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### Adventurous Activities Practice Note

**Topic:** Procedure  
**Discipline:** Bushwalking  
**Audience:** All Activity Leaders in NSW  
**Compliance:** **Mandatory for all Scouts NSW Members**  
**Currency:** Current until 31 December 2022 or when included in Procedure

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30 Sept 2022  
**ACTIVE**

#### 1. Changes to the National Adventurous Activity Framework (NAAF)

- i. The NAAF outlines the qualification requirements of each Scoutskill Progression from Safe Participant to Guide.
- ii. Several issues were identified with version 2.5 of Appendix 3 of the NAAF dated January 2021 that limited certain activities to those with higher qualifications than necessary to deliver those activities at an acceptable risk.
- iii. A revised version of the NAAF "draft NAAF" has been developed and underwent review in the recent National Training Council (NTC) and will be endorsed by the National Operations Committee (NOC) in November 2022.

#### 2. Applications for Bushwalking in NSW

- i. Given the significance of the changes in increasing the accessibility of bushwalking activities for Youth Members, NSW will adopt the draft NAAF immediately. The draft NAAF is available [here](#).
- ii. Scoutlink is being updated to reflect qualifications held by members as per the draft NAAF.
- iii. Prior qualification forms reflecting the draft NAAF (to allow members to upgrade their qualifications) have been distributed to applicable members and are available [here](#).
- iv. A revised "What activities can I run?" table for Bushwalking has been developed, as has a track grading table. Both can be viewed [here](#).
- v. An updated Bushwalking procedure is targeted for release on 31 October 2022.

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#### Youth Safety in Scouting

Scouts NSW is committed to operating as a youth safe organisation and implementing youth safe policies and practices in accordance with the elements of a child safe institution outlined by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse report entitled Creating Child Safe Institutions.

#### Remember

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