

***Grade Team**

A “Club” that has a Junior Player, whose date of birth places him/her in an age division older than their current grade (Age Classification Guidelines), is eligible to register that team with the following options:

AGE WAIVER NOT REQUESTED

- Club Director chooses to have entire team play “up” to the oldest player’s USA Volleyball age division
- Team is allowed to compete at all Region sanctioned events, other Regions’ sanctioned events, North Country Region Bid Tournament, USA Volleyball National Qualifiers, and USA Volleyball Junior National Championships.

AGE WAIVER REQUESTED

REGISTER ENTIRE TEAM AS A “GRADE” TEAM

- An asterisk* will be placed next to the team’s name that is registered as a grade team
- The team is allowed to play as a grade team and is considered a team in an age division one age division younger than the junior player who received an age waiver. (Example, if the age waiver player is in the 16s age division, the grade team can compete in the 15s age division.)
- Tournament Directors reserve the right to accept or not accept grade teams into a tournament. The club director of the grade team, must request permission.
- Grade teams are not allowed to compete in NCR Region National Bid, other Regions’ sanctioned events, USA Volleyball National Qualifiers, and USA Volleyball Junior National Championships.

GRADE TEAM CONVERTING TO AGE DIVISION TEAM OPTIONS

If a “grade” team later decides to play in the NCR Regional National Bid Tournament, USA Volleyball National Championships and/or a Qualifier, they would have the following options:

1. Keep the waived player on the roster and register in events based on age classification (play up).
2. Submit a new roster with all waived junior players removed.
3. The newly formed team may not use their win-loss results while they were a “grade” team.
4. The new team’s rank will automatically be placed in the next consecutive order within that age division of the club.