

# The 10 Commandments: Do not do what you are not supposed to do

Scenarios:

A. Okay	B. Against the rules and not okay	C. Against the rules but okay
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1. At the central camp, you notice Dave has been dancing all night with a girl in the Finnish contingent, he doesn't return to his tent that night and arrives back to your sub camp late the next morning. Is this?

A

Follow-up:

- *What Dave does at night is his own business!*
- **Sex is not actively encouraged on site, but it's not prohibited.**
- *It's also important that Dave **established positive consent.***
- *It might be worth sending Dave a text to **check he's okay.** If Dave's not back for breakfast or by the time activities start and you've not heard anything, you should report him missing.*
- *Public sex is illegal, including on a campsite so stay in your tents.*
- *Q: Can I get contraception on site? A: **Contraception will be made available.***
- *Q: What if Dave is 19 and the Finnish girl is 17? A: **Follow the yellow card, in Scouting over-18s shouldn't engage in a relationship with under-18s.***

2. You're told that a 19 year old member of your patrol has fallen in love with a British member of IST and they have been seen kissing in the Rainbow Cafe. Is this?

B

Follow-up:

- *Even though they're both legally adults, during Roverway **members of IST (and path leaders, CMT, planning team members) are in a position of***

**power** and therefore **should not engage in a relationship with participants**. The Roverway rules list this as a **safeguarding violation which would result in police action**.

· Q: Can PLs have sex with other participants? A: Patrol Leaders are responsible for anyone under 18 in their patrol. Therefore they can have sex with other participants aged 18+, but not those under 18.

· Q: What if my partner is a member of IST? A: If you, or anyone in your patrol, is already in a relationship with a member of IST, we need to know in advance so we can discuss it with the organisers.

### 3. During Roverway, Shelly (aged 17) wants to share a tent with her long-term partner Tina who is 18. Is this?

B

Follow-up:

· **Follow the yellow card**, in Scouting **over-18s should always have separate sleeping accommodation to under-18s**.

· Q: Can they share a tent in different compartments? A: We don't recommend it, but if it's unavoidable then over- and under-18s can share a tent in separate sleeping compartments.

· Q: Can under-18s sleep on their own? A: **Under 18s can sleep in a tent on their own**.

· Q: What if I turn 18 during the event? A: **Anyone who turns 18 during an event is treated as an under-18 member of Scouting for the duration of the event**. However, they must follow Dutch and UK law as an 18-year-old.

· Q: Can we have mixed gender tents? A: **Tents don't need to be unisex** – as long as everyone is comfortable with it, then male and female patrol members can share a tent. For under 18s, parental consent is also required in advance.

### 4. Emma and Ailie wander off during the pre-event to explore Amsterdam, they are last seen disappearing off into a Coffee Shop. Is this?

B

Follow-up:

· **The primary business of a "coffee shop" in Amsterdam is to sell marijuana** – so if you're seen entering a coffee shop, people may make assumptions and it looks bad for the Contingent.

· **If it's illegal in the UK, then it's still illegal for scouts abroad**. Don't do it.

- It is also a **criminal offence in the Netherlands to possess, produce or deal in drugs**. This includes soft drugs, whatever they've heard!
- **The police will be called if anyone is caught doing anything illegal.**
- Q: Does it matter how old Emma and Ailie are? A: No.
- Q: Can I smoke tobacco during Roverway? A: Yes, but **only in designated smoking areas. Tobacco will NOT be sold on site so you need to bring it with you!** The Dutch also have strict laws prohibiting smoking in public places and the hospitality sector.

5. During your path, your notice that a girl from the Swiss contingent has a canteen full of JD and coke. Later in the evening you see a member of your patrol drinking from it. Is this?

B

Follow-up:

- **No drinking for participants throughout the event.**
- **If it's serious enough, people will be sent home.** Members of the UK Contingent have been sent home from half way across the world in the past, so we're not afraid to do it if necessary.
- **It's illegal for under 18s to drink alcohol so this will be taken especially seriously.**
- Q: Why? A: This is a little stricter than the green card, but there are factors such as
  - being abroad
  - the event is alcohol free
  - in a small patrol it's unfair on the under 18s if there are (e.g.) 2 under 18s, 4 over 18s
  - the small dynamic also means it's harder to persuade people not to sneak the under 18s a drink

6. Your path leader invites you and your patrol to join in with a game around the campfire that involves wrestling other members of your tribe. Is this?

B

Follow-up:

- **Follow the yellow card! "Do not join in physical contact games with young people".**

- *Physical contact games are more popular in Scouting in Europe so this situation isn't unlikely.*
- *Top survival tip: don't wrestle next to an open fire.*
- *Q: What if I'm only playing with other over-18s? A: That's fine.*
- *Q: What if the game doesn't involve physical contact? A: Also fine.*

## 7. It's the final night of Roverway, you're all agreed that you want to stay up as late as possible and celebrate at the silent disco. Is this?

A+

*Follow-up:*

- *Rock and roll is highly encouraged at all times!...*
- *...As long as you're following the curfew times of the site (which are as late as 3am in some areas) and **respecting your fellow campers**.*
- *As long as you're meeting your commitments the next day (e.g. packing up in time, being at the closing ceremony), we trust you to be mature enough to decide how much sleep you need.*
- *Q: What if I don't want to stay up late and would rather be cosy in my sleeping bag? A: There are many ways to be rock'n'roll. You do what works for you.*

## Bonus Points:

- Safe from harm: Everyone will be asked to do "safe from harm" training
- Nights away permits
  - You don't need one if there are no under 18s in your patrol.
  - **Every patrol containing under 18s MUST have a permit.** If you're going to find that difficult, you need to speak to us about it ASAP and we can talk to you and your County/District about restricted permit options.
- DBS: **All PLs and APLs need a DBS if they have under 18s in their patrol. Other over 18s in a patrol don't need one as they're participants, but all over 18s have to follow the yellow card.**
- **If you see something that is not okay, do something about it or get help.**