



## Junior Olympic Volleyball Age Definitions for the 2007-2008 Season

For eligibility purposes, a player who has just completed a grade in the spring of 2008 will be considered in that grade just completed. Players need not be currently enrolled in high school except as noted below.

*Once a player participates in a club or varsity program for any university, college, community college, or junior college, he/she is ineligible to play in any regional or national JOVC qualifying and championship events.*

### Regulations

1. National division teams *must* use the “traditional” USAV age definitions
2. Regional division teams may classify themselves based on the OVR “grade-level” age definitions, subject to the following conditions:
  - a. valid for Regional-level competition at OVR-sanctioned tournaments only
  - b. for any out-of-region sanctioned tournament, teams must use the “traditional” USAV age definitions

### Age Divisions for Girls’ and Boys’ Teams

Age	“Traditional” USAV Definition	OVR “Grade-Level” Definition
18 and Under	Teams with players who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• were born on or after September 1, 1989, <i>or</i></li> <li>• are high school students in the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) grade or below during the current academic year and are 19 years of age or younger (born on or after September 1, 1988)</li> </ul>	Teams with players who are in 12 <sup>th</sup> grade or below during the current academic year
17 and Under	Teams with players who were born on or after September 1, 1990	Teams with players who are in 11 <sup>th</sup> grade or below during the current academic year
16 and Under	Teams with players who were born on or after September 1, 1991	Teams with players who are in 10 <sup>th</sup> grade or below during the current academic year
15 and Under	Teams with players who were born on or after September 1, 1992	Teams with players who are in 9 <sup>th</sup> grade or below during the current academic year
14 and Under	Teams with players who were born on or after September 1, 1993	Teams with players who are in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade or below during the current academic year
13 and Under	Teams with players who were born on or after September 1, 1994	Teams with players who are in 7 <sup>th</sup> grade or below during the current academic year
12 and Under	Teams with players who were born on or after September 1, 1995	Teams with players who are in 6 <sup>th</sup> grade or below during the current academic year
10 and Under	Teams with players who were born on or after September 1, 1997	Teams with players who are in 4 <sup>th</sup> grade or below during the current academic year

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## Special 14U Provision for Boys' Teams Only

Boys' 14 and Under	Regionally waived boys' teams in the 14 and under age group will be allowed to participate at the USA Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships using the following age/grade definition:  Players who were born on or after September 1, 1993 or  Players who were born on or after September 1, 1992 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth grade (8 <sup>th</sup> ) grade during the current academic year. (This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7'11 5/8" between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.)
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*Note:* The "traditional" USAV age definitions are used for used by domestic club programs and are *not* the same as the age definitions for the International and Domestic High Performance programs for 2007.

### 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 Regional division 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. There will be additional boxes to check in the electronic registration of teams. The rosters of National teams, 13-and-Under, and 12-and-Under teams competing in national qualifying events may not include grade level athletes for any reason.

Registering teams and including information for rosters:

Athletes that fail to comply with the age definitions defined by USA Volleyball can be included on Regional teams of their grade in school. The club director must register the team as a grade level Regional team. The grade of all athletes, regardless of age, must be included with each registration. Under no circumstances, may "grade level" athletes be placed on a National roster or the roster of a team that is competing in a national qualifying event (12s and 13s).

Grade level Regional teams will be considered as Regional teams for all in-region competition. There will be no restrictions placed on these teams for any Regional events. There will not be a third level of championships at the *OVR-Kaepa® Girls' Volleyball Championships* or the *OVR-Kaepa® Girl' 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® 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' teams competing in 13-, 14-, 15-, 16-, 17-, and 18-and-Under age divisions are registered as either National or Regional. There is no distinction for 10s and 12s. 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. Regional teams generally compete only within the Ohio Valley Region.

Teams can compete at the level at which they are registered or higher levels, with certain restrictions:

1. Only teams registered as National are eligible for *OVR Power Challenge* tournaments, *OVR Power Tournaments*, and the *OVR-Molten® National Bid Qualifier*.
2. National teams can only play in National events within the OVR. Regional teams can only play in Regional events within the OVR. Teams may play up in age; e.g., a 16 Regional team may enter a 17 Regional tournament.
3. Grade-level Regional teams must play at the age-appropriate level of their oldest player outside the OVR.