



Challenge 26 – Site Infrastructure and Group Equipment Policy

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Applies to: all Groups, Leaders, adults, contractors and participants who use or bring equipment to Challenge 26, or who access site-provided utilities (water, power, toilets, waste, marquees).

Purpose: to ensure safe and sensible use of all site infrastructure, in line with Scouts requirements for safe environments, equipment safety, and risk-managed event delivery.

1) Event stance (summary)

To protect young people and maintain a safe and compliant event environment:

1. The water system is fully installed and tested by an approved third-party contractor — **no additional hoses, taps, splitters or other modifications may be added.**
2. Power systems, including generators, must be used safely and **must not be overloaded.**
3. All **generators must be earthed** to reduce risk of electrocution.
4. **No open fires** are permitted anywhere within the Challenge 26 camping areas.
5. **Gas appliances** brought by Groups must have **in-date hoses (within 5 years of manufacture date)**, be well-maintained and used safely.
6. **Toilet cleaning** is the responsibility of the **allocated district.**
7. Accessible toilets must remain available for those who need them — **use standard toilets unless accessibility needs apply.**
8. **Waste is collected by the event team;** Groups must leave waste **by a trackway** for safe pickup and disposal.
9. Groups and Districts **may not supply their own shops** on site at which young people are expected to pay for items (including sweets and drinks) at the time of purchase.



2) Water safety

- The event water infrastructure is installed and tested for contamination by an **accredited third-party contractor** prior to the event commencing.
- **No attendee may attach hoses, Y-connectors, inline filters, pumps, or any modification** to the water distribution system.
- This prevents contamination, pressure issues and damage.
- For Districts central catering for large numbers, a water supply will be installed to your catering area.
- For Groups self-catering for themselves only, water must be collected from the nearest water point on the site. Groups are responsible for providing suitable, clearly labelled, clean and sanitised containers for this purpose. It is recommended that Groups bring a trolley to assist with moving water from water points to campsites.

4) Power, generators and electrical safety

4.1 Safe generator use

- Groups providing their own generators must ensure generators are suitable for outdoor/camping use and are maintained appropriately.
- **Generators must not be overloaded**; power draw must not exceed the manufacturer's safe operating limit.
- **Generators must be properly earthed** to reduce electrocution and fire risk.
- Generators must be separated from young people by **an appropriate barrier** (e.g. hazard tape and posts)
- Generators must be **diesel fuelled only** to reduce fire risk.
- Fuel must be stored safely away from young people and ignition sources.

4.2 Event-provided power

- Where the event provides power (e.g., in marquees), generators are sized to power pre-planned numbers of devices. Please check with the event team before adding additional load to generators by plugging in additional devices.
- Do not tamper with distribution boards, cabling, or sockets installed by the event team.

4.3 Charging and powering personal devices

- It is the responsibility of the person plugging a device in to ensure that the device is in a safe, working condition, that cables have no damage and that the device is not likely to cause fire or damage to generator units. One way of confirming this could be through PAT testing.

5) Fire safety and gas appliances

5.1 No open fires

- Open fires are prohibited on the event camping areas due to the density of camping. This includes items such as wood-fired pizza ovens.

5.2 Gas appliances

- Groups using gas appliances (cooking or heating) must ensure:
 - **Hoses are in-date** (within 5 years of manufacture date), undamaged and compliant with relevant safety standards.
 - Appliances are regularly maintained and operated by competent adults.
 - Gas cylinders remain upright and secure, away from heat sources or ignition hazards.

5.3 Catering locations

- Sleeping tents must be positioned at least 6m away from (canvas-to-canvas) any catering tents.

6) Toilets, cleaning and hygiene

- **Each District is responsible** for cleaning and maintaining a set of toilets within the camping area. Use of these toilets is **not** restricted only to members of that District.
- Basic supplies (e.g., toilet roll) will be provided, but districts must ensure cleanliness is maintained throughout the event.
- Toilet facilities within any location other than the camping areas will be maintained by the Challenge Crew.



- **Accessible toilets** must remain available for those who require them; all others should use standard facilities to keep these free and functioning.

7) Marquees and other temporary demountable structures.

- For marquees and temporary demountable structures that are provided by the event team or event contractors:
 - Do not alter the structure (no pegging, bolting, hanging heavy items, or moving support poles).
 - Electrical or lighting systems installed by event contractors or the event team must not be modified.
 - Keep exits clear and avoid creating trip hazards.
 - Marquees larger than 10m in width or length must have clearly identified and signed fire exits.

8) Waste and environmental management

- Waste collection is managed by the **event team**.
- Batteries (including used vapes) must not be disposed of on the event site due to fire risk. Please take these home to dispose of in a safe manner.
- Groups must **place waste by a trackway** to allow safe pickup by vehicles.
- Waste must be securely bagged and tied; no loose rubbish is permitted.
- There are no recycling facilities on site – where possible please take recyclable waste home.
- For personal equipment, follow the principle 'If you brought it, take it home.' Please do not dump broken equipment (e.g. chairs, tents) for the event team to dispose of. Disposal of waste is paid for from the Challenge 26 budget. Excess additional waste increases this cost and the workload of the event team clearing up after participants have gone home.

10) Shops

- There will be two tuck shops located within the activity areas. These will open during the daytime activity sessions on Saturday and Sunday.



- Groups and Districts may not provide any form of shop, at any location on site, which requires young people to pay for items (including but not limited to sweets and drinks) at the time of purchase.

9) Implementation and communication

- This policy will be shared in pre-event materials and reinforced during leader briefings.
- Groups must ensure all adults understand their responsibilities regarding infrastructure, utilities and equipment.
- Instructions from event staff must be followed at all times.

10) Responding to safety concerns

- Any concerns regarding unsafe equipment, misuse of infrastructure, damaged utilities or hygiene issues should be reported immediately to the **event Admin point or the nearest member of the event management team.**
- Incidents will be recorded and escalated according to Scouts safety and incident-reporting guidance.

Appendix A: Revision Log

Date	Section	Previous wording	Revised wording
16/06/2026	1, 9	None	Updated to add point 9 in section 1 regarding shops. Updated to add new section 9 (shops) and move old section 9 on to section 10.


