

2. Conduct of Participants

For the meeting to be an enjoyable, learning, and fun experience the following conduct is expected from all participants:

- Conduct yourself in both manner and appearance as one befitting of a representative of the GGSCF - that is one showing modesty, courtesy, and respect to all.
- Try not to say anything that will offend or hurt others (avoid use of profanity or slang); do not say anything that will generate fear in the participants.
- Arrive early to meetings (preferably 5-10 minutes prior) in order to avoid interrupting or disrupting the meeting.
- Respect rules/etiquette of the location where the meeting is held.
- Follow instructions given by the Chairperson, be helpful, and assist in all parts of the meeting.
- Obtain the Chair's permission to speak by raising your hand. Speak when asked to and keep to the time limit given. Do not interrupt others when they are speaking.
- Listen to others (even if they have an opinion different from yours); offer feedback and positive suggestions for further improvement.
- Be encouraging to others at the meeting. Treat meeting content with discretion, and respect confidentiality on personal issues or statements made by others.
- Do not laugh when someone makes a mistake or is nervous, but encourage them; do not hurt them or embarrass them.
- Make new members feel welcome, before, during, and after the meeting. Use every opportunity to make friends.

Where the Chairperson finds inappropriate conduct, the Chair shall remind the participants of the conduct expected and can quote the above expectations. Remember that when dealing with others (in particular children) they sometimes find things hard to express. Children sometimes say things they do not mean - remember they are learning to express themselves. Example: A sad or crying child who says "...mum/dad does not love me..." we know means to say "... I am upset because my mum/dad do not show they love me in the way that I want..."

Participants may use any language but of course it makes sense to use a language others can understand. There should be no compulsion for the participants to speak a specific language—they should have the choice of whatever they feel most comfortable with. If someone does not understand the language then others may interpret the content with the Chair's permission.

Age of meeting participants is left open; however, it is recommended that some positions be given to older youth so that they can fully exercise responsibility according to their maturity level. Age range suggestions are given below but there can be some discretion exercised based on the makeup of each branch or location.

Chairperson – 18 years + (has been attending meetings for 12 months)

Minute Secretary – 18 years + (has been attending meetings for 6 months)

Time Keeper – 10 years +

Guest Secretary – 12 years +

Prayer - open

Speech – open (has been attending the meetings for at least 3 months)

Snacks - open

Service – open (older youth when there are a large number of helpers)

Religious Quotation – open (has been attending the meeting for at least 3 months)

Lesson of the month – (experienced member who has been with the GGSCF for at least 12 months)

Evaluation - 18 years + (experienced member who has been with the GGSCF for at least 12 months)

Sometimes, there is a tendency for participants to keep doing or taking responsibility for the same things all the time. Everyone should be encouraged to try new things and give others an opportunity. The Branch Chair or Board members may use their discretion and allocate or change responsibilities where they feel necessary.