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1. Scouting Ireland affirms that the spiritual/religious development of a Scout is an integral part of Scouting.
2. The National Spiritual/Religious Advisory Panel comprises of representatives of the various world religions¹ and denominations² whose adherents are members of Scouting Ireland.

Its role is to support, encourage and advise Scouting Ireland, its Scout Provinces, Scout Counties and Scout Groups in doing their duty to God or in furthering their understanding and acceptance of a spiritual reality.

3. Each Scout shall be facilitated; in as far as reasonably and practically possible, to comply with their responsibilities to their Faith³, when participating in Scout activities.
4. Reflections or prayers used on Scouting activities are to be sensitive to the faiths, denominations and beliefs of those present.
5. The provision of specific worship and the expectation of attending same, must be sensitive to the faith, denominations and beliefs of those present.
6. The spiritual and religious development of a Scout is the responsibility of the Scout and their family. Scouting Ireland does not seek to replace the Scout or the family's role in this area, but to facilitate same, where there is an opportunity to do so.
7. Furthermore, Scouting Ireland is committed, in so far as it is reasonably possible, not to place a Scout in a situation where their faith/belief may be negated and or criticised.

¹ The term "Religion" refers to the six major world religions; Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism and Sikhism

² The term "denominations" refers to a branch or tradition within a religion e.g. Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Progressive Jew, Shia/Sunni Muslim, Society of Friends, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist etc.

³ The term 'Faith' is used as an alternative to 'Religion' and these terms are interchangeable.

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