

# Player Eligibility

The USBA uses a grade-based criteria (USBA Nationals is both GRADE based and Age based) 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.

The 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. A legible copy of birth certificate and report card is required for verification at all USBA events.

## Grade Based Requirements

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### 4<sup>th</sup>/5th Grade

A player must be in the 5th grade as of October 1, 2023 and cannot turn 13 prior to September 1, 2024.

GRADE EXCEPTION: A player who is in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2023 and does not turn 12 prior to September 1, 2024.

### 6th Grade

A player must be in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2023 and cannot turn 14 prior to September 1, 2024.

GRADE EXCEPTION: A player who is in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2023 and does not turn 13 prior to September 1, 2024.

### 7th Grade

A player must be in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2023 and cannot turn 15 prior to September 1, 2024.

GRADE EXCEPTION: A player who is in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2023 and does not turn 14 prior to September 1, 2024.

### 8th Grade

A player must be in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2023 and cannot turn 16 prior to September 1, 2024.

GRADE EXCEPTION: A player who is in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2023 and does not turn 15 prior to September 1, 2024.

## 9th Grade

A player must be in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2023 and cannot turn 17 prior to September 1, 2024.

GRADE EXCEPTION: A player who is in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2023 and does not turn 16 prior to September 1, 2024.

## 10th Grade

A player must be in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2023 and cannot turn 18 prior to September 1, 2024.

GRADE EXCEPTION: A player who is in the 11th grade as of October 1, 2023 and does not turn 17 prior to September 1, 2024.

## 11th/12th Grade

A player must be in the 11th or 12th grade as of October 1, 2023 and cannot turn 20 prior to September 1, 2024.

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\*9th/10th Grade Divisions – Girls ONLY are combined.

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