

# Player Eligibility

The VA Commonwealth Games uses a grade-based and age-based criteria to determine player eligibility. In most cases, a player's current grade will determine their division. Please see the limitations below for each grade division. Teams will be thoroughly checked for age/grade verification at tournament check-in.

All players must meet the grade-level or age-exception criteria. Players are not allowed to play more than **2** grade levels up. All players must have a photo ID for age verification purposes, **and** report card is required for verification at tournament check-in. School portal photos that contain Photo, Name, grade and DOB, State Issued ID Card, AAU Player verification card or Passport are acceptable forms of Identification and must be available during the entire tournament for verification purposes. The report card must show the player's name, grade level, and the school year. If the player is homeschooled, the report card must be notarized. An AAU Player Verification Card is an acceptable proof of grade and age. (THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT)

The VA Commonwealth Games maintains a strict enforcement of Player Eligibility; there is a zero-tolerance policy regarding the participation of an ineligible athlete; violating players will be removed from the event and disqualified from further participation. The entire team may be disqualified at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

## Grade Based Requirements

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### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

A player must be in the 4th grade as of October 1, 2025 and cannot turn 12 prior to September 1, 2026.

*GRADE EXCEPTION: A player who is in the 5th grade as of October 1, 2025 and does not turn 11 prior to September 1, 2026.*

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

A player must be in the 5th grade as of October 1, 2025 and cannot turn 13 prior to September 1, 2026.

*GRADE EXCEPTION: A player who is in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2025 and does not turn 12 prior to September 1, 2026.*

### 6th Grade

A player must be in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2025 and cannot turn 14 prior to September 1, 2026.

*GRADE EXCEPTION: A player who is in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2025 and does not turn 13 prior to September 1, 2026.*

## 7th Grade

A player must be in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2025 and cannot turn 15 prior to September 1, 2026.

*GRADE EXCEPTION: A player who is in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2025 and does not turn 14 prior to September 1, 2026.*

## 8th Grade

A player must be in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2025 and cannot turn 16 prior to September 1, 2026.

*GRADE EXCEPTION: A player who is in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2025 and does not turn 15 prior to September 1, 2026.*

## 9th Grade

A player must be in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2025 and cannot turn 17 prior to September 1, 2026.

*GRADE EXCEPTION: A player who is in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2025 and does not turn 16 prior to September 1, 2026.*

## 10th Grade

A player must be in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2025 and cannot turn 18 prior to September 1, 2026.

*GRADE EXCEPTION: A player who is in the 11th grade as of October 1, 2025 and does not turn 17 prior to September 1, 2026.*

## 11th/12th Grade

A player must be in the 11th or 12th grade as of October 1, 2025 and cannot turn 20 prior to September 1, 2026.

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\*9th/10th Grade Divisions – Girls ONLY are combined.

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