



## FAQ – Group Commissioner Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is a group commissioner?**

A Group Commissioner is an individual accountable for the growth and well-being of Scouting within a group. The Group Commissioner will manage the Group and provide leadership to the Group, and is directly accountable to the Area Commissioner

### **What does a Group Commissioner do?**

The Group Commissioner coordinates section program service and support, manages the efforts of the Group Committee, provides overall leadership to the Group, is accountable for compliance with Scouts Canada's policies, procedures and program standards, and is the main communication contact for the Group.

### **Does the Group Commissioner work alone?**

No. Group Commissioners cannot coordinate service and support solely by themselves. Through the Group Commissioner, the Group Committee will provide the foundation for the section leaders to focus on delivering Scouting's programs.

The Group Commissioner will need a team appropriate to the size of the Group. The basics would be someone to take care of the financial responsibilities (e.g. Treasurer, Fund-raiser), someone to register all of the members (e.g. Group Registrar) and someone to coordinate the group's records (e.g.

Secretary). In larger Groups, someone may be recruited to help with many of the administrative responsibilities of the Group Commissioner. In other words, the Group Commissioner will need a Committee to build and maintain a successful group.

### **What is the Group Commissioner's most important responsibility?**

Group Committees have always had two important responsibilities - program delivery and group administration. The Group Commissioner's most important responsibility is to make program delivery "Job 1".

### **Where will Group Commissioners be found?**

The Area Commissioner will be working with each Group Committee to recruit and appoint that group's Commissioner. In many Groups, the current Group Chair will make a great Group Commissioner. They have the attitudes, skills and knowledge to do the job. Their first interest is quality programs. In other groups, the current Group Scouter may be the right person to become Group Commissioner. They also have the experience to do the job. For a few Groups, Area Commissioners will need to help the Group recruit a former leader or other suitable person to become their Group Commissioner.