

Girls Grade/Age Chart

USA Volleyball Team Creating Guide

Under the USAV (USA Volleyball) Guidelines, teams are formed by USAV age definitions. Due to age definition rules, teams in USAV are defined by an age division rather than a grade. USAV age definition begins on July 1st, so a player's date of birth, rather than grade in school, determines what age division he/she is allowed to compete in. Therefore, teams are age division teams rather than grade teams. For example, an athlete who turns 9 before July 1st and enters the 2nd grade would play on a 9 age division team. Because this causes athletes to play with other athletes not in their grade, USA Volleyball allows Regions to form grade teams. Although these grade teams cannot compete in USA Volleyball National Qualifiers, Junior National Championships, or Bid Tournaments, grade teams can compete in most in-Region sanctioned competitions.

North Country Region Age Waiver and Grade Team Guide

The North Country Region provides a path for clubs, who need to fill a team roster with age waived players, to create a grade team. For example, a player who is defined in the 15 age division by USA Volleyball and is in the 8th grade may receive an NCR age waiver to compete on a 14 age division team. This waiver is automatically applied when the player is placed on the roster in USA Volleyball / SportsEngine Governing Seasons. **Each club makes their own policy on whether they will accept a "waived player" which means that the club will evaluate each player to ensure their skill level is at the same age playing level. Each tournament director makes their own policy on accepting grade teams.** See charts at bottom.

Age Waiver Information

An Age Waived Player is a junior level player whose date of birth places him/her in an USA Volleyball age division older than his/her current grade. The junior level player has been approved through the Region to be rostered on a team that is one age division younger than the current age division. ([LINK](#)) More specifically, the age waiver player can only play on a grade team when:

1. **They play on a USAV age division team only one year younger**
2. **AND the player is in the same grade as the age division that is one year younger**

Example: A player whose date of birth is June 5, 2007 would play in the 15-age division or older based on USA Volleyball Age Definition. **Should the club director determine the player should play on a 14-age team, then that player is approved as long as he/she is in the 8th grade.**

Governing Age Roster Submission

<p>A. USA Volleyball Governing Seasons in SportsEngine will automatically approve a roster individual who meets the age waiver criteria. -></p>	<p>B. The Region does not need to approve the Age Waiver. However, due to AES (Advanced Event System) roster parameters, age waiver players will not appear on an AES roster that is synced with the USA Volleyball Governing Seasons roster in SportsEngine.</p>
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Grade Team

A “Club” who has Junior level players, whose dates of birth place them in an age division older than their current grade (Age Classification Guidelines), is eligible to register that team under the following options:

OPTION 1

REGISTER THE ENTIRE TEAM AT THE DIVISION OF THE OLDEST PLAYER

For example: If a team is composed of 6 players who are in the 14 **Age Division** and 1 player in the 15 **Age Division**, then the team should register as a 15 **Age Division** team.

This option is required if the team wishes to play outside of NCR-sanctioned events, NCR Region Qualifier, USA Volleyball National Qualifiers, USA Volleyball Junior National Championships.

OPTION 2

REGISTER ENTIRE TEAM AS A “GRADE” TEAM

The club director must designate the team as a grade team by doing the following:

1. An (*) will be placed next to team names that are registered as a grade team.
 2. Keep the waived player on the roster and register in events based on age classification (play up).
 3. Submit a new roster with all waived junior players removed.
 4. The newly formed team may not use their win-loss results while they were a “grade” team.
 5. The new team's rank will automatically be placed in the next consecutive order within that age division of the club.
- This allows the team to play at the current grade in NCR sanctioned events, excluding the NCR Region Qualifier. Grade teams that wish to play in other USA Volleyball Regions, participation would be at the discretion of each tournament director.
 - If a “grade” team later decides to play in the NCR Region Qualifier, USA Volleyball National Championships and/or a National Qualifier, they would have to complete steps 1-4.

Team Naming Examples:

Club Name: **Heartland Volleyball Club**

Standard Team Name **Heartland 14-1**

Denotes Heartland's top 14U team. "1" could be that the team is the top team in the 14s age division of the club OR if a club only has one 14s team, then the team will be ranked as 1.

Grade Team **Heartland 13-2***

Denotes Heartland's 13U team, ranked 2nd in the age division – with one or more players that do not comply with USAV birthdate requirements but are in the same grade as the eligible players

Region Team **R-Heartland 16-3**

Denotes Heartland's 16U team, ranked 3rd in the age division - has some play limitations due to one or more players with a Region membership

Region Grade Team **R-Heartland 15-4***

Denotes Heartland's 15U team, ranked 4th in the age division - with one or more players that do not comply with USAV birthdate requirements but are in the same grade as the eligible players; in addition, the team has some play limitations due to one or more players with a Region membership

USA Volleyball Team Guidelines

USA Volleyball for Junior Level
Team Ages

Team Ages

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**18-year old's may
play on the 17s team
if in the 11th grade**

North Country Region (NCR) for Junior Level Age & Grade Chart

NCR Girl Grade Chart	NCR Girl Age Chart	North Country Region Age & Grade Team Cha
Grade	Age	
Grade 2nd	8	
Grade 3rd	9	9 year old's may play on the 8s team if in the 2nd grade
Grade 4th	10	10 year old's may play on the 9s team if in the 3rd grade
Grade 5th	11	11 year old's may play on the 10s team if in the 4th grade
Grade 6th	12	12 year old's may play on the 11s team if in the 5th grade
Grade 7th	13	13 year old's may play on the 12s team if in the 6th grade
Grade 8th	14	14 years old's may play on the 13s team if in the 7th grade
Grade 9th	15	15 year old's may play on the 14s team if in the 8th grade
Grade 10th	16	16 year old's may play on the 15s team if in the 9th grade
Grade 11th	17	17 year old's may play on the 16s team if in the 10th grade
Grade 12th	18	18 year old's may play on the 17s team if in the 11th grade