

What Is The 'Sixer System'?

The 'Sixer System' is an important part of Cub Scout training.

From the very first meeting your Cub attends we are training them for the responsibilities of and the advantages that come with being a Sixer.

Prior to that they may take on the role of 'Second'.

It is planned such that all Cubs where possible are able to fulfil both the Second and Sixer roles, when the time comes.

In reality all should get a chance to be a Second, and some a Sixer.

What Is A Second?

A Second:

- Is liked by other Cub Scouts in the Six;
- Benefits from working with a Sixer.

What Are The Duties Of A Second?

Duties of a Second include:

- Attend Pack Council;
- Assist the Sixer;
- Stand in for the Sixer if the Sixer is absent.

Note:

The title of 'Second' does not give the right to tell other Cubs what to do, rather the right to encourage and lead others by example.

When Are Seconds Appointed?

New Seconds are appointed when an existing Second vacates the role, either through taking up a Sixer role, or leaving the movement, or when it is determined by the Cub Scout Leader that the Cub has earned the opportunity to take on the Second role, but may otherwise have to wait a long time to fulfil that role, or the Six would benefit from more than one Second.

In any case, this usually happens around a major event in the year, such as a Group camp, or Group gathering.

There is generally only one Second in a Six, but on rare occasions there may be two.

Who Appoints A New Second?

New Seconds are appointed by the Cub Scout Leader after consultation with the other Leaders and the Sixer of that Six.

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What Factors/Qualities Do Leaders Look For?

There are a number of influencing factors/qualities that Leaders look at to determine who is best to take up the Second role at the given time. Some of these include:

Attendance:

As the Second may need to stand in for the Sixer attendance is very important;

Leadership ability:

Given support will your Cub be able to further develop their Leadership skills, lead by example, and assist the Sixer in leading others to do their best;

Confidence:

A Second is someone the Cubs should aspire to be, so should display confidence in their own abilities;

General behaviour:

Is your Cub staying true to the Cub Scout Promise & Law?;

Maturity/Age:

Length of time in the Section:

This can be a factor where several Cubs are of a similar age yet all display the qualities required;

Length of time left in the Section:

Some Cubs may join the section later than others, yet display all the qualities required for the Second role. Other Cubs may feel they are 'next in line', but have much longer left in the Section and may still have the opportunity to take up the role at a later date.

Do I Have To Be A Second?

Cubs are always consulted individually prior to new appointments.

This allows us to determine if your Cub is feeling confident to take on the new role with the support of the Leaders.

Cubs may elect not to take on the role until such later time as it may be offered again. If this is the case we will discuss this with you as parents/guardians.

How Do Other Cubs Know I Am A Second?

Cubs wear a special badge on their uniform to show they are a Second.

The Second badge:



Badge placement:

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