



Over Age Joey Scouts

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The National Policy & Rules says that Joey Scouts normally progress to the Cub Scouts section around seven years and six months, depending on their individual readiness socially and intellectuality.

The NSW Organisation and Information Handbook says that the age for progression is anytime between 7.5 Years and 8 years, but advises that it this is intended to be a guide NOT rules or regulation to be applied in a flexible manner.

While the rules themselves do not place a strict hard limit of the "8th Birthday", we need to be sure that the youth member is where they should be within the Youth Program. The following process has been put in place to ensure that the Youth members interests are front and centre and that the decision is clear and transparent to all concerned.

When can a Joey Scout advance to Cub Scouts

Between 7.5 years and before their 8th Birthday.

What if they are not ready by their 8th Birthday?

The following discussion MUST be had between the Joey Scout Leader, Group Leader & the Parent.

- a) What's in the best interests of the youth member? (It may not necessarily be what they want. and it is expected to be a challenge)
- b) The best way for them to link to cubs, maybe with a friend, or some extra linking nights.
- c) A target date for linking and / or reviewing the situation. (no longer than 3 months. If at 3 months the situation has not got any better we can consider an extension)
- d) How this "over-age" youth member impacts on the rest of your mob, a large joey can have an adverse impact / unfair advantage when it comes to some activities.

The answer to these questions should be emailed to your Region Commissioner (Joey Scouts). They will then confer with the Region Commissioner (Cub Scouts) or State Commissioner (Joey Scouts) and if approved, you will be advised and a note will be added to the Youth Members ScoutLink record.

Questions

Any questions about procedures should be raised at your District/Region Wandarrah.

Please check <http://www.joeyscouts.com.au> for the latest version of this document.

Please note that this is a NSW based document, some parts may not be relevant to other states.