

Player Eligibility & Protest Process

Player Eligibility:

- Divisions are grade-based **using the 2020-21 school year for grade of division!** Regardless of age, players are only eligible to play in their grade division or higher. Players cannot play in a lower grade division. Players can only play for one team per division and must play in the applicable gender division.
- Coaches may apply for a grade exception in ADVANCE of the tournament for players who have been accelerated in school due to academic excellence. Grade and age verification will be needed to review this exception.
- **Teams must bring proof of grade AND proof of age to the tournament.**
 - Grade – Report card, School ID with grade
 - Age – Birth Certificate, Passport, Driver's License
 - Digital and physical copies are acceptable
- Proof of grade (and age if applicable) MUST always be available for event staff. Failure to have information available when requested may result in player ineligibility, game forfeiture, or team disqualification.

Protest Process

- Player protests will only be received from the HEAD COACH of an opposing team. The protest fee is \$100 per player paid in cash only. The protest must occur BEFORE the second half of a game. The protest fee along with the challenging team's grade eligibility documents must be presented before any action is taken. The player being protested must produce proof of grade and age if applicable. If the protest is lost or no documentation is presented, the player is ineligible for the tournament. If the player has already played in the protested game, the team forfeits the protested game. If the player's grade (and age if applicable) is validated, the \$100 is forfeited and the player is eligible to compete in the game and the tournament.