



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. For instance, 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 one hour 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. A player must play in at least one game in pool play to be eligible to play with a team in the playoff / bracket round of the tournament. No players can be added to a team, even if they are on the original roster, if they do not play in any pool play games.
- 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).
- Teams must abide by the 2016-2017 AAU age-based team guidelines. However, teams will be allowed to have two grade exceptions per team.
- 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. Protest must be done before the game. If a player in question comes after the start of the game, the request must be filed within 30 minutes of the game's completion.