



BARBADOS BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION **NATIONAL SCOUT COMMITTEE**

GUIDELINES FOR STARTING NEW SCOUT TROOPS

1. Before the formation of the Troop, the following criteria should be met:
There must be a Scout Leader for the Troop who does not hold another position in the Group or any other Scout Group. The Scout Leader can assist with Pack activities but not be responsible for the activities.
 - (a) There should be at least 12 boys ready to join the Troop (two Patrols of 6 members each). This number will allow 2 or 3 boys to change their minds without causing the number to be too small.
 - (b) If the Scout Leader is new to the Section or has not been active prior to becoming Scout Leader, he must receive training to familiarise him with his duties as Scout Leader and with the Scout Programme. This should include participating in activities (ceremonies, hike and camp organization and planning) with existing Troops for a period of not less than twelve meetings.
 - (c) Where there is an existing Cub Pack, the Pack must agree to provide the new Troop with the materials necessary to properly start the Troop.
2. After formation of the Troop, the Group must endeavour to find at least one Assistant Scout Leader before the Troop is allowed to take in additional members.
3. For the first 6 months the Troop should be closely monitored by their A.D.C./D.S. and the A.D.C. for Scouts. If necessary this can be extended to one year.
4. The time period between deciding to start the Scout Troop and actually starting the Troop should not be less than 3 months. Ideally it should be 4 to 6 months.
5. On making the decision to start a Scout Troop, the Group Scout Leader or Cub Scout Leader should consult the ADC for Scouts to ensure that all relevant considerations were reviewed during the decision process. Also that the necessary pre-requisites are met when forming the Troop.

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