



40th Greenwich Scout Group Membership Policy

This policy defines the how the 40th Greenwich Scout Group administers membership as defined in The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Membership of the Scout Group

Membership is open to British Subjects who are prepared to follow the Association's principles by making the Scout Promise and foreign residents in the United Kingdom who may make an alternative Promise.

Admission to Membership

The decision to admit anyone to membership of a Scout Group rests with the Group Lead Volunteer. The Group Lead Volunteer will generally consult with the Section Leaders.

Age Range

The age ranges for each section shall be;

For each Scout Troop –

The core age range is from 10½ years to 14 years. The outer limit is from 10 years to 14½ Years.

For each Cub Pack –

The core age range is from 8 years to 10½ years. The outer limit is from 7½ years to 11 Years.

For each Beaver Colony –

The core age range is from 6 years to 8 years. The outer limit is from 5¾ years to 8½ Years.

A young person may, in special circumstances, join or transfer outside the core age range for the relevant section but still within the outer limit for that section with the agreement of the young person, his or her parents, the Section Leader and where they are transferring from or to another section, the Leader of that section.

Such circumstances may include the need to have more time to complete an award, that a top award is achieved early, the desire to join or transfer from or to another section with friends and to attend a particular event, such as Summer Camp.

When necessary, due to a young person's special needs, the District Commissioner may, on the recommendation of the Assistant County Commissioner or County Adviser (Special Needs) or (Inclusion) as appropriate, permit a young person to be in a Section outside of the normal age range.

The Size of the Sections

Normally the sections will have no more than 42 members for either Scout Troop, 36 members for either Cub Pack and 24 members for either Beaver Colony.

These numbers take into account the leadership available and the capacity of the meeting venue.

A section will admit more than the above, if necessary, when members are transferring from a younger section of the 40th Greenwich Scout Group. Also, to comply with TSA rules, when an existing member from another area has recently moved home into the area and been referred to us by TSA.

Waiting List

The Group maintains a central waiting list for both those in the age range who cannot join because the membership role is full and for those below the joining age who wish to reserve a place for when they reach the joining age. This list is mainly for those who are hoping to join Beavers at their sixth birthday or soon after.

However there are those who have missed joining a section and are hoping for a place in the next one or who want to join directly an older section.

Joining Priorities

- 1 those transferring section within the 40th Greenwich Scout Group;
- 2 those who are already members of TSA who have recently moved home into the area;
- 3 those on the waiting list who are the age to join the section and are the siblings of current or former members of the Scout Group;
- 4 others on the waiting list who are the age to join;
- 5 those not on the waiting list. (This means that we will not accept siblings who are not on the waiting list in preference to anyone else.)

Joining from other Local Scout Groups

Any Beaver Scout, Cub Scout or Scout wishing to transfer from another local Scout Group must either have the permission of the Leaders of their former Group or must have left that Group at least six months before applying to join the 40th Greenwich. They will not have priority over others on the Waiting List.

Termination of Group Membership

A young person's membership of the Group may be terminated when:

- 1 their parent or guardian informs the Section Leader that he/she intends to leave the Group;
- 2 he/she transfers to an Explorer Scout Unit or another Scout Group;
- 3 he/she fails to attend their section's meetings without explanation for half a term.
- 4 he/she fails to attend their section's meetings for a term (unless agreed with the Section Leader which would usually be in the case of serious illness);
- 5 the membership subscription due at the start of a term or on joining is not paid within half a term;
- 6 he/she fails to have correct uniform (as defined on the group website for their section) or fails to sew the required badges on the uniform;

When a young person's membership is terminated by the Section Leader it is to be with the consent of the Group Lead Volunteer and the Sponsor. An appeal may be made to the District Commissioner.

Termination of membership of TSA (Dismissal)

A young person's membership of TSA may be suspended or terminated when he/she has been accused of a serious criminal offence or of behaviour that puts adults or young people at serious risk of harm or disrupts the programme. TSA reserves the right to terminate membership without giving any reasons.

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