

Rules

1. Take care of instruments: This includes cleaning them with the recommended cleaning products (please refer to the band website or speak to the leaders).
2. Instruments MUST be covered on your Parents household insurance. We recommend that the Bell Lyres and drums be named on the insurance policy as they may cost up to £1000 each to replace.
3. Parade uniform will, where possible, be provided free of charge and will be provided clean & ironed. We'd be grateful if when leaving the band, or when being fitted for a new uniform, the existing uniform is returned in the same condition as provided. Any uniform damaged beyond repair may be charged for.
4. No instruments are to be played to or from the band meeting. This includes all parades.
5. Attend all parades. If you are unable to attend a parade, please let the leaders know in advance. By you not attending it may make all the difference to the band being able to turn out on parade and may even stop the event from taking place. Failure to attend at least 50% of parades in a year may result in you being asked to leave the band.
6. On scouting parades, members are expected to parade with the band NOT their group. In exceptional circumstances please speak to the band leaders. This has been agreed with both Fareham districts. If there's no band, there could be no parade.
7. Unless agreed with the leaders, all members are to be collected from the hall. That does not mean the car park! This is for your own safety.
8. Band subs are due regardless of you turning up on the night.
9. If you fail to attend band for more than 8 weeks, without prior agreement with the bandmaster, your membership of the band may be forfeited and you may be asked to return all band equipment and pay any outstanding subscriptions.
10. Members of the band that are not members of a scout group will be expected to pay capitulation. This is an annual fee that is paid to the Scout HQ and covers the insurance of the band whilst on activities/Parade
11. Keep the leaders informed of changes in personal circumstances that may affect your ability to take part in activities with the band.
12. There will be a bi-annual review of your band membership form. This is to ensure that all your details are up to date.
13. Details of your band membership will be kept in an electronic format. At no time will this information be made public and will only be accessible to the bandmasters. It will be used to help with the bi-annual review.
14. The band group badge will be used to denote the length of time a member has been with the band. These badges are to be worn on the group uniform NOT the band uniform and are to be placed beneath the county and district badges. Only one badge is to be worn at a time on the uniform. The order of badges are:
dark green, light green, dark blue, light blue, grey, orange, red, gold.
The Bandmasters will be entitled to wear a white badge with a gold mace.
15. The band website and social media will provide the latest information and timetable of forthcoming events. <http://www.farehamscoutband.org.uk>
16. The Scouting Rules as defined in the POR will also apply (a copy is available from the Scout UK website)
17. You will be expected to follow instructions given by either the band leaders or the Drum Major.
18. All band equipment remains the property of the band and MUST be returned when requested. The band will take all necessary steps to recover its property.
19. The Band will take all necessary steps to recover costs incurred by deliberate damage to its property

Code of Conduct

- a) **Time Keeping:** Band starts at 7pm, where possible please be on time. If you are not going to be on time, please let the leaders know
- b) **Band Uniform:** Practice evenings – Please wear either the band grey tops or your group uniform. New members not part of a scout group should wear suitable clothing for marching and playing games
- c) **Bullying:** Anyone caught bullying may be asked to leave the band.
- d) **Help:** Help other members of the band
- e) Obey the relevant Cub or Scout Law & Promise
- f) **Playing of Instruments:** There is to be no playing of instruments unless instructed to.
- g) **Silence** when being spoken to or when others are playing. If they are polite enough to listen to you then you should show them the same respect.
- h) **Flag:** Flag Break /Lowering of the flag: If late stay by the door until it has finished.
- i) **Gadgets:** No playing with electronic gadgets (Mobile phones, PSP's, DS's, MP3 Players) unless agreed with the leaders
- j) **Eating:** No eating/chewing when fallen in. If you do, you may be asked to offer them around to all the other band members!
- k) **Parades/Workshops:** When on parade or helping at a workshop, please remember you are representing the Band and the Scout Association. Please be on your best behaviour and do not do anything that may bring the Band into disrepute. Remember not only will you be letting the Band down, but you will also be letting yourself down.
- l) **Practice** – Whilst we accept that there are plenty of other things going on in your lives, we would appreciate it you could practice for at least 15 minutes a week at home. The more you practice the more chance you have of learning your instrument.
- m) **Have fun.**
- n) **Problems:** If there is a problem we, the leaders & helpers, want to know about it. Don't keep it to yourself. You can always ask to speak to us in private. If you feel that you are unable to speak about it in person, please send us an email or letter. We can't fix it unless we know about it and please don't assume that we are already aware of it.

These rules & code of conduct apply to all of us, including the leaders.

Committee Membership

The band has a committee that helps decide any big decisions that need to be made. This committee is made up of the Band Leadership and members of the band that are over 15 years of age (subject to approval by the leadership). We also have one independent member that is not a member of either of the two Fareham Districts to ensure an impartial view is always available.

The committee is there in purely an advisory capacity and has no jurisdiction on the way the band is run or operated. They may, however, suggest improvements to the band for the leadership to consider and any fundraising opportunities that they consider appropriate. In some cases, this may lead to the committee taking the lead role for some fundraising events.