

# New Boy Scout Advancement Requirements

## Take Effect January 1, 2016.

On January 1, 2016 if your rank is: (A new Boy Scout Handbook will be available on **January 20, 2016**)

Newly joined You can complete the Scout badge using the old requirements

Starting with Tenderfoot, you must use the new requirements.

Scout You can complete Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class using the old requirements, as long as you complete all three before January 1, 2017.

You may use the new requirements starting with Tenderfoot (recommended).

You must use the new requirements for Star, Life and Eagle.

Tenderfoot You can complete Second Class and First Class using the old requirements, as long as you complete both before January 1, 2017.

You must use the new requirements for Star, Life and Eagle.

Second Class You can complete First Class using the old requirements, as long as you complete it before January 1, 2017.

You must use the new requirements for Star, Life and Eagle.

First Class You can complete Star using the old requirements, as long as you complete it before January 1, 2017. If you cannot complete Star by that date, you must use the new requirements.

You may use the new requirements for Star, if you choose.

You must use the new requirements for Life and Eagle.

Star You can complete Life using the old requirements, as long as you complete it before January 1, 2017. If you cannot reach Life by that date, you must use the new requirements.

You may use the new requirements for Life, if you choose.

You must use the new requirements for Eagle.

Life You can complete Eagle using the old requirements, as long as you complete it before January 1, 2017. If you cannot Eagle by that date, you must use the new requirements.

You may use the new requirements for Eagle if you choose.

**IMPORTANT:** Regardless of what rank you are, or your progress on the next rank, **YOU MUST** start using the new requirements On January 1, 2017.

Link to Handbook Insert: [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/pdf/524-012\\_BS\\_Requirements\\_Insert.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/pdf/524-012_BS_Requirements_Insert.pdf)

Link to Requirement comparison: [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutRequirements\\_8.14.2015.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutRequirements_8.14.2015.pdf)