



USA VOLLEYBALL PLAYER AGE DEFINITION

For use during the 2026-2027 Season



To determine the correct age division, please find the Month of Birth in the left column and then the year of birth in the same row. The heading of the column matching the Year of Birth is the correct age bracket.

Grade	12th	12th	11th	10th	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th
	18 & Under ¹	18 & Under ²	17 & Under	16 & Under	15 & Under ³	14 & Under ⁴	13 & Under ⁵	12 & Under	11 & Under	10 & Under
July	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Aug	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Sept	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Oct	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Nov	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Dec	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jan	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Feb	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Mar	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Apr	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
May	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017

¹Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007 and a high school student in the twelfth (12th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year are eligible to compete in 18 & under.

^{2a}Players in this age range that have graduated high school are ineligible only if they have been enrolled at a university, college, community college or junior college AND have been cleared to participate by that (volleyball) program.

^{2b}Players who were born on or after July 1, 2008, (who are defined as 18 & under by the USAV Age Definition) and are in the 11th grade for the current academic year are eligible to compete in 17 & under.

NOTES:

-USAV age is, by definition the age of the athlete on July 1st, 2028.

-Grade is not the primary determinant of USAV age eligibility, however we added it as a general guideline

-Athletes are not allowed to "play down" regardless of grade

-The OVR allows for grade level teams. If a player has a birthday that would require them to play an age group higher (i.e 7th grader with an 8th grade birthday), they can still play with a team of 7th graders. However they cannot attend USAV events outside of the OVR in their age group and must play up an age group. (i.e a grade level 13's team must play 14's if they go to a USAV qualifier)