - iii. The NSO's constitution in accurate English or French (machine-generated translations will not suffice) and in the original language of the NSO (if applicable)

- iv. The NSO's internal rules, regulations, and guidelines
  - v. A copy of the registration certificate confirming the status of the NSO as a legal entity issued by the appropriate authority in its country of operation (in the original language as well as in English or French)
  - vi. An organisational chart of the NSO, illustrating the constitutional or principle relationships existing amongst key bodies and positions at national and district (or equivalent) levels
  - vii. A duly completed WOSM NSO Reporting Package, which provides the essential data for the WOSM census and the World Scouting Directory
  - viii. The Financial Statement of the NSO for the most recently closed financial year (can be submitted in the NSO's original language)
  - ix. The most recent annual report of the NSO (can be submitted in the NSO's original language)
  - x. A fact sheet of the NSO (not more than two pages produced in collaboration with the respective World Scout Bureau Regional Support Centre), summarising the following, but not limited to: country information, history of Scouting in the country, legal registration, objectives of the NSO, organisational structure, current membership, specific educational approach, and financial status.
3. Email the full set of documents (listed above) as one package addressed to Ahmad Alhendawi (alhendawi@scout.org), the Secretary General of WOSM, with the respective Regional Director and Charles Ng (charlesng@scout.org), Senior Manager, Constitutions and Legal GRC & Chief Risk Management Officer, in copy.
  4. Once submitted, the NSO will receive an email notification that the application package has been received and will be provided with further instructions or information.



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