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Western Cape Scout Programme Sponsorship Fund (WCSPSF)

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Overview

The purpose of this policy is to reallocate a portion of the surplus generated by the Scout Programme Portfolio into a dedicated fund aimed at providing discounted courses and sponsorship opportunities for scouts in the Western Cape Region. This policy outlines methods through which Scout Courses can obtain sponsorship for specific expenses, thereby reducing overall fees. Additionally, scouts will have the opportunity to apply for partial sponsorship to help cover their course fees.

Qualifying Events

This policy only applies to Regional Scout Courses. It would not extend to competitions or district courses. The official list of Regional Scout Courses offered by the region includes:

- Leadership Courses: *LDC1, LDC2, PLTC, PLTU*
- Scoutcraft Courses: *Fires & Cooking, Hiking, Oarsman, Watermanship, First Aid, Sailing, Pioneer, Conservation*
- Interest Courses: *Mapping, First Aid, Helmsman, Boatman, Hike Leader, Cook, Ship Quartermaster, Pioneer, Survival, Canoeist*

Source of Funding

There are three potential sources of funding for the WCSPSF, namely:

- Scout Programme Surplus – approximately 25% of the Scout Programme surplus from the previous year will form the base of the fund, as of the 2024 financial year.
- Donations – Donations received through the Scout Programme Fundraisers or via directed donations.
- Fundraisers – Profit generated by fundraisers run by the Scout Programme team for the WCSPSF.

Requesting Sponsorship for Course Expenses

Course Leaders may request WCSPSF support for venue fees, especially for Hawequas courses, to help lower participant costs while covering venue expenses. Sponsorship requests for other course expenses must be submitted to the RTC Scout Programme and Regional Finance Rep well in advance of submission of the budget.

Requesting Sponsorship for Course Fees

The WCSPSF offers sponsorship to scouts who cannot attend Regional Courses due to financial constraints. The following individuals may request sponsorship for specific scouts through the RTC Scout Programme or Course Leader:

- **Troop Scouter:** If aware of a scout needing financial help, they may request 25%, 50% or 75% sponsorship by contacting the Course Leader and providing motivation for the scout at least 2 weeks prior to the course.
- **District Commissioner:** The DC may request sponsorship for scouts in their district by contacting the RTC Scout Programme or Course Leader, with motivation on behalf of the scouts at least 2 weeks prior to the course.
- **Course Leader:** Sponsorship requests made through the Course Leader must be approved by the RTC Scout Programme prior to submission of the course budget.

Final Approval

Final approval of sponsorships is granted by the RTC Scout Programme, who will track WCSPSF finances. Approval depends on available funds and the need expressed by the Troop Scouter, District Commissioner, or Course Leader. Any sponsorships falling outside these guidelines or any disputes will be referred to the Regional Finance Rep for approve.