



## USA VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR PLAYER AGE DEFINITION

### For use during the 2026-2027 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, 2008 (including high school graduates eligible based on the above paragraph)

**18 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007 **and** a high school student in the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) grade or below during some part of the current academic year are eligible to compete on 18 and under teams.

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

**Girls 17 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2008 (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 in the 17 and under age division. 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, 2010

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

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

**Boys 14 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2011 (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, 2013

**Boys 13 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2012 (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, 2014

**Boys 12 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2013 (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, 2015

**10 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2016

**9 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2017

**8 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2018

**Note:** These age definitions are used by domestic club programs and are NOT the same as the age definitions for International Competition and Domestic National Team Development Programs.

The Age Definition Policy was most recently revised by the USA Volleyball Board of Directors on June 30, 2020. The classification cut-off date of July 1 was reviewed by the USAV Junior Assembly and the USA Regional Volleyball Association Assembly and research justified the new cut-off date of July 1.



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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	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Aug	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Sept	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Oct	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Nov	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Dec	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Jan	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Feb	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Mar	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Apr	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
May	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019

<sup>1</sup> Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007 and a high school student in the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) grade or below during some part of the current academic year are eligible to compete in 18 & under.

<sup>2</sup> **Female Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2008, (who are defined as 18 & under by the USAV Age Definition) and are in the 11th 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, 2012 OR players who were born on or after July 1, 2010 (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, 2012 (14 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the seventh grade (7th) 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, 2013 (13 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the sixth grade (6th) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 12's age group.