

8. CUB SCOUT SECTION

8.1 Cub Scout Section Functioning

Educational outcomes, method, membership, organisation, and leadership are set out in P&R.

8.2 Cub Scout Leaders

8.2.1 Appointment

- a) CSLs and ACSLs are appointed on the recommendation of the District Commissioner.
- b) Females are eligible for both ranks. Those appointed in Guides NSW may also be appointed in the Cub Scout Section provided they meet the Association's normal requirements.
- c) A Cub Scout Pack of mixed membership shall comply with the **Error! Reference source not found.**

8.2.2 Qualifications

The special qualifications for CSL and ACSL in addition to the general qualifications are as follows:

- a) A general knowledge of "Scouting for Boys", P&R, O&I Manual, Cub Scout Leader and Cub Scout Handbooks.
- b) An understanding of the Personal Protection Policy and Procedures.
- c) Age for CSL, not less than 20; for ACSL, not less than 18.
- d) To ensure continuity it is most desirable that every Pack should have at least one ACSL, and where a Pack consists of more than three Sixes additional ACSLs, are desirable.

8.2.3 Functions

- a) The CSL takes charge of the Pack with the help of any ACSLs, subject to the general supervision of the GL.
- b) In deciding matters of internal administration, however, it is desirable that the CSL should as far as possible consult the Pack Council.

8.2.4 Uniform and Badges

CSLs and ACSLs wear uniform and badges as approved.

8.3 The Cub Scout Pack

8.3.1 Each Pack should normally have 2 or 3 Leaders.

8.3.2 Where rural conditions make it impossible to establish a normal Cub Scout Pack, the District Commissioner may permit the formation of a Rural Cub Scout Pack holding a full Pack meeting at least once a month. The Cub Scout Leader of such a Pack must be an Appointed Leader, each Six should ordinarily have its own ACSL or failing this, a Youth Helper, and, where possible, the Pack should function in conjunction with an established Group possibly in the nearest town.

8.3.3 Training

- a) The training of Cub Scouts should follow a program of meetings and activities largely separate from that of other Sections.
- b) Irrespective of whether the Group includes Sea Scout or Air Scout Sections, the members of every Cub Scout Pack shall receive the

standard Cub Scout Training without sea or air or other specialised distinction.

8.3.4 The Six

- a) The Pack is divided into Sixes, each consisting of six Cub Scouts, including the Sixer and Second.
- b) Isolated Sixes maybe established in places where distance or special circumstances prevent the establishment of a Group.
 - The Isolated Six must be attached to a registered Group in the nearest town. For example: 1st Wagga Wagga Group with Red Six meeting at Uranquinty.
 - Membership of an Isolated Six should have a minimum of four members and a maximum of twelve members.
 - There should be a minimum of one trained Leader and a parent helper.
 - The Six is to meet weekly in its own town and monthly with the larger Group a minimum of eight times a year.
 - All administration and fees to be handled by the main Group.
 - Parents of the Isolated Six will be members of the Group Committee.
 - Leaders of the Isolated Six and the Group should program together and run similar programs.
 - Establishment of an Isolated Six is to be done with the agreement of the Region Commissioner and Group.
 - In the event of the increase in membership of the Isolated Six consideration should be given to the development of a new Group in its place.
 - Where there are Lone Scouts in the locality, they should be considered and encouraged to join the Isolated Six.

8.3.5 Sixers and Seconds

- a) A Sixer is a Cub Scout appointed by the CSL to lead a Six of Cub Scouts.
- b) A Second is a Cub Scout appointed by the CSL, in consultation with the Sixer concerned, to assist the Sixer and to take their place when absent.
- c) Sixers and Seconds wear uniform and badges as approved.

8.3.6 Pack Council

- a) The Pack Council is an informal body composed of Leaders of the Pack, the Sixers and, if desired, the Seconds.
- b) Pack Council consultation is referred to in para 8.2.3 b) of this chapter.

8.3.7 Youth Helper

- a) The Region Commissioner or delegate appoints a Youth Helper on the recommendation of the Group Leader. Where the proposed Youth Helper is a Venturer Scout, Ranger Guide or Ranger, the approval of the Venturer Scout Leader or Guider must also be obtained. Except with the approval of the Region Commissioner, the number of

concurrent Youth Helper appointments to any Pack shall be limited to two with minimum age of 15 years.

- b) Applicants not members of the Scouts NSW or Guides NSW shall serve a probationary period of three months prior to appointment. The probationary period shall commence on completion by the applicant of the Youth Helper application form but not earlier than the fifteenth birthday. On completion of the probationary period the applicant shall make the Scout Promise and become a member of a Group.
- c) Invested members of the Scouts NSW or Guides NSW who are eligible to apply for appointment shall not be required to serve the probationary period prescribed above.
- d) A Youth Helper shall be presented, on the completion of a "Youth Leadership" Course and the necessary probationary period, a cloth badge depicting a Scout Arrowhead and a Boomerang above the right breast pocket or in an equivalent position. NB if worn in conjunction with a Link Badge the latter will be worn nearest the centre.
- e) Applications for appointment as a Youth Helper are made on Form Y9. Non-Venturer Scouts are also required to complete an "Application for Youth Membership" (Form Y1).
- f) The appointment of a Youth Helper shall terminate on the person concerned reaching the age of 18 years.
- g) Youth Helpers may.....
 - Attend every Pack Meeting, Pack Holiday, Cub Scout Activity, or Outing.
 - Instruct in one or more of the subjects in the Cub Scout Training scheme.
 - Under the supervision of a Pack Leader pass test work appropriate to the Youth Helper's skills.
 - Run games under the supervision of a Pack Leader.
 - Assist by having gear in readiness for games, activities, etc.
 - Assist in a minor capacity in Ceremonies where appropriate.
 - Attend Seonees.
 - Attend Region functions i.e. Palavers, Annual Meetings, etc (with the approval of the Region Commissioner or delegate).
- h) Youth Helpers must not in any circumstances.....
 - Take charge of a Pack or any part of a Pack at any time.
 - Perform any role in Ceremonies that is to be carried out only by a Pack Leader.
 - Attend any Adult Training Course.
 - Be a regular visitor at the Group Council.

8.4 Youth Members

8.4.1 The Cub Scout Investiture

Young people become Cub Scouts by investiture, as described in the Investiture Ceremonies Book/Guide, during which they make the Cub Scout Promise. They are then entitled to wear Cub Scout uniform and badges as approved.

8.4.2 Qualifications

Before being invested, a young person, unless previously a Joey Scout who has earned the Cub Scout Link Badge, must, in keeping with their age as described in 'My Adventure into Cub Scouts'.

8.4.3 Subsequent Training

- a) After investiture, Cub Scouts proceed to qualify for the relevant Badges by passing the tests laid down in the Cub Scout Handbooks.
- b) They may also qualify for the Achievement Badges as set out in the Cub Scout Handbooks.
- c) Cub Scouts may also achieve the Grey Wolf Award as detailed in the Cub Scout Leader Handbook.

8.4.4 Uniform and Badges

A Cub Scout wears uniform and badges as approved.