Baden-Powell Scouts' Association
New Group Policy

Prospective groups will have meetings with the Area Commissioner to ascertain the Groups' suitability and appropriateness of joining the Area and the B-PSA and be confident that the Group will be properly conducted and accept the aims, methods, and policy of the B-PSA.

The Area commissioner will advise the Area Council and inform them with full details of the prospective group.

The Area Council and Area Commissioner must satisfy themselves that the prospective groups' registration within the Area is desirable. The Area Commissioner will submit the request for a new group to the National Committee. The NC and administration team will issue all necessary paperwork for a new group; including registration forms, warrant applications and DBS forms to be completed by the new group.

To be considered for registration within the B-PSA a new group must have:

i) a commitment to the aims, methods and policy of the B-PSA
ii) a suitable meeting place
iii) a suitably qualified Group Scout Master
iv) a team of adults enough to meet the requirements of the B-PSA Supervision and Qualification document
v) leaders and adults with Child Protection Training and DBS certificates issued by the B-PSA
vi) a bank account in the name of the group
vii) a commitment that the GSM and one leader from each section will undertake a Preliminary Training Course with B-PSA before a full registration will be issued.
viii) access to equipment and resources to effectively run a group

Once all forms and checks are undertaken and are satisfactorily received by the NC, a Temporary Group Registration Certificate may be issued.

Once training has been completed and the AC is satisfied with the progress of a new group then the AC can make an application to the NC for a full registration.

Until a Temporary Group Registration Certificate is issued, the group is not a member of nor insured by or recognised as belonging to the B-PSA.

The B-PSA reserves the right to withdraw or refuse applications from any group.