

Starting a National Scout and Guide Fellowship



Once a working Local Scout and Guide Fellowship (LSGF) has been established, it is possible to start new groups in other parts of the country, usually through a network of old scout/guide friends, and former scouts/ guides referred by national Scout/ Guide Associations. As soon as the new groups are established, it is time to prepare for the formation of a National Scout and Guide Fellowship (NSGF). The national WOSM and/or WAGGGS Associations should be willing to accept and co-operate with a National Scout and Guide Fellowship (NSGF). The name of the Fellowship is a national responsibility and would normally be in your own language. But as you will also be known as “the National Scout and Guide Fellowship of XXXX” or “the XXXX National Scout and Guide Fellowship” (in English or French), it is recommended that one of these is added as a sub-title to your name.

Regarding your logo; for identification reasons, it is strongly recommended that the ISGF logo be a part of your logo, or eventually be used as your logo. It is also recommended that the draft Constitution and proposed logo is sent to the World Bureau for comments at an early stage.

The ISGF World Committee will consider the application. If all is well, the World Committee will grant your National Fellowship Associate Membership (minimum 60 members) or Full Membership (125 members).

To be recognised the NSGF is required to:

- be open to all former members of WOSM and/or WAGGGS in the whole country;
- adopt and sustain adherence to ISGF Principles and Aims as laid down in its Constitution;
- maintain the Organisation as a voluntary non-political movement;
- maintain a minimum membership of 125 members;
- have more than one LSGF, in different areas; ("area" is not defined in ISGF Constitution, but it means at least more than one town and one region);
- pay annual fees, as agreed by the ISGF World Conference
- notify the ISGF World Bureau of any changes in its National Constitution;
- submit every year an Annual Report to the ISGF World Bureau.

In principle, only one National Association from any one country can be recognised for Membership of ISGF as a NSGF. However, more associations can be accepted. In such countries it is recommended that a Joint National Committee be formed as a liaison body. It is the responsibility of the Joint National Committee that all component Associations meet the requirements of the ISGF Constitution and Bye-Laws.

However, in countries where a Joint National Committee cannot be formed for cultural, religious and other reasons, the country can be represented by two independent NSGF's, one Fellowship must be based on former WAGGGS members and the other one, on former WOSM members.