Age/Grade/Division Rules

For all teams – bring proof of age & grade for all of your players with you to the tournament. This is important.

1. **During non-NCAA-certified events,** a player can participate in a maximum of two age/grade divisions (with the same club) and a maximum of two teams per tournament (with the same club), as long as they meet the requirements for both divisions (except when noted below). They cannot play on two teams in the same division. If a team loses, a player cannot switch to another team still in competition.

   During the NCAA recruiting periods, the rule is different: Because of the NCAA rule prohibiting players from playing more than 2 games per day, players participating in the 9th Grade through 17U/Varsity (NCAA certified) divisions can only play on one team and in one division during the entire event. A 9th Grade-Varsity player cannot play in two different age groups (including the non NCAA certified 3rd-8th grade divisions) or the same age group during the tournament. If a team loses, a player cannot switch to another team still in competition.

2. For all divisions (3rd Grade through Varsity), all players participating in bracket play must have participated in at least one of the team's pool games.

3. **Age/Grade Qualifications by Division:** Divisions are grade based with an age cap. Grades are based on the grade players are in during the 2023-2024 school year. The age determining date is September 1, 2024. A player can play down a grade if they meet the age requirement for that division.

   - **3rd Grade:** Players in the 3rd grade cannot turn 11 before Sept. 1, 2024.
   - **4th Grade:** Players in the 4th grade cannot turn 12 before Sept. 1, 2024.
   - **5th Grade:** Players in the 5th grade cannot turn 13 before Sept. 1, 2024.
   - **6th Grade:** Players in the 6th grade cannot turn 14 before Sept. 1, 2024.
   - **7th Grade:** Players in the 7th grade cannot turn 15 before Sept. 1, 2024.
   - **8th Grade:** Players in the 8th grade cannot turn 16 before Sept. 1, 2024.
   - **9th Grade:** Players in the 9th grade cannot turn 17 before Sept. 1, 2024.
   - **10th Grade:** Players in the 10th grade and cannot turn 18 before Sept. 1, 2024.
   - **11th Grade/Varsity:** The boys' & girls' 11th Grade/Varsity divisions are actually "open divisions," where unsigned seniors with remaining high school eligibility can play. However, players cannot turn 20 before September 1, 2024. Unsigned seniors can play as long as they have not committed in writing to play for a college at any level. Unsigned prep school players are also eligible to play in our tournaments. If a player has signed a letter of intent and you think they won't qualify because of grades, they still cannot play. The tournament management has the right to exclude any senior from playing. No player who has attended junior college or college may play in this event.

Penalties

If a player is found to be in violation of the rules above after an event has started, the situation will be referred to the Tournament Director for an official ruling on the penalty to be assessed - up to and including possible expulsion from the tournament. However:

- If any team or player violates any of the above rules, those games where the rules were violated will be deemed as a 15-0 loss. If a game has already taken place in bracket play and the above rules are broken, that team will be eliminated.
- Any player who is associated with the breaking of the above rules will have to sit for at least one game. If a player is found to be overage, they cannot play in that age group. If they have been found to play illegally on two teams and are the correct age, they must sit at least one game and then play only on one team for the remainder of the tournament.
- If the tournament has progressed and a team forfeits per the breaking of a rule, the tournament director will decide the progression of another team advancing.
- Anyone ejected for fighting will be removed from the tournament.

The Tournament Director will have the final say regarding any disputes.

This tournament is for our youth—let's always keep that in mind.