

1st Radyr Scout Group

Admissions Policy

UK Scouts - National Policies

The below key policy points, relevant to admissions, are taken directly from sections of the UK Scouts POR documentation.

3.1.1.4 The minimum age for youth membership is the 4th birthday.

As 1st Radyr Scout Group does not run a Squirrels Drey, the minimum age limit for membership of the group is 5¾ as per 4.3.1.1

3.2.3.2 Membership is held continuously during the transfer from one section to the next, but young people make the Promise appropriate for their new section.

3.3.1.1 The decision to admit anyone to membership of a Group must be made by the Group Scout Leader, in accordance with The Scout Association's policies.

3.3.1.3 There may be situations where a section does not have the capacity or resources to meet the needs of a young person or make the reasonable adjustments necessary. In such instances, the Group Scout Leader must work with the parents or carer(s) to find or create an alternative provision.

3.3.4.1 Young people forfeit membership if they leave the section and do not immediately join another section.

4.3.1.1 The age ranges for each section are:

Section	Core age range	Minimum age	Maximum age
Beavers	6 th to 8 th birthday	5¾ years	8½ years
Cubs	8 th birthday to 10½ years	7½ years	11 th birthday
Scouts	10½ years to 14 th birthday	10 th birthday	14½ years

1st Radyr Scout Group - Local Policies

The below policies are decided by the 1st Radyr Scout Group GSL as per 3.3.1.1 of the Scouts POR.

1. As per 3.3.1.1, the GSL is ultimately responsible for admitting members to the group and can make decisions contrary to the below if they feel it is necessary to support the group's running.
2. At 1st Radyr Scouts, we operate our transfers between sections based on the following:
 - a. Entry to Beavers:
 - i. Only those aged 6+ will be considered for a place in Beavers.
 - b. Beavers to Cubs:
 - i. Those aged 8+ at the start of a term will be moved up to Cubs if there is space.
 - c. Cubs to Scouts:
 - i. Those aged 10½+ at the start of a term will be moved up to Scouts if there is space.
 - d. Scouts to Explorers:
 - i. Any scout aged 14+ will be encouraged to join an Explorer unit.
 - ii. We are happy to allow for a scout to stay until they are 14½ if they wish, but once they reach this age, they can no longer be a member.
 - iii. We will provide options and liaison to aid the transfer to Explorers as an Explorer section is not run from Radyr.
 - e. We will try to accommodate evening preferences where possible. Still, if there is no availability on a preferred evening or too many that would prefer a particular evening, then places will be allocated randomly.
3. Children of volunteers at 1st Radyr Scout Group will be offered a place in their Section of choice. However, this is conditional on providing a commitment of at least one year to volunteer at 1st Radyr Scout Group. This supersedes all policy points below and point 2.e. See below for roles this applies to:
 - a. Section Leader
 - b. Assistant Section Leader
 - c. Section Assistant
 - d. Group Chair
 - e. Group Treasurer
 - f. Group Secretary
 - g. Group Scout Leader
 - h. Assistant Group Scout Leader
4. To be added to the waiting list, a child may not be younger than 5.
5. Places to children on the waiting list will be offered based on the date they were added to the list unless specified below.

6. If a parent does not respond to an offer of a place for their child in any section within 4 days, the place will be offered to the next child on the waiting list.
 - a. If no response is received two offerings in a row then the child's name will be removed from the waiting list.

7. 1st Radyr Scout Group mainly serves the Radyr and Morganstown area, but we will accept members from the following areas also:
 - i. Danescourt (North of A4119, West of the railway [city line])
 - ii. Gwaelod y Garth
 - iii. Pentyrch
 - iv. Rhydlafer
 - a. For clarity, we do not accept members from south of Llantrisant Road (A4119).

8. Any child moving into the area, who is already a member of another scout group, that wishes to join 1st Radyr Scouts will be required to join the waiting list.

9. We do not give preference to those with siblings already in the group.

10. Across the Scout Sections, a spread of different ages is required for section planning purposes.
 - a. Therefore, for entry to Beavers, any child on the waiting list over the age of 6³/₄ will only be considered for Cubs (age permitting), not Beavers.
 - i. Exceptions to this rule will be made if there are no children on the waiting list between 6 - 6³/₄. If this is the case, then places will be offered to the next youngest child on the waiting list (6³/₄-8).
 - b. Therefore, for entry to Cubs, any child on the waiting list over the age of 9¹/₂ will only be considered for Scouts (age permitting), not Cubs.
 - i. Exceptions to this rule will be made if there are no children on the waiting list between 8 - 9¹/₂. If this is the case, then places will be offered to the next youngest child on the waiting list (9¹/₂-10¹/₂).