

OK FADEAWAY HOOPS

2026–2027 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY RULES & GUIDELINES

Grade-Based Basketball Tournament Organization

At OK Fadeaway Hoops, we are committed to providing a fair, competitive, and organized basketball experience for every team. **OK Fadeaway Hoops is a Grade-Based Basketball Tournament Organization.**

Player eligibility is determined by **grade first**, then by the maximum age allowed for that division. Every player must meet both the grade requirement and age requirement to be eligible.

QUICK SUMMARY

- OK Fadeaway Hoops is a **Grade-Based Tournament Organization**
- Grade determines eligibility first
- Players must also meet the maximum age requirement
- Players may play up
- Players may never play down
- Coaches are responsible for entering players in the correct division

ELIGIBILITY RULES

- Players must be enrolled in the appropriate grade as of **September 1, 2026**.
- Maximum ages are determined as of **August 31, 2027**.
- Grade determines placement first.
- Players may compete in an older division.
- Players may not compete in a younger division.
- Players must satisfy both the grade and age requirements.

WHY WE USE GRADE-BASED ELIGIBILITY

Our grade-based eligibility system creates consistency, competitive balance, and protects the integrity of every division.

ELIGIBILITY EXAMPLES

■ **Eligible:** 6th Grade player turning 13 on July 1, 2027 competing in 6th Grade.

■ **Eligible:** 5th Grade player (11 years old) competing in 5th Grade or choosing to play 6th Grade.

■ **Not Eligible:** 7th Grade player (12 years old) attempting to play 6th Grade because grade determines eligibility.

■ **Not Eligible:** 6th Grade player turning 14 before August 31, 2027.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can my player play down? No.

Can my player play up? Yes.

Skipped a grade? Eligibility is based on current enrolled grade.

Repeated a grade? Eligible if both grade and age requirements are met.

Can players play on multiple teams? Yes, but not within the same grade division.

What happens if an ineligible player participates? Penalties may include forfeits, disqualification, or removal.

2026–2027 ELIGIBILITY CHART

Division	Grade Requirement	Max Age
1st Grade	1st Grade or below	8
2nd Grade	2nd Grade or below	9
3rd Grade	3rd Grade or below	10
4th Grade	4th Grade or below	11
5th Grade	5th Grade or below	12
6th Grade	6th Grade or below	13
7th Grade	7th Grade or below	14
8th Grade	8th Grade or below	15
15U / 9th	9th Grade or below	16
16U / 10th	10th Grade or below	17
17U / HS	11th–12th Grade or below*	19

*Unsigned Seniors are eligible. Signed Seniors are not eligible.

COACH RESPONSIBILITY

By registering for an OK Fadeaway Hoops event, coaches acknowledge they have reviewed and understand these eligibility guidelines. Coaches are responsible for ensuring every player is eligible before competition begins.

QUESTIONS?

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Effective for all OK Fadeaway Hoops events during the 2026–2027 basketball season.