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# **Group Attendance Policy**

## **Purpose of the Policy**

5<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Horsham Scout Group delivers the balanced Scouting programme through three main themes: outdoor and adventure, world and skills. In each section a range of badges and awards are there to support all aspects of Scouting, including the three main themes as well as, leadership, teamwork and

personal development.

Young people who do not attend regularly lose out by not having the opportunity to complete their badge work, their attendance patterns have a detrimental effect on the rest of their section and they can create problems for the leaders in organising activities.

They are also depriving another child of a place in the Group. 5<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Horsham has a long waiting list and we regularly turn away young people.

## Scope of the Policy

This Policy applies to all sections at 5<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Horsham Scout Group.

#### **Attendance Rules**

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to inform the leadership team if their young person is unable to attend Scouting each week.

Any young person who misses three consecutive weeks without valid reason (principally illness) will be referred to the Group Scout Leader. Further, any young person who misses 6 or more weeks in the term, again without a valid reason, will be referred to the Group Scout Leader.

### **Final Decision**

The Group Scout Leader will make the final decision on the termination of a young person's membership.

## Right of Appeal

Parents/carers have the right to appeal a termination of a young person's membership with the District Commissioner.