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FAQs

Are these images in the proposal document the FINAL uniform?

No. They are not images of the FINAL uniform.

The photographs in the document show the first round of samples that were received from suppliers in late January. The document reflects the proposed uniform in the second of three stages of prototypes.

Will we see a sample of the uniform at National Council?

Yes. The samples which will be shown at National Council will be the second of three stages of prototypes and as close as possible to the final garments within the constraints of prototyping and development budget.

Why is there a Unisex and a Female shirt?

The unisex shirt is designed with the male figure in mind, but can also be worn by any individual who feels they would be more comfortable wearing a more spacious shirt.

The female shirt replaces the current design with a more tailored fit and detailing as per the feedback received in surveys and consultations.

Are the trousers/pants gone?

No. You now have the option to source your own plain navy trousers/pants/shorts/skirt from your own preferred supplier or The Scout Shop. This decision can be made at Group level.

There will be a value line of approved navy trousers available from The Scout Shop alongside a selection of suitable branded navy options.

Can I wear shorts or a skirt?

Yes. So long as they conform to the same plain navy blue policy as for trousers/pants as mentioned above.

What about the price?

The Scout Shop plans to match the current uniform pricing.

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Why are the Scouting Ireland Badge & WOSM badge relocated?

A large proportion of females indicated their discomfort with the location of the circular WOSM badge and the circular Scouting Ireland emblem on their chest pockets. These were relocated across all shirts and uniform tops in order to keep the badge locations 'uniform'.

Why is the uniform navy on navy?

Throughout all surveys, discussions and roadshows an overwhelming majority of respondents wanted to keep the navy blue colour of the uniform.

What sizes will the proposed uniform be stocked in?

Beaver Scout Zip Top

5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12

Cub Scout Zip Top

9-10, 11-12, 13-14, XS and S

Scouts/Venture Scouts/Rover Scouts/Scouters Unisex Zip Top

11-12, 13-14, XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL and XXXXL

Scouts/Venture Scouts/Rover Scouts/Scouters Female Zip Top

Top 8-10, 10-12, 12-14, 14-16, 16-18, 18-20

Scouts/Venture Scouts/Rover Scouts/Scouters Unisex Shirt:

11-12, 13-14, XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL and XXXXL

Scouts/Venture Scouts/Rover Scouts/Scouters Female Shirt;

8-10, 10-12, 12-14, 14-16, 16-18, 18-20

Youth Pull Up Trouser

7-8, 9-10 and 11-12

Trouser Male/ Unisex

13-14, XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL and XXXXL

Female Trouser

8-10, 10-12, 12-14, 14-16, 16-18, 18-20

Why are the female shirt pockets different?

The majority of feedback from females in relation to the shirt indicated some discomfort with external pockets. The internal pockets on the female shirt are the same size as the external pockets on the unisex shirt.

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What about the flags on the Scouting Ireland Badge?

We are an all island association and we saw the opportunity to make the uniform more inclusive to all of our members across the whole island without multiple flag options. A tricolour badge can be provided for those who wish to wear it.

What about the ethics of the uniform production?

The Scout Shop endeavours to work with 'ISO 26000' certified production factories and all products are ethically sourced.

There are no youth programme badges or adult awards in the uniform proposal document, are these gone?

No, There's no change to the current badge and award policies. No youth programme badges or adult awards were included in the proposal document to provide a clear picture of the proposed uniform without any distractions.

Is the belt still part of uniform?

Yes. The current pattern Scouting Ireland webbed belt and Scouting Ireland leather belt will continue to be worn as part of uniform.

There are no lanyards in the uniform proposal document, are these gone?

There's no change to the current uniform policy in relation to lanyards/ accessories. The lanyard is an optional uniform accessory and can be worn if the Scout Group wishes by those who wish to carry a whistle or penknife. It is considered core uniform for Sea Scouts.

Why do the Beaver Scout & Cub Scout jumpers look like sports tops?

The design of the new jumpers is developed from feedback from our youth members and parents, together with a need for a practical jumper for active wear in line with outdoor apparel developments.

The half zip is a response to ease of removal for the young people and a smarter look compared to the current generic crew neck.

The section colour panels was a response to the youth members wanting 'more colour' in their jumpers, while at the same time expressing a preference for blue to be the main colour.

The addition of the silver-grey reflective seams at the back was considered to be a good safety feature when wearing the jumper in the dark.

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When can we see the uniform samples?

Uniform second round samples will be displayed on the morning of National Council. The samples reflect the proposals as accurately as possible at this stage of development.

If passed at National Council, when will the new uniform be launched?

If the motion is passed The Scout Shop plan to have all new jumpers available to purchase in September 2018, as they are quicker to develop for production than shirts.

Shirts & Trousers* are planned to launch for Founders Day, 22nd February 2019.

*An official pattern of pull ups, trousers and female trousers will be available for purchase from The Scout Shop alongside other navy blue lower garment options from appropriate brands.