

**Notes and information: Age Category Racing**

<b>Proposed Change</b>	<b>Notes, potential ramifications</b>
<b>Add U-17 2x</b>	58% of Athletes entered in Varsity 2x's in 2016 were U-17. Could potentially replace 3V 2x with U-17 2x.
<b>Add U-17 4x+ or 4x-</b>	Systematically encourage sculling for younger athletes.
<b>Add U-17 4+</b>	Would re-shuffle 4's lineups. Could potentially replace 5V 4+.
<b>Create U-17 Nov 4+</b>	Would move some entries out of the overcrowded 2nd Novice 4+ event.
<b>Create U-17 Novice 8+</b>	93% of participants in the 2nd Novice 8 were U-17 in 2016. Encourage boating older beginners with JV / 3V crews.
<b>Add U-17 8+</b>	Add meaningful racing for the developmental group of age 14-16 Support developing clubs. There is room in the schedule.
<b>Remove "Youth Events"</b>	Could be re-added as a U-15 Category Specific U-15 could be held, perhaps over 1,000 meters.
<b>Remove 2nd Lightweight 4+</b>	2nd Lightweight 4 has low subscription over the past three years.
<b>Remove 2nd Novice 8+</b>	93% of athletes would be racing in a U-17 Novice 8+ event.

**40% of Athletes entered in the Lt 8's were U-17.**

**52% of the total athletes are U-17.**