

A Brief Guide to National Council

- **National Council:** It is the main meeting of Scouting Ireland. There is usually only one a year, this is an additional meeting, called an Extraordinary General Meeting, which is to deal with a particular topic. At National Council decisions major affecting SI are made, reports are giving, and elections happen.
- **Standing Orders:** These are the set of rules that govern a formal meeting. They are like the rules of a game. They state how the meeting should be run, who people can speak, and how elections happen.
- **Motions:** These are proposals that are suggested by Scout Groups, Scout Counties, National Youth For a (Scouts, Venture Scouts and Rover Scouts), and the NMC. Sometimes they are about changes to the Constitution or the Rules, while general motions ask for something to be done. Most motions require a simple majority (50% + 1). A member of the proposing body introduces the motion; during which delegates can queue to speak either for or against the motion.
- **Changing the constitution:** To change part of the constitution of SI you need to pass what's call a 'notice of motion' at one meeting, with a simple majority, (50% + 1), followed by a motion at the next National Council, which needs a two-thirds majority (66% +1).
- **Delegates:** Scout Groups and other bodies appoint delegates to NC. As a delegate you represent the views of that group. Each scout Group can send 4 delegates, and at least 1 of them must be a Youth Member.



The unofficial SI terminology guide

Youth Members – all Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venture Scouts, and Rover Scouts.

Scout – scout (with a lower case s) refers to all youth members, while Scout (with an upper case s) refers to members of the Scout section.

GC - Group Council: The decision making body in the Scout Group.

GL - Group Leader: Keeps the group up and running and watches over all aspects.

SS – Section Scouter: This Adult Scouter co-ordinates the efforts of all the Adult Scouters in their Section to plan and facilitate meetings and events for the Youth Members in their Section.

CC - County Commissioner: The head of the Scout County Team. Appoints a CPC team and is generally responsible for the running of the Scout County.

CPC - County Programme Coordinator: Appointed by the CC to look after county programme. They are responsible for all County Programme in all sections in all groups

ACPC - Assistant CPC: In some counties where there is a need, ACPCs are appointed for each section (ACPC for Beavers Scouts, Cubs Scouts etc.) They work with the CPC, the other ACPCs and the CC to deliver Programme for their section.

CTC - County Training Coordinator: Coordinates Scouter training in the county.

PMST – Provincial Management Support Team: A group that coordinates how a Scout Province supports the Scout Counties and Groups.

PSO – Provincial Support Officer & GSF-Group Support Facilitators: Paid professional staff of SI who supports Groups and help them develop.

SI – Scouting Ireland: The officially recognised Scouting Organisation of which we are all members.

NMC - National Management Committee: The group of volunteers, with the support of professional staff, who runs SI in between National Councils.

NYPC - National Youth Programme Committee: The group that coordinates the development and implementation of all programme. It includes the Chief Commissioners (Youth Prog.), the Programme Commissioners, Provincial Reps, and some National Youth Reps.

NARC - National Adult Resources Committee: The committee that looks after training and support of adult scouters.

NSRAP - National Spiritual / Religious Advisory Panel: A group of representatives from different religions and denominations who advise SI on relevant matters. The Chair of the panel is a member of the NMC.

NTPIC - National Team for Policy Implementation & Coordination: A group consisting of the Chief Scout, the Chief Commissioners, the National Secretary, National Treasurer, and the Chair of NSRAP, and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (head of the paid professional staff) attends.

SID – scouting Ireland Documents: these are official documents, usually defining policies and practices, which are approved by the NMC

SIF - Scouting Ireland Form: these are official forms from Scouting Ireland