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## 0002. Age Groups

A discussion paper for Archery Australia.

This discussion paper should be read in conjunction with discussion paper 0005 Category Acronyms.

The proposals put forward there have been incorporated into this discussion paper.

### Overview

In early 2010 Archery Victoria (AV) moved a motion to AA to change the age groups. The AA Board declined and the response AV received was that it could introduce any age groups it wanted. Yet, everything we talked about at the 2010 national planning conference was about a universal set of policy and procedures.

The current youth age groups are;

20 and under  
Cadet 17 and under  
Intermediate 15 and under  
Cub 13 and under

In addition AV have introduced Joey 11 and under.

At the time AV had 74 Joeys and 70 Cubs. It is not known what the breakup is in other states but 74 members 11 years of age and under is a lot especially compared to the total membership of the ACT or Tasmania.

AV have this membership because they run school programs which some also have school based archery clubs.

If we follow the national body's policy and procedure then the Cub division in Victoria will have 144 members but more importantly a majority of them will be shooting against other children up to 6 years older than them and that is counter to the principles of encouragement.

With World Archery changing the ages for Junior and Cadet, with a 3 year spacing, it gives us a good chance to have age groups in subsequent 3 year blocks.

### Understanding The Australian Vernacular

In Australia the majority of sports use the term Under (age) to describe their age groups. Other than archery there is no other sport that describes their age groups as (age) and under.

If we are to attract more youth into our sport we should use the Australian vernacular to describe our age groups and this of course would then flow onto school clubs and youth camps.

To be precise the following terms should be changed to;

20 and under                      to Under 21

Cadet 17 and under              to Under 18

The following should then be separated by 3 year gaps, not the current 2;

Intermediate 15 and under to Under 15

Cub 13 and under to Under 12

In Victoria the age group Joey 11 and under can then be removed.

### Acronyms

Although World Archery use the terms Junior and Cadet, Archery Australia want to use the terms 20 and under and Cadet.

When World Archery makes a decision then, within reason, Archery Australia should follow. To fall into line with World Archery acronyms Archery Australia should still use the J for Junior and the C for Cadet.

It is therefore proposed that the following acronyms be used in conjunction with the Australian vernacular to describe age groups.

WA Terminology	Junior	Cadet		
WA Acronym	J	C		
Current AA Terminology	20/U	Cadet 17/U	Intermediate 15/U	Cub 13/U
Current AA Acronym	J	C	I	C
Proposed Terminology	Under 21	Under 18	Under 15	Under 12
Proposed Acronym	J	C	I	K

### Competition Levels

Reduces the categories in Victoria from 106 to 84. Reduces the 4 age groups at the Nationals to 3. It gives AA, the RGBs and the clubs a logical set of marketable age groups with a 3 year spacing between each.

It will allow the RGBs to have an Under 12 age group. If a RGB doesn't have members in the Under 12 age group then it doesn't have to offer it and it will reduce the proposed 4 age groups to 3.

Proposed Terminology	Under 21	Under 18	Under 15	Under 12
Proposed Acronym	J	C	I	K
World Archery	✓	✓		
Archery Australia	✓	✓	✓	
RGB	✓	✓	✓	✓

## Categories

Bow Type		Age Group				Gender	
			AA Designation		WA Designation		
<b>Y</b>	Barebow Compound	<b>K</b>	Under 12			<b>B</b>	Boys
<b>C</b>	Compound	<b>I</b>	Under 15			<b>G</b>	Girls
<b>B</b>	Barebow Recurve	<b>C</b>	Under 18	<b>C</b>	Cadet	<b>M</b>	Men
<b>R</b>	Recurve	<b>J</b>	Under 21	<b>J</b>	Junior	<b>W</b>	Women
			Open		Open		
<b>L</b>	Longbow	<b>M</b>	Master	<b>M</b>	Master		
<b>X</b>	Crossbow	<b>V</b>	Veteran				
		<b>S</b>	Veteran Plus				

For your consideration.

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~ The primary focus of all obstacles is to induce labour so progression can be born~ "Lil' C"