

# Champions of Sports Team Eligibility & Event Rules

## 1. Team Eligibility Requirements

All non-athletes/coaches are responsible for ensuring that their team meets all eligibility requirements.

Competition in Champions of Sports events shall be divided into the following age/grade divisions:

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## 2. Age/Grade Based Competition Rules

### 8 & Under Division

An athlete can be no older than 8 on **August 31st of the current year.**

### 9 & Under Division

An athlete can be no older than 9 on **August 31st of the current year.**

### 10 & Under Division

An athlete can be no older than 10 on **August 31st of the current year.**

### 11 & Under Division

An athlete can be no older than 11 on **August 31st of the current year.**

### 12 & Under Division

An athlete can be no older than 12 on **August 31st of the current year.**

## **13 & Under Division**

An athlete can be no older than 13 on **August 31st of the current year.**

## **14 & Under Division**

An athlete can be no older than 14 on **August 31st of the current year.**

## **15U / 9th Grade Division**

An athlete can be no older than 15 on **August 31st of the current year.**

### **Grade Exception:**

An athlete who is in the 9th grade and who is no older than 16 on **August 31st of the current year** is eligible to play in the 15U/9th Grade Division.

## **16U / 10th Grade Division**

An athlete can be no older than 16 on **August 31st of the current year.**

### **Grade Exception:**

An athlete who is in the 10th grade and who is no older than 17 on **August 31st of the current year** is eligible to play in the 16U/10th Grade Division.

## **17U / 11th Grade Division**

An athlete can be no older than 17 on **August 31st of the current year.**

### **Grade Exception:**

An athlete who is in the 11th grade and who is no older than 18 on **August 31st of the current year** is eligible to play in the 17U/11th Grade Division.

## **19U / 12th Grade Division**

An athlete can be no older than 19 on **August 31st of the current year.**

### **Grade Exception:**

An athlete who is in the 12th grade and who is no older than 20 on **August 31st of the current year** is eligible to play in the 19U/12th Grade Division.

Proof of age and/or grade must be available for review by a Champions of Sports Representative if requested. If information is not available, the team may be subject to removal from the competition.

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## 3. Game Rules & Spectator Pricing

Game Rules and Spectator Pricing information will be sent directly to each team by the Event Director prior to the event.

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## 4. Game Forfeiture Policy

Teams participating in an event expect their opponent to be prepared and available for all scheduled games. Tournament play may require early morning and late evening games, and teams are expected to be prepared to participate.

### Team Forfeiting a Game

When a team forfeits a game, the following rules apply:

- The team receives a loss for the scheduled game.
- The team is still expected to participate in all remaining scheduled games.
- The team forfeits any team or individual awards associated with the forfeited game.
- A game called by a game official or Tournament Director due to misconduct by a player, coach, or fan will be considered a forfeiture.

The Tournament Director may modify or waive forfeiture penalties due to extenuating circumstances. The Tournament Director's decision will be final and binding.

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## 5. General Tournament Rules

1. National Federation of State High School Associations Rules apply to all games.
2. **Game Time:**
  - 2nd through 7th Grade / 12U: Two 16-minute halves
  - 8th Grade and above: Two 18-minute halves

- Running clock except during the final 2 minutes of the second half.
3. **Free Throws:**  
Teams shoot two free throws on team fouls 10 and above.
  4. **Timeouts:**  
Two 45-second timeouts per half.
  5. **Halftime:**  
Two minutes.
  6. **Warm-Up Time:**  
Three minutes.
  7. **Overtime:**  
All overtime games will be sudden death. The first team to score wins. The clock will stop on all whistles. Teams receive one additional timeout, and fouls carry over.
  8. Each team is responsible for providing a timekeeper and scorekeeper.
  9. Each team must provide their own basketballs for warm-ups.
  10. Each team must provide their own medical supplies. No trainer will be on-site.
  11. The Tournament Director has the right to forfeit a game if a team does not have its starting five ready to play at the scheduled time.
  12. Teams should have report cards and birth certificates available at all times in case of an age/grade protest.
  13. **Basketball Sizes:**
    - All Girls: 28.5
    - Boys 1st–6th Grade: 28.5
    - Boys 7th Grade and above: 29.5
  14. **Pressing Rules:**
    - Grades 2nd–4th: Teams may not press beyond half court with a 20-point or greater lead at any time during the game.
    - Grades 5th–High School: Teams may not press beyond half court with a 25-point or greater lead in the second half.
    - If the lead drops below the limit, teams may resume pressing.
    - First offense results in a warning. Additional violations result in bench technical fouls.
  15. Each team is expected to be in full uniform.
  16. The team with the best record in their division will win trophies/awards unless pool play rules apply.
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