

OVR - Age divisions for the 2018-2019 season

Regulations

1. National division teams must use the "traditional" USAV age definitions
2. Regional and American division teams may classify themselves based on the OVR "grade-level" age definitions, subject to the following conditions:
 1. valid for Regional- and American-level competition at OVR-sanctioned tournaments only, except the OVR Bid Tournament Play in events
 2. for any out-of-region sanctioned tournament, teams must use the "traditional" USAV age definitions; some neighboring regions (Keystone and Pioneer) honor our grade-level definitions

Age Divisions for Girls' and Boys' Teams

Age	"Traditional" USAV Definition	OVR "Grade-Level" Definition
18 & Under	Teams with players born on or after September 1, 2000, or are high school students in the twelfth (12th) grade or below during the current academic year and are 19 years of age or younger (born on or after September 1, 1999)	Teams with players who are in the 12th grade or below during the current academic year
17 & Under	Teams with players born on or after September 1, 2001	Teams with players who are in the 11th grade or below during the current academic year
16 & Under	Teams with players born on or after September 1, 2002	Teams with players who are in the 10th grade or below during the current academic year
15 & Under	Teams with players born on or after September 1, 2003	Teams with players who are in the 9th grade or below during the current academic year
14 & Under	Teams with players born on or after September 1, 2004	Teams with players who are in the 8th grade or below during the current academic year
13 & Under	Teams with players born on or after September 1, 2005	Teams with players who are in the 7th grade or below during the current academic year
12 & Under	Teams with players born on or after September 1, 2006	Teams with players who are in the 6th grade or below during the current academic year
11 & Under	Teams with players born on or after September 1, 2007	Teams with players who are in the 5th grade or below during the current academic year
10 & Under	Teams with players born on or after September 1, 2008	Teams with players who are in the 4th grade or

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9 & Under Teams with players born on or after September 1, 2009

below during the current academic year

Teams with players who are in the 3rd grade or below during the current academic year

8 & Under Teams with players born on or after September 1, 2010

Teams with players who are in the 2nd grade or below during the current academic year

Grade-Level Team Criteria

The Ohio Valley Region permits clubs with athletes that are in a grade of school, but do not conform to the USA Volleyball age definition for that grade, to form grade-level teams in the American and Regional divisions of competition that include these athletes. This designation will replace waivers for athletes in grades 8 and below, and will include athletes and teams in all grades. It will no longer be necessary to apply for a waiver, nor will there be any other extra paperwork. Note:

- The rosters of teams competing in national qualifying events may not include grade-level athletes.
- Grade-level American teams must follow the traditional USAV age definitions for Bid Tournament Play-In events.

Registering teams and including information for rosters: Athletes who fail to comply with the age definitions defined by USA Volleyball can be included on American or Regional teams of their grade in school. The club director must register the team as a grade-level American or Regional team. The grade of all athletes, regardless of age, must be included with each registration.

Grade-level American or Regional teams will be considered as American or Regional teams for all in-region competition. There will be no restrictions placed on these teams for any American or Regional events. There will not be a third level of championships at the OVR-Kaepa Girls' Volleyball Championships or the OVR Boys' Volleyball Championships. For example, a team that is registered as a girls' 14-and-Under grade-level Regional team will play in the 14 Regional level of the OVR-Kaepa Girls' Volleyball Championships..

Other regions are not permitted to waive a grade-level team into a Regional event for their primary age definition. A grade-level team that competes in an out-of-region Regional event must comply with the USA Volleyball age definitions for the oldest member of the team. Grade level teams may not drop grade-level athletes to compete out of region.

Levels of Competition

Girls' Competition Divisions

Girls' teams may be registered as Regional (11s-18s), American (12s-17s), or National (11s-18s). There is no distinction for 10-and-Under (10U). National teams are intended to consist of more talented players who wish to play at a higher skill and tactical level, occasionally competing out-of-region or at the national level. American teams are more competitive than Regional teams, but do not wish to compete at the National level.