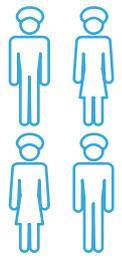


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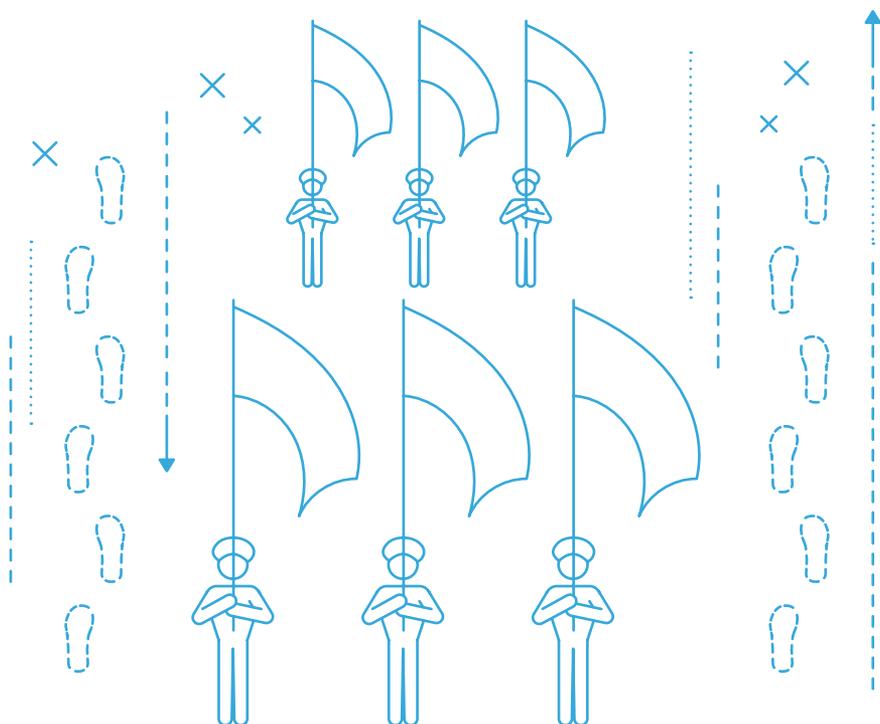
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FOREWORD

This guide is a compilation of traditions and practices when performing drill commands at Pathfinder events. It serves as a guideline to address many questions by Conference club staff in how Pathfinders are to conduct ceremonies in or outside their churches.

While researching sources we consulted various Pathfinder and military veteran organizations. For the veteran organizations we approached the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. And, although the latter are military focused organizations, we must not forget that Pathfinders are not soldiers. It is our intention to teach respect and to honor our country's national flag and to conduct ceremonies in an orderly fashion.



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PATHFINDER INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Induction and Investiture Ceremony Process

The following four formats are examples described in the Pathfinder Club Handbook and include the flag etiquette standards.

PATHFINDER CHURCH SERVICE #1

- Begin Service -

Church is asked to stand for the colors.

Color Guard marches in first followed by the Pathfinder Club.

Color Guard takes position behind the flag bases.

Recite Pledge(s), Law, Song, etc.

Color Guard posts the colors and leaves the stage.

Church Service (offering, prayer, sermon, etc.)

- End of Service -

Color Guard retrieves the colors and marches out (first).

Ministers, director, staff, and Pathfinders march out behind the Color Guard.

PATHFINDER CHURCH SERVICE #2

- Begin Service -

Pathfinders march in and settle in their pews.

Church is asked to stand for the colors. (Pathfinders at attention.)

Color Guard marches in and takes position behind the flag bases.

Recite Pledge(s), Law, Song, etc.

Color Guard posts the colors and leave the stage.

Church Service (offering, prayer, sermon, etc.)

- End of Service -

Color Guard retrieves the colors and marches out (first).

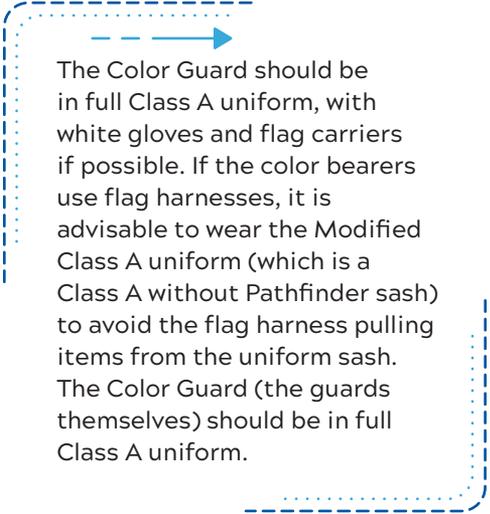
Ministers, director, staff, and Pathfinders march out behind the Color Guard.

Color Guard at a Church Service

When marching in at a Pathfinder ceremony, the Color Guard leads all the units in the processional. The Color Guard does not trail the Pathfinder unit.

(See Example Format, page 5.)

The **only** exception when considering Color Guard marching in without a Pathfinder unit following is when the Pathfinders are already present and seated at the church with the congregation. (At that time, Pathfinders will become part of the congregation and will stand with the congregation for the presentation of the colors.)



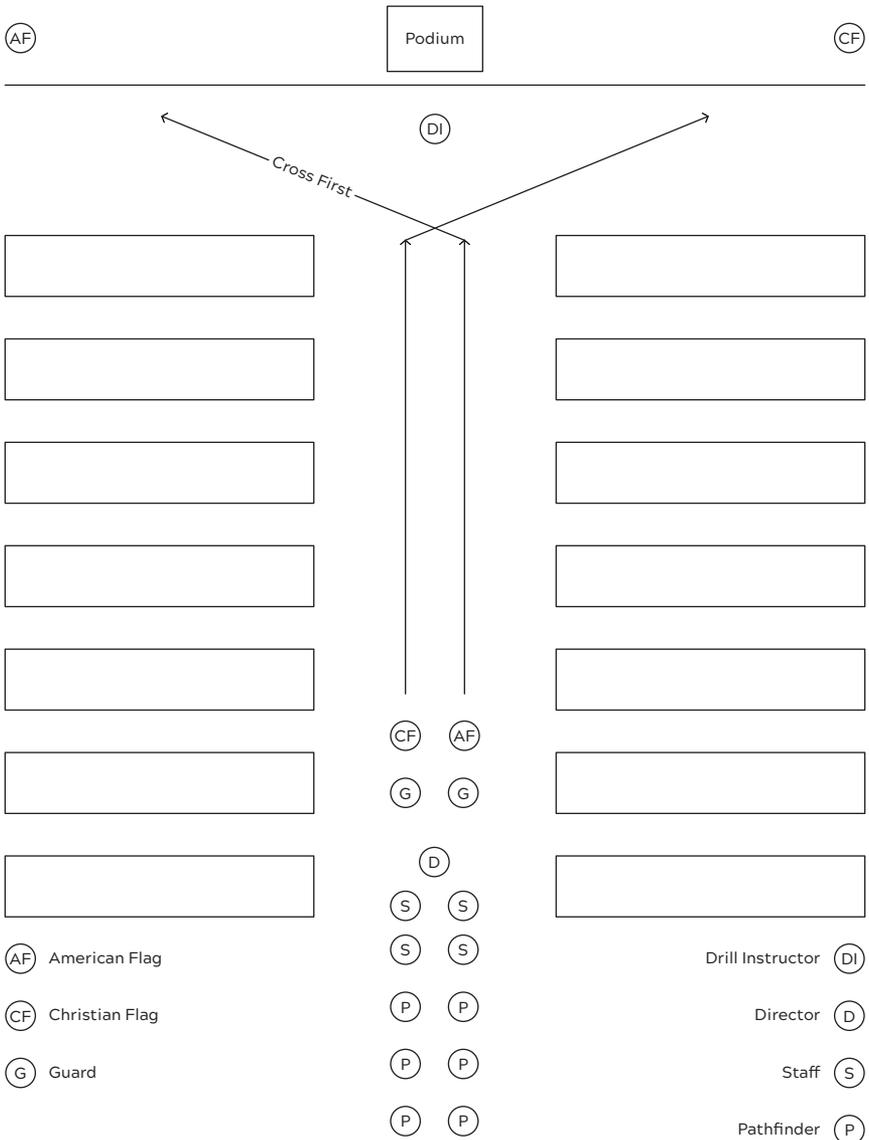
The Color Guard should be in full Class A uniform, with white gloves and flag carriers if possible. If the color bearers use flag harnesses, it is advisable to wear the Modified Class A uniform (which is a Class A without Pathfinder sash) to avoid the flag harness pulling items from the uniform sash. The Color Guard (the guards themselves) should be in full Class A uniform.

Per tradition, the country's national flag should always be escorted by two guards, one on each side, at all times possible. Depending on the size of the church, the Color Guard will march in single file or by twos side-by-side. In either configuration, the guards always stay with the country's national flag carrier. When the ceiling is too low, adjustments should be made and the flags are carried at the side, being careful not to drag the flags. The flags are to be carried in a vertical position. The right arm should be on top as close as possible to your nose. The left arm should be across the waist grasping the pole firmly. Always march with the ornament on the country's national flagpole facing forward. Always keep the country's national flag on the rightmost position (the position of honor) when marching alongside other flags.

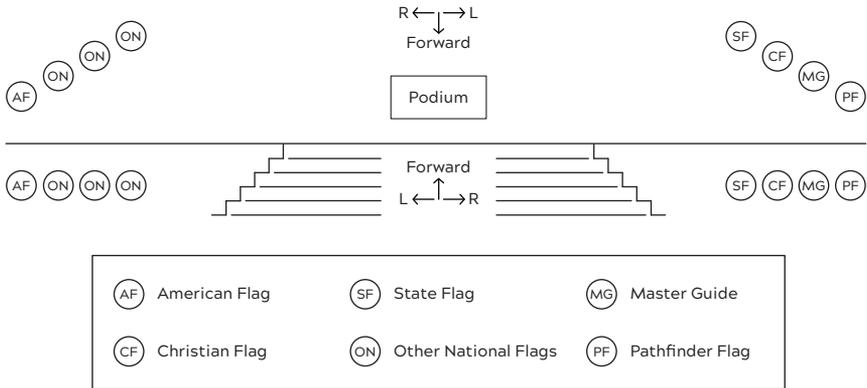
When marching by twos, because the country's national flag should be at the right of the speaker, when the Color Guard reaches the front pew, the flag next to the country's national flag will march in place (Mark Time, March) until the country's national

flag crosses over, then it can continue. The Color Guard will then move into position to place themselves in front of the flag stand and facing the congregation.

While the Pathfinders recite the pledges or law or sing, Color Guard will not talk, sing, or repeat the pledges or law with the rest of the club as they themselves are the flag detail.



Order of Flags When Posted In the United States



Order to Display Flags

The national flag of the country where the program is being held should be placed to the right of the speaker. (See diagram.)

Prior to the Flag Code changes in 1976 the display off stage was somewhat different. Now the staffed flag should always be placed to the right of the speaker without regard to a platform or floor level. If other national flags are present, they should go at the rightmost position.

All other flags are placed to the left starting with State/Province, Christian, Adventist Youth, Master Guide, Pathfinder Club, and Adventurer Club. A club can use as many flags as it wants. Examples are city flags and area flags. Remember all other non-national flags will go to the left of the speaker.

On Stage Placement (see diagram for off stage at ground level)

- **BERMUDA, CANADA, AND AMERICAN** – Posted right of speaker but country's national flag at rightmost.
- **STATE/PROVINCE** – Posted left of speaker.
- **CHRISTIAN** – This is an Ecumenical symbol and not a national flag. Therefore, it is reserved to be posted at the left of speaker although some congregations may want it posted at the right of speaker.