



World Organization of the Scout Movement World Honours and Awards Committee

The Guidelines for the Awarding of the Bronze Wolf

The Bronze Wolf

The Bronze Wolf was established in 1935. It is the only **distinction awarded by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)** and is granted at the sole discretion of the **World Scout Committee (WSC)**, under Article XIV, 1. (n) of the WOSM Constitution upon recommendation of the **World Honours and Awards Committee (WHAC)** under Article XVI, 6.

1. Eligibility

- 1.1** The Bronze Wolf (BW) recognises outstanding service of the most exceptional character to the World Scout Movement typically at the world and/or regional levels.
- 1.2** Current members of the WSC and staff of the World Scout Bureau (WSB) are not eligible during their term of service.
- 1.3** In very exceptional circumstances, the WSC may may waive these restrictions
- 1.4** If a nominee passes away before the award is granted and communicated, the nomination process will automatically terminate.

2. Nominations

- 2.1** Nominations may be submitted by
 - 2.1.1** any elected member of the WSC;
 - 2.1.2** Regional Chairpersons;
 - 2.1.3** Chairpersons of WSC Standing Committees; and
 - 2.1.4** any current Bronze Wolf holder (except WHAC members).
- 2.2** All nominations must be made individually.
- 2.3** Nominations are accepted year-round, following the WHAC calendar.
- 2.4** Nominations must be fully completed by the nominator.

3. Preliminary evaluation by WHAC

- 3.1** Members of WHAC are asked to review nominations in advance of meetings, where time allows.
- 3.2** The purpose of the preliminary evaluation is to:
 - 3.2.1** gather and circulate additional relevant information;
 - 3.2.2** to ensure that if further information is required, there is an opportunity to obtain such information before the actual meeting.
 - 3.2.3** Allow absent WHAC members to submit input in advance;
 - 3.2.4** Streamline meeting discussions.
- 3.3** Evaluation focuses on evidence of impact and exceptional services – not age, tenure, attendance of events, or routine performance of duties. Ethical considerations are taken into account.
- 3.4** The Secretary informs WHAC on any previous nominations and outcomes.
- 3.5** Nominations are classified as:
 - 3.5.1** Likely to merit the Bronze Wolf.
 - 3.5.2** Needs more information.

3.5.3 No further action.

A nomination may only be reconsidered if at least three [3] years have passed since the rejection of the WSC or decision made by WHAC and new, significant information is included.

4. Preparation of report and a ballot paper for WSC

4.1 WHAC finalises a list, with four categories:

4.1.1 Recommended for Bronze Wolf (pending NSO confirmation).

4.1.2 Deferred.

4.1.3 Terminated due to death.

4.1.4 Closed (unless re-nominated).

4.2 For those recommended (4.1.1), WHAC discreetly seeks confirmation from the nominee's NSO that there are no ethical or safeguarding concerns.

4.3 WHAC prepares a ballot package for the elected members of the WSC, which includes:

4.3.1 Nomination form(s).

4.3.2 News article that will be used if the nominee is successful.

4.3.3 Reminder of Article XIII, 1: WSC members act in the interests of the Movement as a whole.

4.3.4 Clarification on voting and abstentions.

4.3.5 Option to confidentially explain "no" vote (if deemed necessary by WHAC Chair. In such a case, even if the vote is successful, the Chairperson of the WHAC, **after consulting the WHAC**, may decide to defer any award for further consideration. He or she will only do so if significant new information has been provided.

5. Voting by WSC Elected Members

5.1 A nominee is awarded the Bronze Wolf if:

5.1.1 At least 7 WSC elected members cast their vote "in favour" (WSC Standing Orders).

5.1.2 At least 75% of casted votes, are "in favour".

5.1.3 Abstentions will not be counted.

5.2 The number of "against" votes is not disclosed to the WSC, but is known to the WHAC Chair.

Example of voting:

If 12 WSC members vote, 9 need to be in favour for the motion to carry.

If 11 WSC members vote, 9 need to be in favour for the motion to carry.

If 10 WSC members vote, 8 need to be in favour for the motion to carry.

Whether 7, 8, or 9 members participate in the vote, a minimum of 7 in favour votes is required for the motion to carry.

6. Award Announcements

6.1 Upon WSC decision, the Secretary General of WOSM (SG) informs both the recipient and their NSO, announcing the award.

6.2 The public announcement should read: *"The Bronze Wolf has been awarded by the World Scout Committee of the World Organization of the Scout Movement to [name] for outstanding service of the most exceptional character to the World Scout Movement"*.

Date and location of presentation may be included if known.

7. Presentation

7.1 WHAC arranges presentation at World or Regional events.

7.2 Awards are presented in order of BW number.

7.3 The recipient may nominate a Bronze Wolf Holder to present the Award (preferably from a different NSO).

7.4 In exceptional cases, where no BW holder is available to present the BW Award, WHAC will appoint a suitable presenter.

7.5 The recipient will receive:

7.5.1 The Bronze Wolf medal

7.5.2 Uniform ribbons

7.5.3 An official certificate

7.5.4 A copy of the citation.

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