

Programs Update 2020

The following provides a brief summary of the changes to the Royal Rangers program and curriculum that have taken place since our last national conference or are expected to take place before the next.

Leader Manual

The Royal Rangers Leader Manual is currently undergoing its first reprint since its initial release in March 2019. While most of the manual remains unchanged, other than minor editorial corrections, some chapters have seen significant changes.

- *Chapter 3 – Leadership Merit update (see Programs Update 2019 for details)*
- *Chapter 11 – Utility & Dress Uniform changes (see below)*
- *Chapter 16 – Leadership Merit update (see Programs Update 2019 for details)*
- *Chapter 21 – Medal of Courage has changed (see application)*
- *Chapter 27 – Content has been re-written*
- *Appendix B – Formal Uniform changes (see below)*

These chapters are currently available for download from the Leader's Resource track of TracClub.

Revised Core Competencies

The core competencies have been updated as indicated below with underlining. Core competencies are the five categories of activities we have defined that represent the diversity of interests of boys today.

- *Outdoor Activities*
- *Sports & Fitness*
- *Trade Skills*
- *Science & Technology*
- *Arts & Culture*

Skill Merit Updates

See Skill Merits Update document

Non-Program Resources

We are in the process of developing activity-based, small-group resources for churches seeking to provide a non-program boy's ministry or for Royal Rangers groups seeking a simpler activity option without the complexity of merit requirements. These materials are based on new and existing Royal Rangers skill merits and follow a similar format. First phase release should take place this spring via the "My Healthy Church" digital platform.

Uniform Updates – Formal Uniform

See Formal Uniform Update document

See Utility Uniform Update document

FCF Membership Changes

See FCF Membership Update document

Online Awards Application Process

This process has been put on hold pending further consideration of online security issues and the legal implications of the national office maintaining data on outpost leaders and boys.

Curriculum Migration & Chartering

We are still planning to move our curriculum from TracClub to another online delivery platform as discussed in March 2019. However, the process has been put on hold pending further development of the Bible Engagement project and related digital platforms. At this point, it is unclear what role the RR curriculum will play in that project, if any.

Details on the Bible Engagement Project can be found online at BibleEngagementProject.com.

See also:

- *Skill Merits Update*
- *FCF Membership Update*
- *Formal Uniform Update*
- *Utility Uniform Update*