



### Certification Rules

- Players are not allowed to play for multiple teams at the same grade/age level, regardless of whether they are playing in different divisions (Gold, Silver, Bronze, etc). Players may play for multiple teams only if they are not in the same grade/age level.
  - Example: If a 7th Grade/13U player is on a “Gold” division team, he may not play for a 7th Grade/13U "Silver" division team. He may, however, play for an 8th Grade/14U team in any division.
- All teams must be certified thirty minutes prior to their first game at the designated team check-in.
- All players must be on the roster at the team certification before their first game. Any player not listed on the team roster will not be eligible to play in the playoff/bracket round. If a player misses the first day of the event, he or she may still play the next day if they are listed on the certified roster sheet.
- Teams must abide by the 2018-2019 AAU age-based team guidelines (see “Certification Birthdates” document). However, teams will be allowed to have **two (2) grade exceptions** per team.
- Open divisions will be grade-based rules rather than age-based rules. Players only must be in the correct grade level for their respective division.
- All boys teams must present a birth certificate for each player. If a player is seeking a grade exception, a hard copy report card must be present. To receive a grade exception, a player must be in the correct grade (must be in 7th grade to be eligible for the 7th Grade/13U division).
- All girls divisions are grade-based. Each player must present a hard copy report card.
- High school divisions are grade-based. The 15U division is for 9th graders and the 16U division is for 10th graders. The 17U division, however, can include 11th graders as well as unsigned seniors. Players must provide a report card for proof of grade. Additionally, we do allow age exceptions based on the AAU age cutoff dates.
  - Example: If a 15U/9th Grade player’s birthdate is on 9/21/03 and he is a 10th grader, he would still be eligible for the 15U/9th Grade division.
  - Per CIF Rules, “A student whose 19th birthday is attained prior to June 15 of the prior school year shall not participate or practice on any team in the following year. A student whose 19th birthday is on or before June 14 is ineligible.”
- If a team does not follow the certification process they may be removed from the tournament without a refund.
- An opposing coach can submit a challenge of a player's grade or age exception with a \$50.00 deposit. Parents or fans associated with a team may not protest. The protest must come from the head coach or the one assistant coach who is allowed on the bench per team. A protest of a player’s age or grade must be submitted before the game starts, or within 30 minutes of the game’s completion.