2027 AGE GROUP REQUIREMENTS

GRADE-BASED COMPETITION RULES

Eligibility is based on the athlete's grade as of October 1, 2026, together with the applicable age limit shown below.

DIVISION	GRADE REQUIREMENT	AGE REQUIREMENT
4TH GRADE	4th grade or below	Cannot turn 12 prior to August 1, 2027
5TH GRADE	5th grade or below	Cannot turn 13 prior to August 1, 2027
6TH GRADE	6th grade or below	Cannot turn 14 prior to August 1, 2027
7TH GRADE	7th grade or below	Cannot turn 15 prior to August 1, 2027
8TH GRADE	8th grade or below	Cannot turn 16 prior to August 1, 2027
9TH GRADE	9th grade or below	Cannot turn 17 prior to August 1, 2027
10TH GRADE	10th grade or below	Cannot turn 18 prior to August 1, 2027

GRADE EXCEPTION POLICY

A player may try out to play down one grade if the player meets the applicable birthdate requirement below.

GRADE AS OF OCT. 1, 2026	REQUESTED GRADE	BIRTHDATE REQUIREMENT
4th Grade	**3rd Grade**	Born on or after August 1, 2017
5th Grade	**4th Grade**	Born on or after August 1, 2016
6th Grade	**5th Grade**	Born on or after August 1, 2015
7th Grade	**6th Grade**	Born on or after August 1, 2014
8th Grade	**7th Grade**	Born on or after August 1, 2013
9th Grade	**8th Grade**	Born on or after August 1, 2012
10th Grade	**9th Grade**	Born on or after August 1, 2011

NOTE: The grade exception policy applies only when the player meets the birthdate criteria listed above.