

# Southern Minnesota Volleyball

## Players Participating in an Older Age Group

### “Playing Up”

SMV recognizes the fact we train top-level athletes, and these athletes need to be challenged and pushed to ensure their continued development.

We recognize that in some cases this may be best achieved by allowing a player to compete with athletes in an older age group.

Players can apply for a waiver to participate in an older age group for a season if they meet the following criteria:

- 1) They demonstrate ability that clearly puts them at the top of their class in their own age division.
- 2) They demonstrate ability that clearly puts them into a role of a key player in the older age group.
- 3) They were a significant contributor to their high school varsity teams.

Applying for a waiver to compete in an older age division does not ensure the player will automatically be allowed to play in that age division.

SMV also recognizes that allowing a player to compete outside their age group may, in some cases, be beneficial for the athlete, but is not in the best interest of the Team or Club.

A committee designated by the SMV Board will review each case, taking into consideration the athlete, the Team, and the Club.

**IMPORTANT:** This waiver must be completed and returned by email to [info@rochesteryouthvolleyball.org](mailto:info@rochesteryouthvolleyball.org) or dropped off to the office in the National Volleyball Center in Rochester Minnesota by the end of the day Wednesday October 21st for 12's and Monday October 26th for 13-18's.

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I would like to be considered for a waiver to play in an older age group.

My birth date is: \_\_\_\_\_ My age group based on my birth date is: \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_