



BARBADOS BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

INFORMATION SHEET

APPLICATION OF AGE RANGES

The Youth Programme of the Barbados Boy Scouts Association is designed to help our male youth between the ages of 4 and 25 years old develop into responsible citizens who can take a constructive place in their communities, country and the world at large. To accomplish this the programme is divided into 4 Sections: Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venture Scouts. These sections are based on the developmental stages of a young person with each Section catering to a specific age range. The age ranges are as follow:

Beaver Scouts:	4 – 7 years old
Cub Scouts:	7 – 11 years old
Scouts:	11 – 16 years old
Venture Scouts:	16 – 25 years old

Young persons under the age of 4 years old are prohibited from becoming a member of the Barbados Boy Scouts Association. Similarly, a youth member who has reached the age of 25 years old can no longer continue as a youth member. Having reached the age of 25, they must make the decision whether to continue as a member of the Association in an adult role.

TRANSFER BETWEEN SECTIONS

Although the minimum and maximum ages of youth members are static, the age limits between the Sections are not. Generally, the staged age ranges between the Sections should be interpreted plus or minus 6 months. In other words, although the age limit between Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts is 7 years old, a Beaver Scout can transfer to a Cub Scout Pack between the ages of 6½ and 7½ years old.

In determining when a boy should transfer between Sections, the Leaders involved should not only consider the age of the boy but also where he has reached in the programme and the stage he has reached in his personal development.

It should be noted that the age for the Sections is intended to correspond with the ages of the school system. Therefore, a boy in Reception at Primary School can join Beaver Scouts not before. A Beaver Scout should transfer to Cub Scouts when he is moving between Infants B and Class 1. A Cub Scout should transfer to Scouts when he is moving between Primary School and Secondary School. Lastly, a Scout should transfer to Venture Scouts between fifth and sixth forms. When Leaders are considering transfer of a boy, they must take into account duty of care: the duty of care for a boy in the Infants School is different to that in the Junior School which is different to that in Secondary School.

Special consideration must be given to children who entered the school system early or who skipped a year(s). Approval for transfer of these younger persons must be sought from the District Commissioner.