

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH TOURNAMENT PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND PROTEST GUIDELINES

Player Eligibility

1. Divisions of Play (All grade divisions below will be offered to both boys' and girls' teams) 3rd/9U 4th/10U, 5th/11U, 6th/12U, 7th/13U, 8th/14U, 9th/15U, JV/16U. Divisions are gender specific allowing a player to play according to their gendered division (ex: a girl player cannot play on a boy's division team).
2. OFY Events are organized by grade divisions. A player is eligible to participate in the grade division for his/her grade for the 2025-26 school year. A team must participate in the division that corresponds with the highest grade of any player on the team.
3. Age exception. A player is eligible to play down a grade if he/she is age-eligible based on the chart below:

Age As of 8-31-2026	Eligible to Play Grade
9	3rd
10	4th
11	5th
12	6th
13	7th
14	8th
15	9th
16	10th

4. Maximum Age. Even if grade eligible, no player may play in a division where the player is more than one year older for the corresponding age for the grade division participating. example: A 12-year-old 4th grader is not eligible to play to play in the 4th grade division.

Player Protest

Both a copy of a official school grade document and birth certificate are required as proof of a player's grade level and age. A player protest can only be made by the coach or team manager of the team involved. A player protest regarding age exception, maximum age, or multiple team participation must be addressed either prior to the beginning of the game or within 20 minutes of the conclusion of the game. In order to protest, the coach or team manager protesting must provide player documentation of their own players in order to move forward with the protest of a player(s) of an opposing team. In addition, there will be a \$50 cash protest fee for each player in question. The protest fee is only refundable if the matter goes in favor of the protesting party. If the protest is not upheld, the protest fee will be forfeited.