

Brigader Brooch Guidelines

(Please read carefully before starting your Brigader Badgework.)

Brigaders complete topics each year from the Brigader Programme (the PSALT Files). Girls earn points for each topic completed. There are 4 stages to the programme. For stages 1, 2 and 3 girls earn Triangles. For the last stage, a Brigader Brooch can be awarded if they have met all the requirements.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How many points do I give a girl for completing a topic from the programme file?

All subjects are worth 2 points with the exception of the GBNI/HQ Scripture Course which is worth 4 points. However, if a girl has less than 80% attendance then she only gets 2 points for the scripture course.

2. Are there any minimum standards a girl has to reach for each topic?

Each girl should be encouraged to complete each topic to the best of her ability and challenged at her own level. Formal testing or assessment doesn't need to be done.

3. Can a girl do a topic she really enjoys every year?

Yes if there are different levels to the topic or a new syllabus each year. For example, the GBNI scripture course or PE sets are new each year and can be covered annually. Otherwise, no. Each Company is encouraged to cover a wide range of subjects throughout a girl's time in the Brigader Section.

4. Are there any compulsory topics in the Brigader Brooch?

Yes. The GBNI Scripture Course (Spiritual) has to be done at least once in the Brigader Section. Brigade Knowledge (Educational) must be covered in the Brigader Section.

5. Can a Company develop subjects not included in the PSALT files?

Companies are encouraged to develop their own new topics for

Brigader Badgework, but these must be approved by the GBNI Programme Officer before starting. Please submit a syllabus to GBHQ at the start of the year. This will also help to clarify what heading the topic should come under.

6. How many points do you need to get a blue, white or green triangle? *10 points each.*

7. Can you do more than the 10 points each year?

Yes up to a maximum of 14 points in any one year. Just carry over the extra points to the next stage.

8. What if a girl is going to Uni or has been ill and needs to cram 16 points into her last year in Brigaders? Can she do that?

In exceptional circumstances that can be done but you need to get permission from HQ. Ring the office and talk to the Programme Officer.

9. How many points do you need to get a Brigader Brooch?

40 points in total over 3 or 4 years. To ensure a bit of variety for Brigaders they need to do subjects from each section in the programme (ie Spiritual, Physical, Educational and Service) and earn at least 6 points under each heading. The remaining 16 points can come under any of the headings.

10. How do I order triangles or a Brigader Brooch?

Fill in a Brigader Progress Book for each girl and check you have met all the requirements above. See summary checklist on inside cover. Send books to GBHQ at the end of EVERY STAGE. Guidance on Applying for Awards can be found on our website at www.gbni.co.uk/membersonly.php in the Company Administration folder.

Leader's Quick Checklist:

Before you send your Brigader Progress Books into GBHQ to claim the appropriate triangle / brooch please check the following:

- Have you entered each subject under the correct heading. (ie Spiritual/Physical/Educational/Service?)
- Has the assessor signed and dated each subject?
- Are there some comments included under each topic to describe the work that the girl has completed?
- For each Brigader Triangle check the girl has a minimum of 10 points.
- For Brigader Brooch check that overall the girl has 6 points from each section and that Brigade Knowledge has been completed once. The GBNI Scripture Course must be completed at least once in the Brigader Section. The girl has a total of 40 points.

Further information on the Brigader Brooch, along with the most up-to-date list of subjects, can be found in the PSALT Files, available to view on our website. Visit www.gbni.co.uk/membersonly.php. A summary of the regulations can also be found in the new edition of the Leaders' Handbook.

If you have any queries relating to badgework please contact sarah@gbni.co.uk.

Brigader Progress Books must now be sent into GBHQ admin to be checked every year to enable the badges to be issued.