

Rules and regulations of the Wędrownicza Watra 2025 “At the Centre of Change”

§ 1 Basic information

1.1. The Wędrownicza Watra is a year-round project aimed at the ranger and rover communities, which culminates in a moot lasting several days.

1.2. The basic information platform is the official website of the Wędrownicza Watra: www.watra.zhp.pl. Any questions should be sent to the e-mail address: international@watra.zhp.pl

1.3. Objectives of the Wędrownicza Watra 2025 “At the Centre of Change”:

1.3.1. To promote and implement the principles of the Polish Scouting and Guiding Association Environmental Policy.

1.3.2. To share good methodical practices and spread the idea of ranger and rover movement by:

- Building the community of the rangers and rovers movement, through cooperation with the Polish rangers and rovers community during the mid-year activities and the Wędrownicza Watra moot.
- Enabling structural support to the units in their area of activity by consulting and supporting the year-long work connected to the realisation of the pre-moot activities and preparation of the moot programme that is created by all participants.
- Supporting registered patrols in the organisation of individual forms of ranger and rover camps and creating opportunities to organise joint camps with other communities by preparing manuals / instructions / guides for camps.
- Spreading the beauty and knowledge of the culture of Masovian Region among all project participants, by promoting local art, history and landscape in the Wędrownicza Watra programme.
- Supporting ranger and rover patrols in carrying out of the service in their local communities.

1.4. The motto of Wędrownicza Watra 2025 is “At the Centre of Change”.

Each ranger and rover in accordance with scout values should initiate change in their environment, it means being AT THE CENTER OF CHANGE! We want to use that motto to remind everyone that change comes from us and if we expect change

around us then we must take matters into our own hands. It is from us as rangers and rovers that change is supposed to come out. It is included in the symbol of the Watra - the spreading waves of change from the Watra fire. With the motto of Watra we want to remind each ranger and rover that they can initiate change in their communities and be the centre of it. We also want to emphasise the importance of volunteering for the local community in young people's lives.

To make Wędrownicza Watra truly at the centre of change and a centre of social activity, we want to invite other non-government organizations to participate. One day, our moot will turn into an NGO fair, during which rangers and rovers will participate in activities and workshops.

1.5. The organiser of the Wędrownicza Watra is the Polish Scouting and Guiding Association.

1.6 The Organising Team of Wędrownicza Watra consists of:

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| • Karolina KORNAS-BOJARONUS | Chief Leader |
| • Oskar PARDYAK | Deputy Chief Leader |
| • Maciej ŁADOŚ | Deputy Chief Leader |
| • Dorian JAREK | Programme |
| • Klaudia FRACIK | Programme |
| • Mikołaj SAMBORSKI | Deputy for Finance |
| • Tomasz LEMAŃSKI | Secretary-Treasurer |
| • Bartosz MARCHLEWICZ | Organisation |
| • Krzysztof MITKA | International Cooperation |
| • Mikołaj SŁOŃSKI | Office |

1.7. Place and date of the moot

The 2025 Wędrownicza Watra moot will take place between **20th and 24th August** in Masovian Scout Base Gorzewo in **Gorzewo**, 09-504 Lucień, Poland.

Exactly here: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/gR4SkgXf39JX6hAT8>

1.8. Participation fee

1.8.1. The moot participation fee for international participants is 55 Euro per person.

1.8.2. Participation fees of qualified patrols for the moot must be paid by 11th May 2025 to:

Główna Kwatera ZHP, ul. Marii Konopnickiej 6, 00-491 Warszawa

SWIFT: REXPLPWMBK

PL 21 1140 1010 0000 5392 2900 1035

1.8.3. Once the payment has been credited, no refund of the participation fee for people who resign from participation in the Wędrownicza Watra will be possible. In the case of the resignation of a patrol member, it is only possible to find a replacement for that person until 31st July 2025, with the approval of the Wędrownicza Watra Organising Team.

1.9. As part of the participation fee, the organisers provide:

- support in the organisation of trekking camps before the moot,
- camping site during the moot, access to sanitary facilities, drinking water and hot water for cooking (at certain times), gas burners and basic cooking equipment, charging station,
- participant kit,
- programme activities during the moot.

§2 Schedule

01.12.-28.02.2025	Recruitment
07.03.2025	Announcement of the results of recruitment
20.03.2025	Online meetings of the patrols with representatives of the Watra 2025 Organising Team
01.04-31.05.2025	Online meetings with a partnership patrol.
11.05.2025	Deadline for the payment of the participation fee for patrols qualified to Wędrownicza Watra 2025
11.05.2025	Deadline for sending endorsement from the International Commissioner of the respective scout/guide organisation to Wędrownicza Watra office
31.05.2025	Sending outlines of activities to be carried out at the moot by the patrols
20.08.2025	Transfer Day - Reception of patrols until 16:00
20.08-24.08.2025	Moot of Wędrownicza Watra 2025 "At the Centre of Change"

§3 Participants

3.1. Participants of the moot may be members of rangers or rovers movement in age 15-22. Patrol should consist of 5 to 15 persons (a patrol with a different number of persons may be entered after prior agreement with the Wędrownicza Watra Organising Team). The leader may be older than 22.

3.2. International rangers or rovers shall be guided throughout the duration of the Wędrownicza Watra by partner patrols or the designated guardian of the Wędrownicza Watra Organising Team. Partner patrols will be selected by Organising Team in consultation with patrol leaders. Wędrownicza Watra can accommodate up to 80 international participants.

3.3. The members of the international patrols participating in the Wędrownicza Watra are obliged to:

- prepare one activity in English for other moot participants (approximately 1 hour for 15 participants),
- report immediately to the moot office upon arrival at the moot area,
- respect the Polish Scout and Guide Law and their own regulations,
- inform the moot office each time they leave and return to the camping site,
- respect the quiet hours in the camping area between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.,
- follow the instructions of the moot services and the Wędrownicza Watra Organising Team,
- minimise the negative impact of their activities on the environment and comply with the Polish Scouting and Guiding Association Environmental Policy,
- comply with the provisions of these rules and regulations, as well as: the rules of road traffic, fire safety regulations, and swimming rules,
- pay the participation fee,
- always wear the moot wristband while on the moot grounds.

3.4. Members of international patrols participating in the Wędrownicza Watra are entitled to:

- access to hot water for cooking at designated times,
- move around the designated areas of the moot,
- choose the activities in which they will participate, including special activities with invited guests,
- receive a participant kit,
- use kitchen facilities provided by organisers and equipment suitable for cooking.

3.5. Each international patrol during the Wędrownicza Watra moot is obliged to have:

- the necessary camping equipment (tourist tents or hammocks, sleeping bags, etc.),
- tourist kitchen equipment (at their own discretion),
- products for preparing meals during the moot (the organiser does not provide catering),
- programme materials for the activities prepared by the patrol (the Wędrownicza Watra Organising Team provides only the basic materials: A4 sheets of paper, pens, flipcharts, markers and sticky tape as requested in advance),
- a first aid kit,
- documentation confirming the patrol leader's qualification to take charge of a group of underage persons during a trip abroad.

3.6. Patrols are required to provide endorsement from their national Scout/Guide organisations to participate in Wędrownicza Watra 2025. It can be arranged via email correspondence between the International Commissioners of our organisations.

3.7. The patrol leader should have qualifications required by your own scout / guide organisation and the country of origin and be able to have with them the documents that prove those qualifications.

3.8. International participants are required to speak English at a minimum communicative level.

3.9. The patrol leader should complete the "Safe from Harm" e-learning course. Details how to complete the course will be sent to patrol leaders of accepted patrols.

§4 Recruitment of participants and preparation for the Wędrownicza Watra 2025 "At the Centre of Change"

4.1. Registration of the patrol is done by the patrol leader by filling in the registration form (link below). In the form he/she gives his/her data, basic information about the patrol (name, name of the scout organisation, number of participants, etc.).

During applications, the patrol leader declares an estimated quantity of participants, which is subject to change until 11th May 2025, which is also the deadline for payment of the participation fee.

<https://forms.office.com/e/A8iKr27RAP>

4.2. Programme requirements:

- The patrols are expected to prepare at least one activity for other participants within the moot programme.

4.3. The qualification of patrol for the Wędrownicza Watra moot is determined by:

- filling in the registration form on time and paying the participation fee,
- provide endorsement from their national Scout/Guide organisations to participate in Wędrownicza Watra 2025.

§5 Communication during recruitment and preparations for Wędrownicza Watra

5.1. Due to the long process of preparation for participation in the moot, the registered patrols will receive ongoing reminders about upcoming deadlines. Email will be the primary means of contact, so please provide a current email address in the form and check it regularly.

5.2. Information for patrol leaders will also be shared on the WhatsApp group. We encourage you to join but it is not obligatory.

§6 Final provisions

6.1. The Wędrownicza Watra Organising Team reserves the right to change the content of these rules. We will inform you of this by e-mail.

6.2. Participants have the right to disagree to changes in the rules, giving reasons. In such a case, they may terminate their participation in the event and apply for a refund of the participation fee. Cases of deviation from the rules will be considered individually by the Wędrownicza Watra Organising Team.

6.3. Gross violation of these rules may result in exclusion from Wędrownicza Watra moot without the right to a refund of the registration fee.

The Polish Scouting and Guiding Association

ZHP mission is to educate young people, that is to support them in their full development and character formation by posing challenges.

The Polish Scouting and Guiding Association (ZHP) is registered as an independent legal entity in Poland providing dynamic, values-based, non-formal educational and leadership training programmes for girls and boys between the ages of 6 and 25. Its activities are open to all young people, regardless of origin, nationality, race or creed. It aims to provide a safe environment for young people to develop their fullest potential as responsible and active citizens who participate in their local, national and international communities and all areas of society. Currently the membership of ZHP is over 100 000 girls and boys and leaders.

ZHP is member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM).

ZHP is also a member of:

- International Catholic Conference of Guiding
- International Catholic Conference of Scouting
- International Scout and Guide Fellowship
- International Link of Orthodox Christian Scouts DESMOS

The Guide and Scout Law

1. A Guide/Scout conscientiously fulfils the duties stemming from the Guide and Scout Promise.
2. A Guide's/Scout's word is to be trusted like that of Zawisza the Knight.
3. A Guide/Scout is useful and helps others.
4. A Guide/Scout is a friend to everybody and a brother to every other Guide/Scout.
5. A Guide/Scout acts chivalrously.
6. A Guide/Scout loves Nature and tries to get to know it.
7. A Guide/Scout is well disciplined and obedient to her/his parents and superiors.
8. A Guide/Scout is always cheerful.
9. A Guide/Scout is thrifty and generous.
10. A Guide/Scout is working on herself/himself; she/he is pure in thought, in word and in deed; she/he is free from addictions.