

2026 Boys GRADE Base Eligibility Info



Please make sure you are 100% signed up for the correct grade level and that ALL players meet the eligibility requirements below.

You must contact NTBA if you need to change grade divisions due to player(s) being too old and not qualifying for the division you signed up for.

Reminder: ALL players must get verified before they can play in a game.

2026 BOYS GRADE BASE BASKETBALL ELIGIBILITY RULES:

3rd Grade – a player must be in the 3rd grade as of October 1, 2025 & must be 10 years old or younger on August 31, 2026

or a player in the 4th grade that is 9 years old or younger on June 30, 2026

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4th Grade – a player must be in the 4th grade as of October 1, 2025 & must be 11 years old or younger on August 31, 2026

or a player in the 5th grade that is 10 years old or younger on June 30, 2026

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5th Grade – a player must be in the 5th grade as of October 1, 2025 & must be 12 years old or younger on August 31, 2026

or a player in the 6th grade that is 11 years old or younger on June 30, 2026

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6th Grade – a player must be in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2025 & must be 13 years old or younger on August 31, 2026

or a player in the 7th grade that is 12 years old or younger on June 30, 2026

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7th Grade – a boy must be in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2025 & must be 14 years old or younger on August 31, 2026

or a boy in the 8th grade that is 13 years old or younger on June 30, 2026

8th Grade – a boy must be in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2025 & must be 15 years old or younger on August 31, 2026

or a boy in the 9th grade that is 14 years old or younger on June 30, 2026

9th Grade – a boy must be in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2025 & must be 16 years old or younger on August 31, 2026

or a boy in the 10th grade that is 15 years old or younger on August 31, 2026

10th Grade – a boy must be in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2025 & must be 17 years old or younger on August 31, 2026

or a boy in the 11th grade that is 16 years old or younger on August 31, 2026

11th/12th Grade – All boys must be in the 11th or 12th grade as of October 1, 2025 & must be 19 years old or younger on August 31, 2026

NOTE for Verification for ALL Players

ALL players MUST be verified that they meet the eligibility requirements for the grade level they are playing in! More info about this to come in future emails. Teams will either use National Sports ID (NSID) to get players verified online ahead of time or teams will bring ALL proper paperwork for ALL players to the team check-in and the NTBA Staff will verify the player (proof of age and proof of grade level). Please be on the look out for a future email coming with all detailed information about how to get your players verified before they can play.

NOTE for Players on Multiple Rosters

Players may participate on multiple teams within the SAME organization (team name). They must meet the age/grade eligibility for both divisions they are playing in. Each player must be on the roster for both teams and the player must play within the same organization for both teams. Players can NOT play on two teams within the same grade division so any organizations that have more than one team in the same grade division must have two totally separate rosters (as players can not play on two teams within the same grade level).

Homeschool Players Eligibility

Any player that is homeschooled must show proper documents from the state they live in proving they are eligible to be homeschooled. GRADE is not a factor for homeschool players and their eligibility is based on their AGE only.

Below are the requirements for any home school player:

3rd Grade: must 9 years old or younger on June 30, 2026
4th Grade: must 10 years old or younger on June 30, 2026
5th Grade: must 11 years old or younger on June 30, 2026
6th Grade: must 12 years old or younger on June 30, 2026
7th Grade: must 13 years old or younger on June 30, 2026
8th Grade: must 14 years old or younger on June 30, 2026
9th Grade: must 15 years old or younger on August 31, 2026
10th Grade: must 16 years old or younger on August 31, 2026
11/12th Grade: must 18 years old or younger on August 31, 2026