**AGE/GRADE BASED COMPETITION RULES**

BCS Basketball Division Will Be Created Based On Age With A Possible Exception Applied To Athletes Who Have Early Birthdays, Started School Later, Or Were Held Back A Year In School. If Your Athlete Meets The Age Requirement For A Given Division, The Grade Qualifier Is Irrelevant.

Grade Exemptions: Limit two per team for all divisions 12U and Below

**6U/Kindergarten**

An athlete can be no older than 6 on or before January 1, 2026.

Grade Exemption Policy: An athlete who is in Kindergarten as of October 1, 2025 and who is no older than 7 on or before January 1, 2026, is eligible to compete in the 6U/Kindergarten division.

**7U/1st Grade**

An athlete can be no older than 7 on or before January 1, 2026.

Grade Exemption Policy: An athlete who is in the 1st grade as of October 1, 2025 and who is no older than 8 on or before January 1, 2026, is eligible to compete in the 7U/1st Grade division.

**8U/2nd Grade**

An athlete can be no older than 8 on or before January 1, 2026.

Grade Exemption Policy: An athlete who is in the 2nd grade as of October 1, 2025 and who is no older than 9 on or before January 1, 2026, is eligible to compete in the 8U/2nd Grade division.

**9U/3rd Grade**

An athlete can be no older than 9 on or before January 1, 2026.

Grade Exemption Policy: An athlete who is in the 3rd grade as of October 1, 2025 and who is no older than 10 on or before January 1, 2026, is eligible to compete in the 9U/3rd Grade division.

**10U/4th Grade**

An athlete can be no older than 10 on or before January 1, 2026.

Grade Exemption Policy: An athlete who is in the 3rd grade as of October 1, 2025 and who is no older than 11 on or before January 1, 2026, is eligible to compete in the 10U/4th Grade division.

**11U/5th Grade**

An athlete can be no older than 11 on or before January 1, 2026.

Grade Exemption Policy: An athlete who is in the 5th grade as of October 1, 2025 and who is no older than 12 on or before January 1, 2026, is eligible to compete in the 11U/5th Grade division

**12U/6th Grade**

 An athlete can be no older than 12 on or before January 1, 2026.

Grade Exemption Policy: An athlete who is in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2025 and who is no older than 13 on or before January 1, 2026, is eligible to compete in the 12U/6th Grade division.

**14U/7th & 8th Grade**

An athlete can be no older than 14 on or before January 1, 2026.

Grade Exemption Policy: An athlete who is in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2025 and who is no older than 15 on or before January 1, 2026, is eligible to compete in the 14U/7th & 8th Grade division.