

***Please view BOTH pages 1 and 2 in order to view ALL items which are important regarding eligibility!***

AAU eligibility is a combination of age AND grade which determines which age/grade division an athlete may play for. ***However, the MOST important part is the AGE. If an athlete meets the correct age cutoff, then he may play in that group NO MATTER what grade he is in. In simple terms, if an athlete is AGE eligible, then his grade is NOT a factor.*** The ONLY time the grade is a factor is if the athlete is one year older by the cutoff date (see the Grade based policy below each group below).

#### **Age/Grade Based Competition Rules**

8U/2nd Grade: An athlete can be no older than 8 on August 31, 2025 (born AFTER 8/31/2016). 2nd GRADE Policy – An athlete MUST be in the 2nd grade as of October 1, 2024 and can be no older than 9 on August 31, 2025 (born AFTER 8/31/2015).

9U/3rd Grade: An athlete can be no older than 9 on August 31, 2025 (born AFTER 8/31/2015) & be in any grade. 3rd GRADE Policy – An athlete MUST be in the 3rd grade as of October 1, 2024 and can be no older than 10 on August 31, 2025 (born AFTER 8/31/2014).

10U/4th Grade: An athlete can be no older than 10 on August 31, 2025 (born AFTER 8/31/2014) & be in any grade. 4th GRADE Policy – An athlete MUST be in the 4th grade as of October 1, 2024 and can be no older than 11 on August 31, 2025 (born AFTER 8/31/2013).

11U/5th Grade: An athlete can be no older than 11 on August 31, 2025 (born AFTER 8/31/2013) & be in any grade. 5th GRADE Policy – An athlete MUST be in the 5th grade as of October 1, 2024 and can be no older than 12 on August 31, 2025 (born AFTER 8/31/2012).

12U/6th Grade: An athlete can be no older than 12 on August 31, 2025 (born AFTER 8/31/2012) & be in any grade. 6th GRADE Policy – An athlete MUST be in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2024 and can be no older than 13 on August 31, 2025 (born AFTER 8/31/2011).

13U/7th Grade: An athlete can be no older than 13 on August 31, 2025 (born AFTER 8/31/2011) & be in any grade. 7th GRADE – An athlete MUST be in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2024 and can be no older than 14 on August 31, 2025 (born AFTER 8/31/2010).

14U/8th Grade: An athlete can be no older than 14 on August 31, 2025 (born AFTER 8/31/2010) & be in any grade. 8th GRADE Policy – An athlete MUST be in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2024 and can be no older than 15 on August 31, 2025 (born AFTER 8/31/2009).

#### **HIGH SCHOOL Based Competition Rules**

15U/9th Grade: An athlete can be no older than 15 on August 31, 2025 (born AFTER 8/31/2009). 9th Grade Policy : An athlete who is in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2024 and who is no older than 16 on August 31, 2025 (born AFTER 8/31/2008) is eligible to play in the 15U/9th grade division

16U/10th Grade: An athlete can be no older than 16 on August 31, 2025 (born AFTER 8/31/2008). 10th Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2024 and who is no older than 17 on August 31, 2025 (born AFTER 8/31/2007) is eligible to play in the 16U/10th grade division

17U/11th Grade: An athlete can be no older than 17 on August 31, 2025 (born AFTER 8/31/2007). 11th Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 11th grade as of October 1, 2024 and who is no older than 18 on August 31, 2025 (born AFTER 8/31/2006) is eligible to play in the 17U/11th grade division

20U: An athlete can be no older than 20 on August 31, 2025 (born AFTER 8/31/2005).

1.) ***Proof of photo identification for eligibility must be available for review***, by an AAU designee, at all Boys' Basketball World & State Championship events and at the discretion of any host of an AAU licensed event. If the documents are not available, the team is subject to removal from the competition. Boys' Basketball offers several options for age/grade verification, which are as follows:

- [National Sports I.D.](#) - Electronic Age/Grade Verification through National Sports ID (A yearly fee of \$10.00 validates your eligibility for licensed AAU events).
- An unexpired Passport
- Valid Driver's License
- Department of Motor Vehicles I.D. card issued within three (3) years
- Military Dependent I.D. The current year school I.D. (2024-2025) w/picture and a copy of the birth certificate

*In addition* to one of the proofs of age eligibility items above, Proof of Grade must be available for review if the athlete is establishing eligibility as a grade athlete. Acceptable Proof of Grade documents include any of the following:

- A photocopy of the athletes' report card for the current school year (2024-2025) which shows name, grade and school
- Confirmation of grade level from a school administrator (guidance counselor, principal, dean, etc.) on school letterhead
- National Sports I.D. with grade verification

2.) A player becomes attached to a registered AAU club once he participates in a licensed AAU event (NOT a practice or tryout) for that club. If the player later wishes to transfer to another registered AAU club he has only 2 options: (A) get his current AAU club to complete the AAU Club release form & allow immediate transfer to another registered AAU club or (B) sit out 60 days from the last licensed AAU event he participated in if his current club does not complete the AAU Club release form. Click this link for the: [\*\*AAU Club RELEASE Form\*\*](#)

3.) A player MAY participate in up to 2 (two) age/grade divisions for which he qualifies (e.g. – a 8U player MAY qualify to play "UP" in the 9U division as long as he meets the age requirements & therefore he may play on both the 8U and 9U teams with the SAME club as long as the events are not at the same time-we cannot have players playing 4 to 5 games in a day). In ALL "play up" cases, the player ***MUST play with the SAME AAU club/team when playing up for STATE competition.***

4.) COACHES are responsible to see that their team meets all eligibility requirements (all requirements listed in # 5 below). If a coach thinks a player is ineligible, he must protest in WRITING during pool play. Once championship bracket play has begun, protest concerning player eligibility will NOT be heard unless it's concerning a fake player (i.e. John Smith playing as Bill Sims). A written request of protest along with \$150 cash must be turned into the tournament director within 2 hours of completion of the game in question. Protest CANNOT be heard regarding officials' calls during a game. If your protest is upheld your \$150 will be returned. If not upheld, you will forfeit the money. If a player is found to be ineligible, BOTH the player & coach could be banned from AAU for at least one year after a review hearing from the eligibility board after the event.

5.) A coach MUST complete the AAU online roster by the stated deadline for each AAU event they participate in during the 2025 season in order to compete.