

38th/40th Cork - Ballinlough Scout Group Fees and Concessions Policy

Scouting in Ireland is a voluntary, uniformed, non-formal educational movement for young people. It is independent, non-political, open to all without distinction of gender, marital status, family status, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, race and membership of the Travelling Community, in accordance with the purpose, principles and method conceived by the Founder, Robert Baden-Powell as stated by the World Organisation of the Scout Movement.

The main object for which Our Scout Group is established is for the purpose of benefit to our community to encourage, the social, physical, intellectual, character, emotional and spiritual development of young people so that those young people may achieve their full potential and, as responsible citizens, improve society.

Membership fees that are currently in operation in the Group

In line with Scouting Ireland norms, it is the policy of the 38th/40th Cork Ballinlough Scout Group (the Group) to charge an annual membership fee for each youth member. To reduce the potential financial burden on Scouting families, it is the policy of the Group to:

- * accept fees in two payments, with the first payment covering the half-year period September to December of the Scout Year. And the second payment covering the half-year period January to June. (As per the “Fees” summary below.)
- * offer reduced fees to Scouting families with two or more youth members in the Group. (As per the “Concession fees” summary below).
- * follow-up on non-payment of fees no more than twice. (It is the policy of the Group not to exclude a youth member for non-payment of fees.)

Fee payments are accepted by cash, cheque or online (via PayPal).

It is the policy of the Group not to charge volunteer adult members (Scouters) a membership fee. In practice this means that the cumulative fees charged to youth members are intended to “cover” the costs associated with the registration of Scouters with Scouting Ireland.

A schedule of fees for the year is approved by the Group Council, usually in advance of the commencement of activities in Autumn and published on the website www.ballinloughscouts.ie

Fee concessions that are currently in operation in the Group

The group offers concessions for families with more than one youth member attending in the Scout Year. These concession fees are approved by the Group Council usually in advance of the commencement of activities in Autumn and published on the website www.ballinloughscouts.ie

This policy was last reviewed and approved by the Group Council on 13th May 2026