

Drill & Ceremonies

Pathfinder Basic Staff Training

- ## Objectives
- ◆ To develop a theoretical and practical understanding of the benefits that a Pathfinder and Pathfinder Club can obtain through a program of drill and ceremonies
 - ◆ To help Pathfinder leaders become confident in the ceremonial procedure connected with the Pathfinder Club

- ## Aim & Purpose
- ◆ **Aim**
The aim of drill is to produce a Pathfinder who is proud, alert and obedient and to provide the basis of teamwork.
 - ◆ **The Purpose**
The main purpose of drill is to enable bodies of Pathfinders to be moved easily and quickly from one point to another in an orderly manner.

- ## Other Benefits of Drill
- Physical**
- ◆ Recognised as an excellent fitness exercise
 - ◆ Helps develop coordination of body movement

Other Benefits of Drill

Mental

- ◆ Develops confidence in leadership skills
- ◆ Stimulates the mind in the giving and receiving of commands

Other Benefits of Drill

Psychological

- ◆ Encourages a sense of teamwork
- ◆ Develops the inner quality of self-control and discipline
- ◆ Promotes automatic performance of duties under all circumstances
- ◆ Produces instinctive response to the control and stimulus of leaders

Opening & Closing Ceremonies Familiarisation

Precedence

When carried in a Procession

- ◆ In single file, the national flag, if carried with other flags, should always lead

Outdoors

- ◆ As a general rule of thumb, when hoisting the flag with multiple flag poles, the flag with most precedence should always be on the right (on the left when looking at the flag from head on), the exception would be if one flag pole is higher than the other, then that flag pole takes precedence.

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Displaying Indoors

- ◆ Procession – The national flag leads the way in and is posted first
- ◆ Recession – The national flag is unhoisted last and leads the way out
- ◆ On a platform, the National flag should be on the speaker's right, and other flags on the speaker's left.
- ◆ On the floor, the National flag should be to the right of the audience as they face the platform. Other flags are to be to the left of the audience.

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Disposal of Flags

◆ The flag should never be flown when tattered or soiled, it is a sign of disrespect. Flags do wear out and must be replaced. When disposing of an old flag it is ideal to privately burn it in a respectful manner. You may also tear the flag or cut it into strips until it no longer resembles the flag.

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- ◆ **The United Kingdom (UK) flag should never be allowed to drag along the ground**
- ◆ **A tattered or faded flag of United Kingdom (UK) should be removed and replaced with a new flag**
- ◆ **Due care and consideration must be taken to ensure that the United Kingdom (UK) flag is always flown the correct way up**

Reporting – Opening Ceremony

- ◆ Unit Captain brings themselves to attention
- ◆ “[Unit Name] Pathfinders... ATTENTION!”
- ◆ Unit Captain marches forward to face officer and halts
- ◆ Salute then one pace forward and reports

Reporting – Opening Ceremony

- ◆ “[Unit Name] reporting Sir/Maam... strength of unit (amount), how many present, how many absent, how many accounted for, how many unaccounted for.
- ◆ Eg. “[Unit Name] reporting Sir/Maam... (strength of unit) 10 members, 7 present, 2 in the kitchen, 1 ill. All accounted for Sir!”
- ◆ After officer’s response, Unit Captain takes one pace backward, salutes, left or right turn then marches back to squad
- ◆ “[Unit Name] Pathfinders, stand at EASE!”

Useful Links

- ◆ www.flags-flags-flags.org.uk/united-kingdom-flag.htm

Basic Drill Commands

- ◆ Pathfinders fall in, tallest on the right, shortest on the left, in single file, SIZE!
- ◆ Pathfinders Atten-TION
- ◆ Stand at EASE
- ◆ Right TURN / Left TURN / About TURN
- ◆ Fall OUT / Dis-MISSED

Basic Drill Commands Familiarisation

- ◆ Posture
- ◆ Falling In/Out & Dismissing
- ◆ Hand positions
 - ◆ Attention
 - ◆ Prayer Attention
 - ◆ Stand at Ease
 - ◆ Stand Easy

Basic Drill Commands Familiarisation

- ◆ Basic Movements
 - ◆ Stand at Ease
 - ◆ Attention
 - ◆ Mark Time
 - ◆ Turns – right/left/about
- ◆ Saluting