



Changes to the Under 8's Rule 3.8h in POR

- 1. Does this mean that all Beaver Scouts move to Cub Scouts at 7½?**
No. The core ages for both Sections remains the same, Beaver Scouts: 6 – 8 years old and Cub Scouts 8 – 10½ years old. As we have been able to clarify the information that The Scout Association is not covered by the Children Act (1989) we have made this change to encourage flexibility and to help the moving on process suit the individual young person.
- 2. When do we start the Moving On process between Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts?**
As you would normally – a few weeks before children join Cub Scouts. A Beaver Scout moving to Cub Scouts should move up at the appropriate time for them, any time between 7½ and 8½ years old.
- 3. Does this mean that we can take 5½ year olds into Beaver Scouts?**
No – the youngest that anyone can join the Scout Association still remains at 5 years and 9 months.
- 4. Has the length of time a Sleepover runs for changed?**
Sleepovers are still only for 24 hours, this time period was not decided because of the Children Act (1989).
- 5. Will there still be enough time for a Beaver Scout to complete their Chief Scout's Bronze Award if they move up at 7½?**
If you think a Beaver Scout is going to move up before 8 years old, make plans to help them complete the challenges in time.
- 6. If we get a child who is 7½ who wants to join, can they join Cub Scouts straight away?**
Yes – but only if it is suitable for the young person and the local circumstances.
- 7. If a Beaver Scout joins Cub Scouts between the age of 7½ and 8 years old are they allowed to go on Nights Away events using Cub Scout rules?**
Yes – once they are in Cub Scouts, follow Cub Scout rules for any activity.
- 8. Why have we made the changes to this ruling?**
After many years of lobbying and dialogue with HMG, The Scout Association has finally got confirmation from the Department of Children, Schools and Families that Section 71 of the Children Act (1989) does not apply to us.
- 9. Can those Beaver Scouts aged over 7½ camp as part of a Sleepover?**
No, while they are in Beaver Scouts they follow the Beaver Scout rules.
- 10. Can Beaver Scouts over the age of 7½ attend Cub Scout camps before they are invested?**
Yes, once they start their moving on process then the rules for the Cub Scout section apply when on Cub activities