

Roundtable Hot Topic

The New Unit Dashboard

Did you know that when it comes to relationships between commissioners and unit leaders, your local commissioners want to help you understand that we are here to help your pack, troop, ship, crew or post. We want to increase collaboration and insight between you and your commissioners!

Strong, active units are at the heart of a great Scouting experience. And we realized that the way commissioners have been supporting you — through assessments — wasn't always friendly or kind. The old method often felt like a "grade" instead of support. What we really want is a true partnership — where commissioners listen to your needs, collaborate, and help you thrive.



What's Changing?

As of **February 18**, a new version of **Commissioner Tools** was released, designed to improve how commissioners interact with you. But here's the really important part: **you'll now have access to the same key metrics that your commissioner sees.**

That's right — transparency! No surprises. This means you and your commissioner are looking at the same data, and it makes it easier to identify strengths and opportunities for growth.

Unit Metrics

Speaking of data, let's talk about **Unit Metrics**.

The update introduces six measurable areas that provide insight into your unit data:

1. **Key Leaders Trained**
2. **Unit Size**
3. **Membership Growth**
4. **Advancement/Youth Leaders**
5. **Outdoor Activities**
6. **Youth Retention**

These aren't just random numbers — they provide valuable information about your unit. You and your commissioner can discuss these metrics and look at ways they can offer targeted support, and you both have access to the same data!

Unit Connections

Another big change is something called **Unit Connections**.

Instead of commissioners completing “Simple” or “Detailed Assessments,” they'll now engage with you in **meaningful, goal-oriented conversations**.

The goal is simple:

- Celebrate your successes.
- Identify challenges.
- Collaborate on solutions.
- Provide resources that actually help.

And to guide these conversations, there's a tool called **Unit Connection Guides** — tailored resources designed to keep the discussion on YOUR goals. That's right! The goals YOU set. No more “grading your unit” — just real support.



Updated Tools

Now, from a technology standpoint, both you and your commissioner will have access to:

- **Unit Dashboards** – where you can see your metrics and other helpful information about your unit.

It's all designed to help you — without adding more work to your plate.

Ongoing Support

And this isn't a “one-and-done” change — Scouting America will continue to improve these tools throughout 2025.

Commissioners are a resource and someone who can provide answers and help when needed. The new unit dashboard encourages commissioners to work more closely with unit leaders to create friendships and partnerships to serve our youth well.