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**CHAPTER 392**  
**THE BAHAMAS GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION**

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**CHAPTER 392****THE BAHAMAS GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION****An Act to incorporate The Bahamas Girl Guides Association and for connected purposes.** *4 of 1978**[Commencement 24th May, 1978]*

- 1.** This Act may be cited as The Bahamas Girl Guides Association Act. Short title.
- 2.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation.
- “Association” means The Bahamas Girl Guides Association referred to in section 3(1);
- “Council” means the Council referred to in section 3(4);
- “Girl Guide” includes any Brownie Guide, Guide and Ranger Guide recognised as such under the rules of the Association, and also all persons recognised as officers under the rules of the Association.
- 3.** (1) There shall continue to be an Association known as The Bahamas Girl Guides Association which shall be the sole national Girl Guides Association in The Bahamas. Incorporation.
- (2) The Association shall consist of such persons and groups of persons as were recognised in The Bahamas prior to the commencement of this Act as constituting The Bahamas Girl Guides Association and of all persons and groups of persons who may hereafter join the Association.
- (3) The Association shall be —
- (a) a body corporate with perpetual succession and a seal; and
- (b) under the name of The Bahamas Girl Guides Association shall be capable of suing and of being sued in all courts of The Bahamas and capable also of doing and suffering all acts which a body corporate may lawfully do and suffer.

(4) The Association shall be governed by a Council which, save as provided in section 14(b), shall be constituted in accordance with rules made under this Act.

(5) The Council may appoint an Executive Committee with such powers, functions and duties as may be prescribed by rules under this Act. The Executive Committee which immediately before the commencement of this Act constituted the Executive Committee of the organisation recognised in The Bahamas as The Bahamas Girl Guides Association shall be the Executive Committee of the Association with such powers, functions and duties as it now has and be deemed to have been appointed by the Council and, until the rules in this subsection referred to have been prescribed, all the powers, functions and duties which may be presently exercised by the said Executive Committee in existence immediately before the commencement of this Act shall continue to be exercised by that Committee.

Objects of the Association.

4. (1) The principal objects of the Association shall be —

- (a) to give girls the opportunity for self training in the development of character and through service to others;
- (b) to foster a love of country and promote a full sense of citizenship by developing through its programme and through the Patrol System an interest in home craft, health, social service, love of nature and traditional arts and customs; and
- (c) to encourage international goodwill and understanding by establishing friendly contacts with girls of other nations.

(2) To achieve the principal objects the Association may provide, guided by adult leadership, enjoyable and attractive schemes of progressive training based on the internationally accepted Guide Promise and Guide Law.

(3) In pursuing the principal objectives set out in subsection (1), the Association shall not make any adverse distinction based on race, religion, sect, class, citizenship, political opinion or other similar criteria.

Powers of the Association.

5. The Association shall have power —

- (a) to purchase, take, exchange, accept lease of, hire or otherwise acquire any property real or

personal and any rights or privileges which may be necessary or convenient for any of the purposes of the Association;

- (b) to cause to be constructed, altered and maintained any building required for the purpose of the Association;
- (c) to sell, improve, manage, lease, mortgage, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with any part of the property of the Association;
- (d) to invest the monies of the Association not immediately required upon security or securities, and on such terms or otherwise in such manner as may from time to time be determined whether authorised by the Trustee Act or not;
- (e) to borrow any money required for the purpose of the Association upon such securities as may be determined;
- (f) to launch appeals to the public for financial or other support for the Association;
- (g) to enter into any contracts it may consider necessary or expedient;
- (h) to do all such acts or things as are or may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the Association's principal objects or to the management of its affairs.

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**6.** All deeds or other instruments requiring the seal of the Association shall be sealed in the presence of and shall be signed by the President for the time being, the Chief Commissioner for the time being, and the Honorary Treasurer for the time being, and all instruments requiring the signature of the Association shall be signed by such President, Chief Commissioner and Honorary Treasurer.

Execution of documents.

- 7.** (1) The Council may make rules providing for —
- (a) membership of the Association, the fees for such membership and the management of its affairs.
- (b) the composition, manner of election or appointment of members of the Council and the Executive Committee;
- (c) the procedure at meetings of the Association, the Council and the Executive Committee;
- (d) the appointment and duties of the officers and employees of the Association;

Rules.

- (e) the custody of the property of the Association and the keeping and auditing of accounts;
- (f) the use of the badges, tokens, emblems or designations used by the Association;
- (g) the making of appeals to the public for financial or other support for the Association; and
- (h) generally, the better carrying into effect of the purposes of this Act and the furtherance of the objects of the Association.

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(2) Sections 31 and 32 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Act shall not apply to the rules made under this section, nor shall the rules require publication in the *Gazette* but a copy of them shall be forwarded to the Minister responsible for National Security and when received by the Minister shall be conclusive evidence that such rules were made.

Distribution of badges.

**8.** No person other than the Association shall, except with the permission of the Association, distribute or sell any badge, token or emblem specifically adopted by the Association for use by Guides.

Unauthorised possession of badges.

**9.** No person shall, except with the authority of the Association, or with other lawful authority or lawful excuse, have in his possession any badge, token or emblem, specifically adopted by the Association for use by Guides.

Possession of unauthorised badges.

**10.** No person shall without lawful authority or excuse have in his possession —

- (a) any device which so closely resembles any badge, token or emblem specifically adopted by the Association for use by Guides as to lead to the belief that the device in question is such badge, token or emblem; or
- (b) any badge, token or emblem containing any words or characters so closely resembling any words or characters ordinarily used to describe any Guide as to be calculated to deceive or mislead.

Wrongful exercise of authority.

**11.** No Guide shall, by virtue of her wearing, carrying or bearing any badge, token or emblem of the Association or otherwise, attempt to enforce or exercise authority otherwise than in accordance with the rules of the Association.

**12.** No person shall form or work in connection with or be a member of any organisation which, without authority from the Association, claims or purports to be “Girl Guides”, or any organisation which uses the titles of “Girl Guides” or any title in any language, with or without additional words or characters, which so closely resembles the said title as to be calculated to deceive or mislead, or any organisation which, by the use of any such title or otherwise, without due authority purports or claims to be connected with the Association.

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bodies.

**13.** Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Act shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars.

Penalty.

**14.** Upon the commencement of this Act —

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provisions.

(a) all property, assets, rights, liabilities, obligations and agreements vested in, acquired, incurred or entered into by or on behalf of the organisation which immediately prior to the said commencement was recognised as The Bahamas Girl Guides Association shall be deemed to be vested in or to have been acquired, incurred or entered into by or on behalf of the Association; and accordingly every such right, liability or obligation may be enforced against the Association to the same extent as it could have been enforced by or against the organisation which was recognised as The Bahamas Girl Guides Association immediately preceding the commencement of this Act.

(b) the members of the Council of the organisation recognised preceding the commencement of this Act as The Bahamas Girl Guides Association shall be the first members of the Council of the Association and shall together constitute that Council.

**15.** Until the making of rules by the Council the Association shall continue to function and operate as did the organisation recognised as The Bahamas Girl Guides Association immediately preceding the commencement of this Act and the constitution of that organisation, where it does not conflict with any provisions of this Act, shall continue in force as if the same were rules made by the Council under the provisions of this Act.

Present Council  
to continue.