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### **Rules of membership of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Upminster Scout Group**

1. When joining the 3rd Upminster Scout Group your child will become a member of the Scout movement and the parents/guardians will become a member of the group.
2. All members of the group must help at events, activities, meeting nights and committees (see rule5)
3. All children will be expected to attend meeting nights, Church parades, St Georges parade. In the event that the child attends another club when church parade is on then, in agreement with the leader and on production of a signed note from the relevant Church or Club Manager, the Leader will agree which parades must be attended.
4. Conduct and behaviour should be in line with the scout movement promise. All children will be expected to show respect to their peers and Leaders/Helpers. A Red Card system will apply where inappropriate behaviour is exhibited. Unruly behaviour including bullying will first be addressed with the child, then the parents/guardians and a resolution made. If this is unsuccessful then exclusion, although unwanted, may be applied in either specific activities or permanently
5. Every parent/guardian will serve a minimum of 1 year as one of an Exec member, adult helper, stores helper or part of leadership team. Parent/guardian helpers must complete the CRB Check form. As a Group Member, this help may be offered to any Section within the Group.
6. Full Uniform will be required at all meetings and Events unless otherwise directed by the Leaders.

7. When dropping off your child, the following rules apply:
  - a. Beavers  
Parents/Guardians are required to sign their child in on arrival. If another adult is to collect the child, this must be notified to the Warranted Leader at dropping off time.
  - b. Cubs  
Parents/Guardians are required to sign ensure that their child is received by a Warranted Leader. If another adult is to collect the child, this must be notified to the Warranted Leader at dropping off time.
  - c. Scouts  
Scouts are required to sign in. Parents/Guardians are required to ensure that there are sufficient recognized Warranted Leaders and Helpers prior to leaving their child.
  - d. Leader – Child ratios (number of adults to children)  
For appropriate safety, the adult – child ration must be  
Beavers (Under 8)     1 – 6  
Cubs/Scouts             1 – 8  
  
Outdoor events will have reduced ratios as determined by the activity.
8. Meeting the Leaders at the start of the year  
Parents/Guardians must meet Leaders at the start of Term or on their Child being 'Thrown-up'.
  - a. Existing Parents/Guardians: must meet with the Section Leader at a meeting, as requested or where your child has changed to another section, for both Cubs and Scouts. Beavers Parents/Guardians will meet the Section Leader on their child's joining the Section. Parents/Guardians must ensure that their details are correctly recorded on the Register.
  - b. New Parents/Guardians: must attend a 3<sup>rd</sup> Upminster welcome meeting at which details of the group will be provided and the Register will be updated.
9. Communication of changes of Meeting venue/purpose will be advised through notified methods. This may include the use of Internet. Where the notified method is not available to you, you must advise the Section Leader how best to make contact with you. Any changes will be advised with a minimum of 24 hours notice. Parents/guardians must take responsibility for ensuring that the programme is as stated. Parents/Guardians schedules for activity on the Rota must advise Leaders in advance or make alternative support arrangements.

10. Girls will be accepted at a meeting or event on the proviso that there is at least one female helper or female leader present. In the event of there being no female helper or leader, the child will only be permitted to stay if the parent/guardian agrees to stay too.
11. All events will be open to all Children, but some activities may be restricted due to particular circumstances that make co-ed inappropriate.
12. Payment Rules will be applied as follows: subs must be paid at the first meeting of the term, unless paid by Standing Order, which is the preferred method.
13. The Executive Committee must comprise two parents/guardians from each of the Sections, in addition to the formal offices within the Executive.