

# Drill & Ceremonies

Pathfinder Basic Staff Training



# Objectives

- ◆ To develop a theoretical and practical understanding of the benefits that a Pathfinder and Pathfinder Club can obtain through a program of drill and ceremonies
- ◆ To help Pathfinder leaders become confident in the ceremonial procedure connected with the Pathfinder Club

# Aim & Purpose

## ◆ Aim

The aim of drill is to produce a Pathfinder who is proud, alert and obedient and to provide the basis of teamwork.

## ◆ The Purpose

The main purpose of drill is to enable bodies of Pathfinders to be moved easily and quickly from one point to another in an orderly manner.

# Other Benefits of Drill

## **Physical**

- ◆ Recognised as an excellent fitness exercise
- ◆ Helps develop coordination of body movement

# Other Benefits of Drill

## **Mental**

- ◆ Develops confidence in leadership skills
- ◆ Stimulates the mind in the giving and receiving of commands

# Other Benefits of Drill

## **Psychological**

- ◆ Encourages a sense of teamwork
- ◆ Develops the inner quality of self-control and discipline
- ◆ Promotes automatic performance of duties under all circumstances
- ◆ Produces instinctive response to the control and stimulus of leaders

# Flag Displays

## **Precedence**

### **When carried in a Procession**

- ◆ In single file, the national flag, if carried with other flags, should always lead

### **Outdoors**

- ◆ As a general rule of thumb, when hoisting the flag with multiple flag poles, the flag with most precedence should always be on the right (on the left when looking at the flag from head on), the exception would be if one flag pole is higher than the other, then that flag pole takes precedence.

# Flag Displays

## Displaying Indoors

- ◆ Procession – The national flag leads the way in and is posted first
- ◆ Recession – The national flag is unhoisted last and leads the way out
- ◆ On a platform, the National flag should be on the speaker's right, and other flags on the speaker's left.
- ◆ On the floor, the National flag should be to the right of the audience as they face the platform. Other flags are to be to the left of the audience.



# Flag Displays



# Flag Disposal

## **Disposal of Flags**

- ◆ The flag should never be flown when tattered or soiled, it is a sign of disrespect. Flags do wear out and must be replaced. When disposing of an old flag it is ideal to privately burn it in a respectful manner. You may also tear the flag or cut it into strips until it no longer resembles the flag.

# Flags - Best Practice

- ◆ The United Kingdom (UK) flag should never be allowed to drag along the ground
- ◆ A tattered or faded flag of United Kingdom (UK) should be removed and replaced with a new flag
- ◆ Due care and consideration must be taken to ensure that the United Kingdom (UK) flag is always flown the correct way up

# Flags – Best Practice

💧 Which is the correct way up?



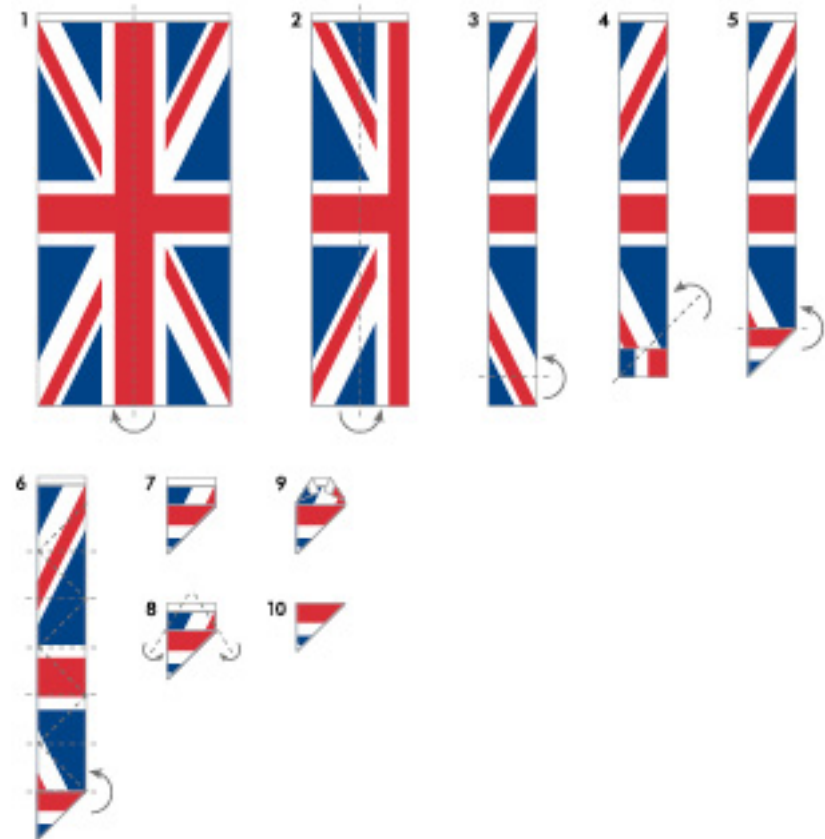
# Flags – Best Practice

- ◆ The broad white stripe is situated at the top closest to the mast



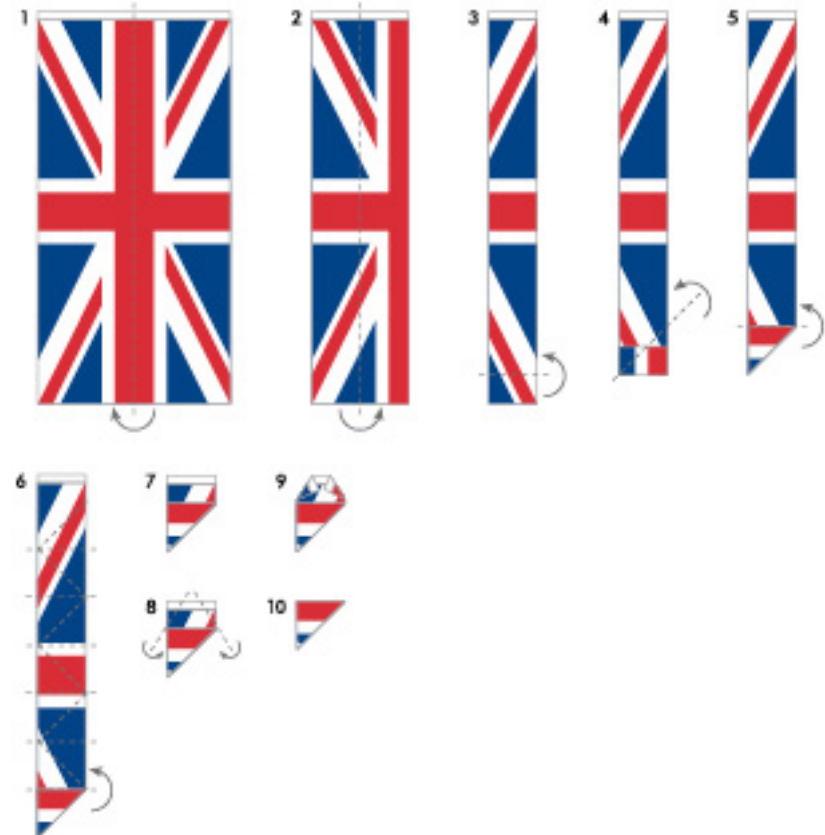
# Flag Folding

- ◆ The Union Flag is pulled taut. The Union Flag is folded in half, lengthways (Fig. 1).
- ◆ Keeping the Union Flag taut it is then folded in half (lengthways) a second time (Fig. 2).
- ◆ A straight fold of 1/14 of the flag's length (20cm on a casket cover) is taken from the foot of the Union Flag (Fig. 3). This fold may not be necessary, or may need to be a different length, depending upon the shape, size and material of the flag being folded – practise first!



# Flag Folding

- ◆ The first triangular fold is made ensuring it is within 5mm of the straight edge (Fig. 4).
- ◆ The triangular folding procedure continues until it reaches the head of the Union Flag (Figs. 5, 6 & 7).
- ◆ Any remainder is tucked away into the fold of the triangular shape (Fig. 8 & 9).
- ◆ The Union Flag ready for presentation (Fig. 10).
- ◆ See <https://vimeo.com/22549313> for how to present to an officer



# Reporting

This is similar to taking a register. We need to know where our Pathfinders are at all times

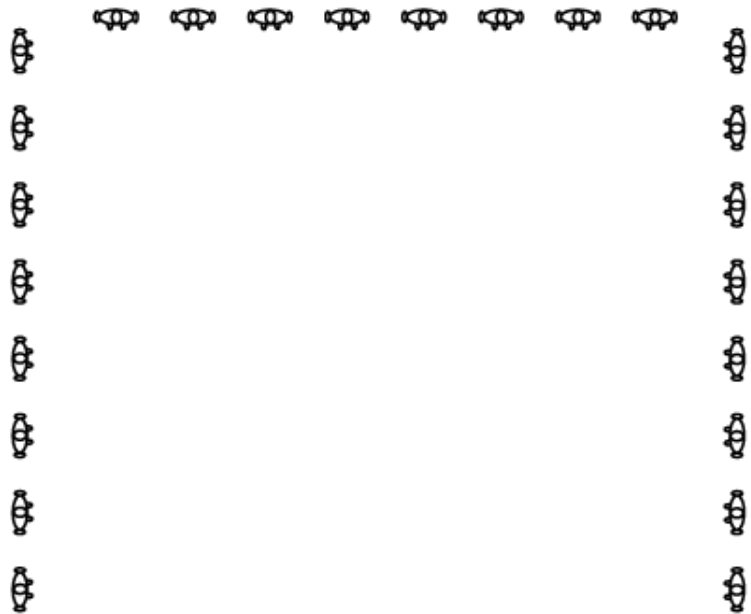
- ◆ Unit Captain brings themselves to attention
- ◆ “[Unit Name] Pathfinders... ATTENTION!”
- ◆ Unit Captain marches forward to face officer and halts
- ◆ Salute then one pace forward and reports



# Reporting

- ◆ “[Unit Name] reporting Sir/Maam... strength of unit (amount), how many present, how many absent, how many accounted for, how many unaccounted for.
- ◆ Eg. “Stratford Club reporting Sir: 10 members (strength), 7 present, 2 in the kitchen, 1 ill. All accounted for Sir!”
- ◆ After officer’s response, Unit Captain takes one pace backward, salutes, left or right turn then marches back to squad
- ◆ “[Unit Name] Pathfinders, stand at EASE!”

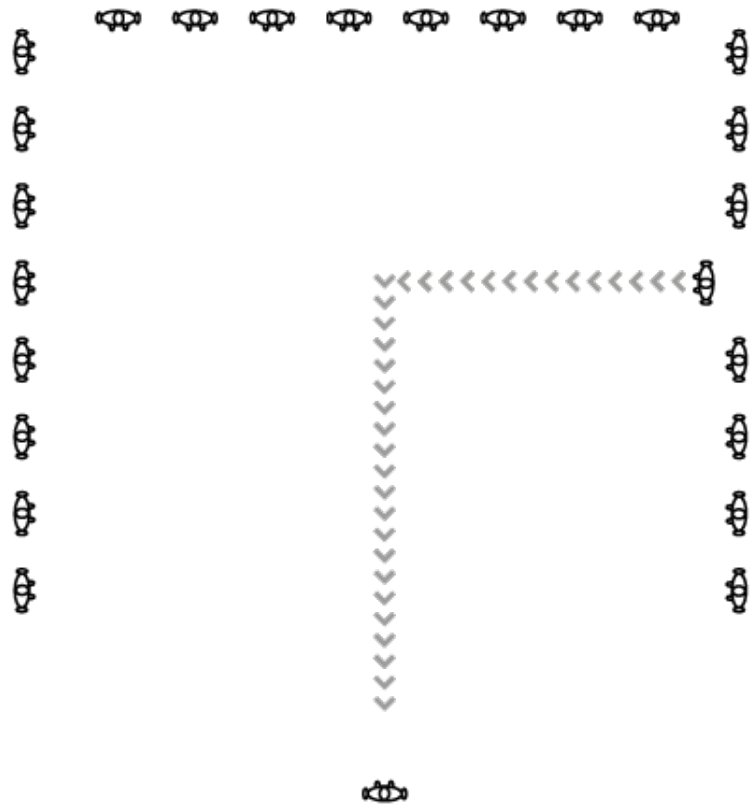
# Reporting – Step 1



- All Pathfinders line up in their clubs forming a parade square
- The officer will call the individual clubs to report

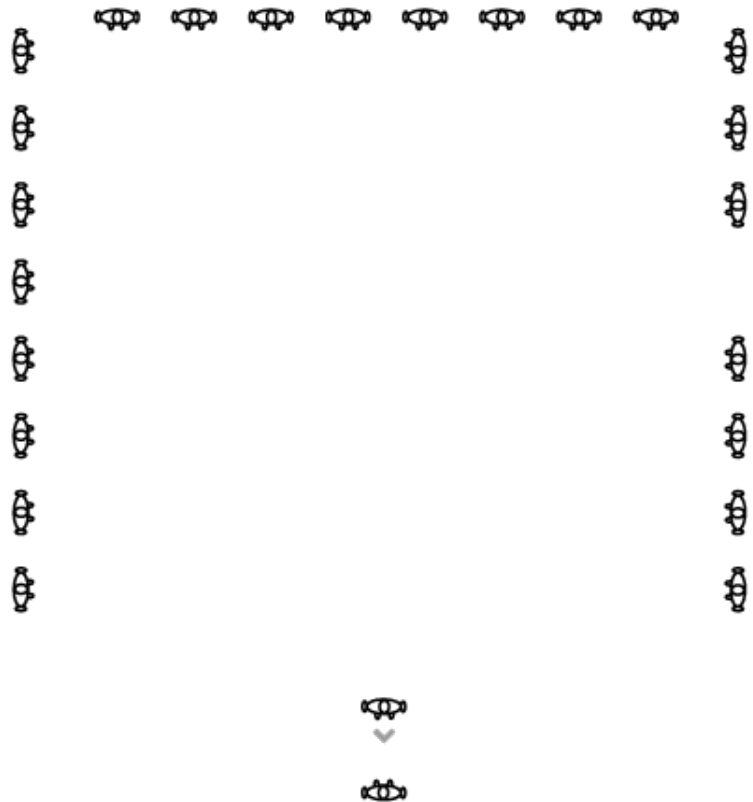


# Reporting – Step 2



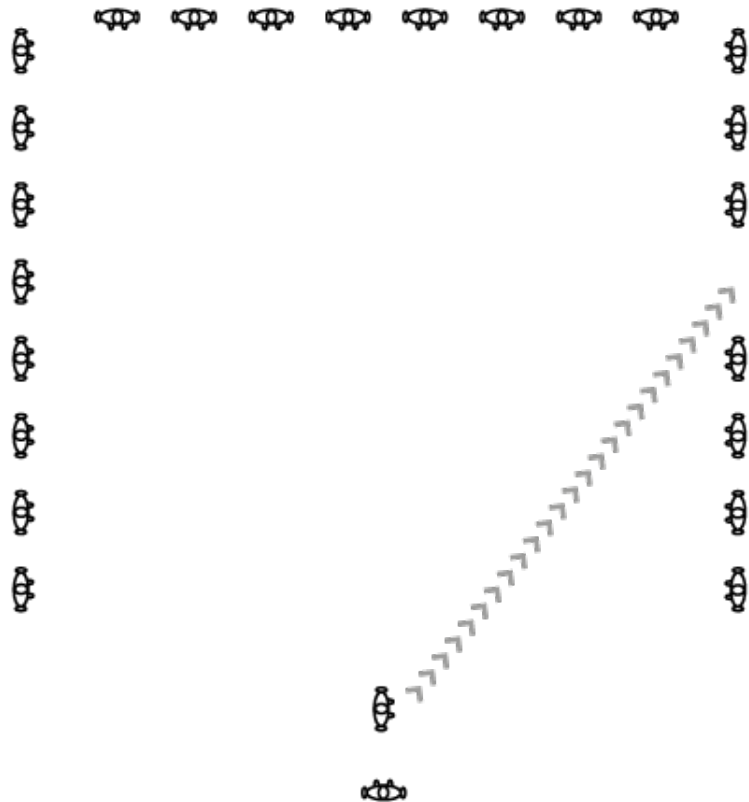
- Upon hearing the club name, the Unit Captain (Pathfinder designated to give the report) first brings themselves to attention and then calls their club to attention
- The Pathfinder then takes a pace forward stepping out of the rank and marches to the officer perpendicularly

# Reporting – Step 3



- The Pathfinder halts in front of the officer and salutes. After the officer returns the salute, the Pathfinder takes one pace closer to the officer and gives the report
- After the report is noted, the Pathfinder takes one pace backward and salutes officer before returning to the rank

# Reporting – Step 4



- The Pathfinder will left/right turn and march back to their spot taking the shortest route possible. An about turn from this position is not permitted as turning your back on a officer is disrespectful.
- Once in place, the Pathfinder brings their club and themselves back to stand at ease together

# Basic Drill Commands

- ◆ Pathfinders fall in, tallest on the right, shortest on the left, in single rank, SIZE!
- ◆ Pathfinders Atten-TION
- ◆ Stand at EASE
- ◆ Right TURN / Left TURN / About TURN
- ◆ Fall OUT / Dis-MISSED

# Basic Drill Commands

- ◆ A video produced by the North England Conference (NEC) Drill Instructors is available as a learning resource for Basic Drilling and Marching <https://vimeo.com/22549313>
- ◆ Please pay particular attention to:
  - ◆ Posture
  - ◆ Falling In / Falling Out & Dismissing
  - ◆ Hand positions
  - ◆ Leg positions

# Useful Links

- ◆ [www.flags-flags-flags.org.uk/united-kingdom-flag.htm](http://www.flags-flags-flags.org.uk/united-kingdom-flag.htm)
- ◆ <https://piggotts.co.uk/updates/the-flag-protocol-of-the-united-kingdom>
- ◆ <https://vimeo.com/22549313>