2016-17 Player Eligibility

The USBA uses a grade-based criteria to determine player eligibility. In most cases, a player's current grade will determine their division, however some circumstances may affect eligibility. Please see limitations below for each grade division. Teams will be thoroughly checked for age/grade verification prior to every USBA event.

USBA maintains a strict enforcement of Player Eligibility; there is a zero-tolerance policy regarding the participation of an ineligible athlete; violating teams will be removed from event and disqualified from further participation.

All players must meet the grade-level or age-exception criteria (see chart below). A legible copy of birth certificate and report card is required for verification at all USBA events.

2nd Grade

A player must be in the 2nd grade as of October 1, 2016 and cannot turn 10 prior to September 1, 2017.

3rd Grade

A player must be in the 3rd grade as of October 1, 2016 and cannot turn 11 prior to September 1, 2017.

4th Grade

A player must be in the 4th grade as of October 1, 2016 and cannot turn 12 prior to September 1, 2017.

5th Grade

A player must be in the 5th grade as of October 1, 2016 and cannot turn 13 prior to September 1, 2017.

6th Grade

A player must be in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2016 and cannot turn 14 prior to September 1, 2017.

7th Grade

A player must be in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2016 and cannot turn 15 prior to September 1, 2017.

8th Grade

A player must be in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2016 and cannot turn 16 prior to September 1, 2017.

9th Grade

A player must be in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2016 and cannot turn 17 prior to September 1, 2017.

10th Grade

A player must be in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2016 and cannot turn 18 prior to September 1, 2017.

11th/12th Grade

A player must be in the 11th or 12th grade as of October 1, 2016 and cannot turn 20 prior to September 1, 2017.

AGE EXCEPTION REQUIREMENTS
To play down a grade level, athlete must meet following criteria:

Grade as of October 1 2016	Requested Grade	Birthdate Requirements
3rd Grade	2nd Grade	Born on/after Sept 1 2008
4th Grade	3rd Grade	Born on/after Sept 1 2007
5th Grade	4th Grade	Born on/after Sept 1 2006
6th Grade	5th Grade	Born on/after Sept 1 2005
7th Grade	6th Grade	Born on/after Sept 1 2004
8th Grade	7th Grade	Born on/after Sept 1 2003
9th Grade	8th Grade	Born on/after Sept 1 2002
10th Grade	9th Grade	Born on/after Sept 1 2001
11th Grade	10th Grade	Born on/after Sept 1 2000

*11th/12th Grade Divisions are combined.