

# Age Definition

All 40 Regions of USA Volleyball use a player's date of birth, **not grade**, to determine what age-level the player can participate in during the club season. That means a player won't play on an 8th-grade team. They will play on a 14 and Under or 15 and Under team. Adhering to these age definitions is a requirement, resulting in uniform/consistent age divisions across the 40 regions of USA Volleyball.

See also: Age Waiver, Grade Team

## For use during the 2020-2021 Season

Once a player participates (including but not limited to practicing, training, attending workouts and/or competing) in a club or varsity program for any university, college, community college, or junior college, he/she is ineligible to take part in any regional and national programming, which includes but is not limited to national JNC qualifying and championship events.

**18 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2002 OR Players who were born on or after July 1, 2001 and a high school student in the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) grade or below during some part of the current academic year

**17 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2003

**Girls 17 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2002 (18 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eleventh grade (11<sup>th</sup>) during the current academic year will be allowed to participate at the USA Junior National Championships on 17 and under teams. This age waiver is still subject to frozen roster rules. (This age waiver is based on recruiting concerns for girls in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade who would otherwise be required to participate in girls 18's qualifiers and the Girls 18's GJNC.)

**16 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2004 **15 and**

**Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2005 **14 and Under**

**Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2006

**Boys 14 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2005 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth grade (8<sup>th</sup>) during the current academic year will be allowed to participate at the USA Junior National Championships on 14 and under teams. This age waiver is still subject to frozen roster rules. (This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7' 11 5/8" between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.)

**13 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007

**Boys 13 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2006 (14 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the seventh grade (7<sup>th</sup>) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 13's age group. This age waiver is still subject to frozen roster rules.

**12 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2008

**Boys 12 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007 (13 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the sixth grade (6<sup>th</sup>) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 12's age group. This age waiver is still subject to frozen roster rules.

**11 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2009 **10 and**

**Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2010 **9 and Under**

**Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2011 **8 and Under**

**Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2012

**Note:** These age definitions are used by domestic club programs and are NOT the same as the age definitions for the International and Domestic High Performance programs.



## USA VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR PLAYER AGE DEFINITION

### For use during the 2020-2021 Season

To determine the correct age division, please find the Month of Birth in the left column and then the year of birth in the same row. The heading of the column matching the Year of Birth is the correct age bracket.

	18 & Under <sup>1</sup>	18 & Under <sup>2</sup>	17 & Under	16 & Under	15 & Under <sup>3</sup>	14 & Under <sup>4</sup>	13 & Under <sup>5</sup>	12 & Under	11 & Under	10 & Under	9 & Under	8 & Under
July	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Aug	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Sept	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Oct	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Nov	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Dec	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Jan	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Feb	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mar	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Apr	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
May	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
June	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013

<sup>1</sup> Players who were born on or after July 1, 2002 OR players who were born on or after July 1, 2001 and a high school student in the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) grade or below during some part of the current academic year.

<sup>2</sup> **Female Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2002, (who are defined as 18 & under by the USAV Age Definition) and are in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade for the current academic year are waived to compete in 17 & under. (This age waiver is based on recruiting concerns for 11<sup>th</sup> grade girls previously required to participate in girls 18's qualifiers and the 18's GJNC.)

<sup>3</sup> **Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2006 OR players who were born on or after July 1, 2005 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) grade during the current academic year **are eligible to play in the 14 & Under division**. This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7'11 5/8" between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.

<sup>4</sup> **Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2006 (14 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the seventh grade (7<sup>th</sup>) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 13's age group.

<sup>5</sup> **Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007 (13 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the sixth grade (6<sup>th</sup>) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 12's age group.