



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ROVER COUNCIL

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Baden Powell Sword Guidelines

The Baden Powell Sword (BP Sword) was presented to the Rovers of Western Australia on the 12th August 1999 by the Baden Powell Lodge of the Freemasons. The BP sword is a symbol of our similar values. The intent of the BP Sword is for ceremonial purposes to symbolise the traditions and heritage of the Rovers of Western Australia.

These guidelines have been developed to ensure that the BP Sword remains a valuable part of the WA Rover culture for a long time.

Western Australian Rover Council Responsibilities

The Chairman of the Western Australian Rover Council (WARC) is the holder and protector of the BP Sword.

WARC is responsible for the following:

- Ensuring that the sword is responsibly, fairly and appropriately distributed for use;
- Maintaining a log book of where and when the sword has been used, and signed by the crew;
- Conducting routine maintenance as required;
- Use, as required and appropriate, at WARC functions and ceremonies;
- Storing the sword appropriately when not in use;
- Standing the sword at the head of the round table at WARC meetings; and
- Maintaining the WARC Chairman's honour board.

Use by Individual Rover Crews

- The sword has been presented to the Rovers of Western Australia therefore it is available to crews to use under the following guidelines:
- The sword is to be used at ceremonial, full uniform functions only;
- Application must be made to the WARC Chairman (or delegate), where the crew must briefly outline the proposed use of the sword;
- The Chairman (or delegate) is responsible for approval of crew requests;
- The crew leader (or delegate) must sign the log book to acknowledge crew responsibility;
- Under usual circumstances the crew will collect the sword from the Chairman (or delegate) and must return the sword, as arranged with the Chairman (or delegate) within one week; and
- Any physical alterations that are sustained while the crew has use of the sword shall be fixed by WARC, but paid for by the crew.

Applicability to other Scouting Sections

Other sections of the Scout and Guide Association may use the sword if at least one registered Rover or Rover Adviser attends the event. In this case the crew guidelines apply, and the crew is the crew of the Rover attending the event.

Use by Groups External to Scouting

The BP Sword is to be used only by the Scout and Guide Association, except where the Baden Powell Lodge of the Freemasons request the sword to be used at a lodge event. In this case the guidelines for other Scouting Sections directly apply.