

AGE/GRADE ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR 2011 HOLIDAY TIP-OFF AND 2012 SUMMER SLAM

Important Note Regarding Age Guidelines

Beginning in 2011, Sporting Chance adopted NEW ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES to be consistent with AAU. Even though these new age rules have created some confusion for teams, since most tournaments use AAU guidelines, we elected to use them for our tournaments as well.

Divisions are now determined BY GRADE as of the beginning of the school year (October 1, 2011). However, there is a maximum age permitted for each grade division. Also, there are “grade exceptions” so that younger players who are in a grade “ahead of their “normal grade” can petition to play down in a lower grade division. WE DO NOT REQUIRE A FORMAL PETITION TO PLAY DOWN A GRADE AS LONG AS THE PLAYER MEETS THE “GRADE EXCEPTION” REQUIREMENTS.

Finally, age/grade guidelines are now the same for Boys’ and Girls’ teams. (Girls may play in the Boys’/Open Division).

Below are eligibility guidelines for Sporting Chance tournaments, with language drawn directly from the AAU BOYS BASKETBALL HANDBOOK. If you have questions, feel free to [email us](#).

As stated, playing divisions are now determined BY GRADE. Since many teams and leagues still determine divisions by age, for convenience, we have included in brackets next to each grade division the equivalent age division based on previous rules.

9th Grade [15u] [Summer Slam Only] – athlete must be in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2011 AND can be no older than 16 on August 31, 2012. (i.e., must be born on or after September 1, 1994). An athlete that is in the 10th grade as of October 1st, 2011 may play down in the 9th grade division if the athlete is no older than 15 on August 31, 2012.

8th Grade [14u] – athlete must be in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2011 AND can be no older than 15 on August 31, 2012. (i.e., must be born on or after September 1, 1995). An athlete that is in the 9th grade as of October 1st, 2011 may play down in the 8th grade division if the athlete is no older than 14 on August 31, 2012.

7th Grade [13u]– athlete must be in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2011 AND can be no older than 14 on August 31, 2012. (i.e., must be born on or after September 1, 1996). An athlete that is in the 8th grade as of October 1st, 2011 may play down in the 7th grade division if the athlete is no older than 13 on August 31, 2012.

6th Grade [12u] – athlete must be in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2011 AND can be no older than 13 on August 31, 2012. (i.e., must be born on or after September 1, 1997). An athlete that is in the 7th grade as of October 1st, 2011 may play down in the 6th grade division if the athlete is no older than 12 on August 31, 2012.

5th Grade [11u]– athlete must be in the 5th grade as of October 1, 2011 AND can be no older than 12 on August 31, 2012. (i.e., must be born on or after September 1, 1998). An athlete that is in the 6th grade as of October 1st, 2011 may play down in the 5th grade division if the athlete is no older than 11 on August 31, 2012.

4th Grade [10u]– athlete must be in the 4th grade as of October 1, 2011 AND can be no older than 11 on August 31, 2012. (i.e., must be born on or after September 1, 1999). An athlete that is in the 5th grade as of October 1st, 2011 may play down in the 4th grade division if the athlete is no older than 10 on August 31, 2012.

3rd Grade [9u]– athlete must be in the 3rd grade as of October 1, 2011 AND can be no older than 10 on August 31, 2012. (i.e., must be born on or after September 1, 2000). An athlete that is in the 4th grade as of October 1st, 2011 may play down in the 3rd grade division if the athlete is no older than 9 on August 31, 2012.

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