

## Membership Policy

### Existing Members of a Section- “Moving Up”:

Purely based on age (to start at the closest term to the section age).

Section	Age Range	Flexibility
Squirrels	4-6 Year old	4 and up to 6yrs
Beavers	6 – 8 years old	5 ¾ and up to 8 ½ years old.
Cubs	8 – 10 ½ years old	7 ½ and up to 11 years old
Scouts	10 ½ - 14 years old	10 to 14 ½ years old

### Notes

- ⚔ Discretion to remain on link longer to complete badges.
- ⚔ Discretion in exceptional circumstance for maturity and disability will be taken in consideration when the final decision resting with the Group or district commissioner.

### New Members on Waiting List- “Joining”:

After consideration of existing members and where there is capacity for additional intake places will be offered to new members as outlined below.

#### New Members on Waiting List

1. Children of existing leaders
2. Age
3. Length of time on waiting list

Where a new prospective member declines a place or fails to respond within 7 days of the offer being made, they will automatically be moved to the bottom of the waiting list.

We will only accept young people aged 4 and over to joining the waiting list for the group.

If a prospective member is over 13, they should contact the DESC directly to discuss joining the next phase of Scouting, Explorers.