

24th Hastings Scout Group

Waiting List Policy

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1. General Statement of policy

The required ratios between leaders and young people can mean that, at times, the Group is unable to accommodate all the young people who may wish to join a particular section. When this happens, the Group will implement waiting lists and this policy sets out how these will be managed.

Requests for places must be made to a Section Leader.

2. Management of waiting lists

When a waiting list needs to be implemented for a section, places will be allocated on the following basis:

1. The age of the child
2. The willingness of the parents to offer regular support to the section
3. The length of time they have been on the list.

Transfers from other groups will be given serious consideration, including temporarily increasing the maximum size of the section.

Preference will be made for the child of any young person, guardian or carer who is willing to help the group in some capacity, whether it be as a supporter, occasional helper or leader.

The Section Leader will maintain contact with the parents, guardians or carers of any young people on the waiting list.

3. Membership

Membership is subject to payment of the monthly subscription fees, paid via OSM. Payment shall commence at the start of the month following the investiture of the member.

There is no charge to attend sessions prior to investiture. Section Leaders shall aim to complete all investitures within four – six weeks of joining.

In line with the Group's Hardship Policy, any requests for support with the payment of subscription fees will be considered by the Trustee Board.

Membership is fully open to all young people aged between 4 and 14. We do not discriminate on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, religion or disability.

Membership is subjected to completion of the form on Online Scout Manager (OSM). Membership also requires a uniform.

4. Policy Review

This Policy will be reviewed annually.