



Eligibility will be strictly administered and enforced at all U.S. Basketball Games events. Coaches are responsible for ensuring all players on team roster satisfy eligibility requirements. The U.S. Basketball Games eligibility is considered “grade-based”, meaning an athlete’s grade will determine the division in which they will participate in most cases, however there are limits on how old a player can be for a certain grade, as well as exception for players to play down a division if young enough. See chart below.

Eligibility criteria applies to boys’ and girls’ teams.

U.S Basketball Games has partnered with National Sports ID (NSID) to provide a safe and inexpensive way to verify your players. You can avoid carrying around your athletes’ sensitive information, speed up your team check-in process at events, & add to the integrity of youth basketball by obtaining a National Sports ID for all of your players.

Grade-Based Eligibility

2nd Grade: A player must be in 2nd grade as of October 1st, 2023 and cannot turn 10 prior to September 1st, 2024 – OR – 3rd grader who doesn’t turn 9 prior to July 1st, 2024.

3rd Grade: A player must be in 3rd grade as of October 1st, 2023 and cannot turn 11 prior to September 1st, 2024 – OR – 4th grader who doesn’t turn 10 prior to July 1st, 2024.

4th Grade: A player must be in 4th grade as of October 1st, 2023 and cannot turn 12 prior to September 1st, 2024 – OR – 5th grader who doesn’t turn 11 prior to July 1st, 2024.

5th Grade: A player must be in 5th grade as of October 1st, 2023 and cannot turn 13 prior to September 1st, 2024 – OR – 6th grader who doesn't turn 12 prior to July 1st, 2024.

6th Grade: A player must be in 6th grade as of October 1st, 2023 and cannot turn 14 prior to September 1st, 2024 – OR – 7th grader who doesn't turn 13 prior to July 1st, 2024.

7th Grade: A player must be in 7th grade as of October 1st, 2023 and cannot turn 15 prior to September 1st, 2024 – OR – 8th grader who doesn't turn 14 prior to July 1st, 2024.

8th Grade: A player must be in 8th grade as of October 1st, 2023 and cannot turn 16 prior to September 1st, 2024 – OR – 9th grader who doesn't turn 15 prior to July 1st, 2024.

9th Grade: A player must be in 9th grade as of October 1st, 2023 and cannot turn 17 prior to September 1st, 2024 – OR – 10th grader who doesn't turn 16 prior to July 1st, 2024.

10th Grade: A player must be in 10th grade as of October 1st, 2023 and cannot turn 18 prior to September 1st, 2024 – OR – 11th grader who doesn't turn 17 prior to July 1st, 2024.

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

Homeschool players must have proof of accredited homeschool documentation.
Homeschool player eligibility is based upon age only.

Players can “play up” a division but cannot play down unless age limitations are met.
Proof of age and grade is required at all U.S. Basketball Games & Halftime Sports events.