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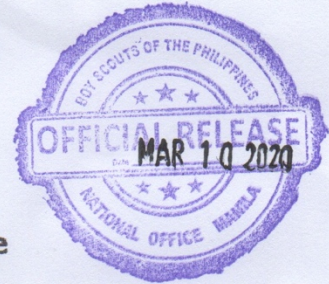
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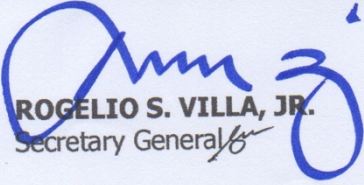


To : National Office Directors and Executives
Regional Scout Directors and Executives
Council Scout Executives and Officers-In-Charge
Commissioners at all Ranks and Levels
Lay Leaders and Members-at-Large
All Others Concerned

SUBJECT : REMOVAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION AS SOLE BASIS
AND CRITERION FOR THE BSP NATIONAL HIGHER AWARDS

1. Pursuant to the decision of the BSP National Court of Honor (NCoH), in its Meeting on 09 March 2020, it is hereby announced and made a matter on record, the **removal of the participation to International Scouting Events and Observances** as a **sole basis** and **criterion** for the approval of **National Higher Awards**, particularly the **Bronze, Silver and Gold Usa** and **Tamaraw** categories, respectively, as it is discriminatory to other Scout Leaders with limited resources to attend to International Scouting Events and Gatherings, despite of their significant impact and vital contributions to their Sponsoring Institutions and Local Councils.
2. This decision was made after thorough discussions and deliberations between the BSP Technical Working Group and the National Court of Honor, as well as the observations made, based on submitted Nomination Forms from the Local Councils and Regional Offices nationwide.
3. This undertaking aims to **delimit the criteria** to just mere International, National, Regional and Council participation only, but to give more due emphasis to the **significant impact** and **vital contributions** of our Volunteers at all ranks and levels, especially those from the ranks of our partners in the Department of Education and in the Local Government Units.
4. These shall apply to but are not limited to:
 - a. **Unit Leaders:** These are the Langkay Leaders, Kawan Leaders, Troop Leaders, Outfit Advisors and Circle Leaders and their Assistants, who are directly involved in managing Scout Units, and in the administration of Scouting programs to their respective sections.
 - b. **Leaders of Adults, Lay-Leaders, Members-at-Large:** These are the Local Council Executive Board Members, Regional Scout Committee Members and Chairpersons, National Executive Board Members, the National, Regional, Council, and District Commissioners at all ranks and levels, and the members of the Professional Staff and Executives at the Council, Regional Offices and National Office.
5. **Significant Impact** refers to the **extraordinary result** or **outcome** of the implementation of various programs, projects and activities that **directly benefits the community**, based on its identified needs, **served the interests of the Scout Membership** in general, as well as the **enhancement of its Adult Leaders'** capacity to lead, manage and administer Scouting program in their locality. This may include but are not limited to:

- a. The Number of Scouts Advanced to the Highest Ranks
 - b. The Number of Scout Leaders supported and send to the Basic, Advanced and Higher Trainings
 - c. The conduct of Community Service Projects, with substantial number of service hours, that are aligned to the Better World Framework and Sustainable Development Goals such as the Messengers of Peace (MoP) Initiatives, the Scouts of the World Award (SWA), and the World Scout Environment Programme (WSEP) and its component programs like Scouts Go Solar, Dialogue for Peace, HeForShe, YUNGA, Diversity and Inclusion, Scouting and Humanitarian Action, Safe from Harm and Spiritual Development.
 - d. Promotion and support to the BSP National Flagship Programmes – the Membership Growth Campaign, the Go Green Tree Planting Activities and the Road Safety Awareness Initiatives at the Local, Regional and National levels.
 - e. Conceptualize and developed a program, campaign or initiative that are essential to the promotion of any of the Sectional Programs of the BSP.
6. **Vital Contributions** refers to the substantial amount money, material, logistical, time and effort, and human resources dedicated and spent to and for the cause of Scouting and its programmes, projects and activities. This may include but are not limited to:
- a. Cause the issuance of memoranda, policy and guidelines that supports Scouting activities in their locality such as Jamborees, Youth Forum, Seminar-Workshops, Training Courses and alike.
 - b. Cause the issuance and approval of memoranda for the release of Travel Order/Authority for Scout Leaders serving as Trainers, Resource Persons and Camp Staff in all related Scouting events and observances.
 - c. Cause the approval of the appropriations and utilization of available (SEF, LSB, MOOE) funds and resources that supports Membership Growth campaign.
 - d. All Special Services rendered and Dedicated Time spent to the cause of Scouting as members of the Training Team, serving as Chairperson and Member of different Committees; Program and Training Task Groups and Adhoc Committees at all ranks and levels.
 - e. Represent the BSP in International Scouting Events and Observances such as Conference, Conventions, Summit, and in Training Courses as Technical Resource Person, Subject Matter Expert, Course Trainer, Staff and Facilitator.
 - f. Help established significant partnership between BSP and other youth-oriented and youth serving organizations with the cause that is mutually beneficial and common with that of the BSP.
 - g. Assist and facilitated the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding between the BSP and other NGAs, LGUs, GOCCs, HEIs with common goal to the BSP National Flagship Programs.
7. The **National Court of Honor** enjoins all concerned to recommend and nominate deserving Scout Leaders whose significant impact and vital contributions have supported and helped your Local Council in achieving its **Membership Growth** target, promote **Tree Planting** and implemented **Road Safety Awareness** advocacy, as well as other priority programmes under the **Better World Framework** and **Scouts for SDGs**.
8. Should you have further queries you may refer them directly to **MR. YASSER F. SARONA**, Program and Adult Resources Development Executive, at (02) 527-8317 loc. 524 or via email at yasser_bsp@yahoo.com
9. For information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.


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