



# Conditions of Use and Safe Usage Guidelines

## KYM the Scout Mascot and Handler

**PARTICIPANTS DETAILS** \*(Mandatory Fields)

KYM		Handler	
Scout Group:*		Scout Group:*	
First Name:*		First Name:*	
Surname:*		Surname:*	
Date of Birth:*		Date of Birth:*	
Membership Number:*		Membership Number:*	
Gender:*	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Gender:*	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Home Address:		P/Code:	
Phone:*		Phone:*	
Email:*		Email:*	
Intended date/s for use:			
Pick Up Date:			
Return Date:			

**EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS** \*(Mandatory Fields)

Name (KYM):*		Relation:*		Phone:*	
Name (Handler):*		Relation:*		Phone:*	

**CONDITIONS OF USE OF PARTICIPATION AS KYM THE SCOUT MASCOT or HANDLER****PARTICIPANT AND HANDLER PLEASE READ AND SIGN IN AGREEMENT**

THE MASCOT AND HANDLER CAN BE ASSOCIATED WITH SOME RISKS. IF YOU PARTICIPATE, YOU DO SO AT YOUR OWN RISK. INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM IS A **SAFE USAGE GUIDELINES**. PLEASE READ THESE **CONDITIONS OF USE AND THE SAFE USAGE GUIDELINES** CAREFULLY. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS OR YOU DO NOT AGREE TO ANY OF THE CONDITIONS PLEASE DO NOT VOLUNTEER TO UNDERTAKE THIS ACTIVITY.

- As the Mascot wearer or Handler I confirm that I am over **the age of 18** and a **current member or supporter of Scouts Australia**, I accept these Conditions of Use and consent to participating in the wearing of the Mascot or acting as its Handler for *Scouts Australia NSW*.
- I understand that while participating as the Mascot or Handler I am **representing Scouts Australia NSW in a public setting** and will conduct myself in a manner befitting the Scout Promise and Law.
- I understand that this **activity has risks associated** including, but not limited to, overheating, dehydration, fainting, disorientation, claustrophobia and a variety of possible injuries. I agree to voluntarily assume all risks in participating in wearing the Mascot or being its Handler.
- I declare that I do not suffer from any **medical condition** that may affect my ability to participate safely in this activity.
- I am aware that *Scouts Australia NSW* will **photograph** the Mascot and Handler. I consent to the usage of these **promotional images** and I waive any claim I may otherwise have in respect of their usage.
- I acknowledge that I am responsible for collecting the Mascot from the Scouts Australia NSW State Office at Lvl 1 Quad 3 102 Bennelong Parkway SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK NSW 2127 and returning the Mascot on the dates specified above unless agreed to in writing prior to collection with the Communications and Development Team.
- I acknowledge that I will pay any monetary compensation to *Scouts Australia NSW* in the event of damage or loss to the Mascot as *Scouts Australia NSW* may see fit.



## **SAFE USAGE GUIDELINES: KYM THE SCOUT MASCOT AND HANDLER**

1. Kym the Mascot does not talk. The character expresses by gestures and movement and the Handler's job entails acting as interpreter. Good animations include waving (whole arm) and small (wiggly fingers), throwing kisses, covering your mouth with your hands, shrugging your shoulders to be shy, pointing and giggling, hands over ears for loud noises and 'high 5's.
2. Do not remove any part of the costume in public. You must remain professional and keep the integrity of the Mascot. Please ensure the Handler and Mascot has the necessary passes or tickets for entry.
3. The suitability of the Mascot person is between 165cm – 177cm. (5ft 5 inches to 5ft 10 inches) The Mascot person should be no larger than a men's MEDIUM in build.
4. SAFETY: LIMIT THE TIME. Heat is a major factor in summer and winter. A maximum of 20 minutes on and 20 minutes off is our recommendation. However, based on the weather conditions, you will need to judge whether less time in the suit is appropriate. The Handler needs to keep track of time and guide the character away for a rest period.
5. The ice vest should be used in winter and summer. Place the vest in water to activate the cooling gel. Place the vest in the freezer overnight and transport to the venue in a cooler bag or small esky. *Heatstroke is a real possibility.* Keep your fluid level up, particularly on a hot day, a camel pack is a great idea. Keep the straw in your mouth as you cannot use your hands to get to it.
6. The fan inside the head has a charger. Please remove the velcro battery pack and recharge the night before. Flick the switch to activate the head's cooling fan.
7. Alcohol is not to be consumed within a minimum of 24 hours before acting as the Mascot or Handler. The smell of alcohol on a Mascot character or Handler is unacceptable around children and it poses a very real risk to health and safety of the person in character and the Handler.
8. Wear cool cotton undergarments like a singlet and boxer shorts or bike pants under your costume and clean socks in the shoes. Ensure all components of the costume are collected and stored back in the carry bag in their bags. Make sure to visit the toilet before you get into your costume.
9. The mascot character should never go out in public unattended. The Handler is responsible for the well-being of the Mascot wearer and must keep track of time, regularly check the wellbeing of the Mascot and keep him/her safe from over excited children.
10. Please do not attempt to wash the Mascot, just return the costume in the correct named bags to the Scouts Australia NSW State Office. Do not send the costume to the dry cleaner or put in the dryer.
11. Please be aware when in the Mascot your vision WILL be limited. The Handler needs to be mindful of this and guide the Mascot around keeping stairs and obstacles at bay.
12. Most of all **enjoy yourself**. It really is a lot of fun.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand and agree to the **SAFE USAGE GUIDELINES** and the **CONDITIONS OF USE OF PARTICIPATION AS KYM THE SCOUT MASCOT or HANDLER**

### **SIGNATURES**

Participant's Name (Kym):*		Signature:*	
Participant's Name (Handler):*		Signature:*	