

ADMISSIONS POLICY



Randwick Scout Group offers Scouting activities to young people through Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts sections.

Scouting is open to all young people (irrespective of gender, faith, ability, sexuality or any other factors). If a young person needs additional support in order to participate in Scouting, this should be discussed with the Section Team Leaders, who will work with parents or carers to establish a plan of action.

The core age ranges for the sections are:

Squirrels	4 to 6 years
Beavers	6 to 8 years
Cubs	8 to 10½ years
Scouts	10½ to 14 years

Admission to the Group is decided by the Group Leadership Team. They have responsibility for determining how many places are offered and to whom, taking account of the needs of the section and the longer-term impact upon subsequent sections.

In order to operate safely and effectively each section has a limit on the number of young people who can be members. Sometimes there are more people of a particular age wanting to join than we can accommodate. In these cases, we maintain a waiting list of young people who have registered an interest in joining if a space becomes available. However, if there is high demand some people on the waiting list may never be offered a space.

This policy outlines how we normally prioritise the allocation of spaces.

Registration

Young people will not be accepted on the waiting list until they are within a year of being old enough to join.

To enable a young person to join the waiting list, the following information is required:

- The young person's full name
- Their date of birth
- Their full home address
- Email address and phone number of a parent or carer
- Any siblings, adult family members or carers in the Group
- Your evening preference (if any)

They will not be added to the waiting list until this information has been provided.

Priorities when allocating spaces

The following criteria are normally used when allocating places (in order of priority, highest first):

- Existing members of the Group moving up from the feeder section:
 - Wednesday Beavers -> Wednesday Cubs -> Thursday Scouts
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- Existing members of the Group moving up from a non-feeder lower-age section. If there are more moving up than can be accommodated, priority will be given to young people with
 - an adult family member or carer involved in the Group (as below)
 - siblings in the destination section
 - better attendance and longer of membership of the Group
- Existing members of the Group moving between same-age sections.
- Where an adult family member or carer has been actively involved in a Section Team, the Group Leadership Team or sub-team or as a Trustee for at least six months and will continue to be actively involved.
- Existing members of The Scout Association outside of Stroud and Tetbury District who have recently moved into the district. (No priority is given for transfers within the district.)
- The young person will have at least two terms in the section before they would move up to the next section.
- Whether the young person lives in Randwick or Cashes Green or a neighbouring area where we are the closest Scout Group. (No priority is given to which school they attend.)
- The young person has a sibling who has been a member of the Group for at least six months.
- Length of time on the waiting list.

If a space is offered and not accepted or declined within 14 days of the offer being made, it will be assumed the space is not wanted and the young person will be removed from the waiting list.

Where we have more than one section for a particular age, if places become available in more than one section at the same time we will try to accommodate any preferences, subject to the priorities above. However, if the young person is unable to take up the offered day, provided a reply to the offer is received within 14 days, they can remain on the waiting list.

If a young person leaves the Group or the waiting list and later wishes to rejoin, they have lost their priority and will be added to the bottom of the waiting list.

There may be special circumstances in which an exception to the priorities set out above may be made. These may include, but are not limited to: specific family circumstances, special educational, medical or other needs.