

Basketball of the Carolinas 2025 Eligibility Information

Basketball of the Carolinas has adopted the following eligibility rules regarding age and grade-based divisions. These rules are evaluated periodically, and any changes/updates will be posted immediately to our website. Make sure you continue to check the website to make sure you are up to date with the latest eligibility rules and ALL your players are currently playing with the correct age/grade divisions.

Players must show proof of age (copy of birth certificate or another state issued form such as a driver's license or identification card from the DMV) and proof of current grade (copy of school issued report card or progress report from the current school year). Players in 9u/3rd Grade-14u/8th Grade age divisions are still required to provide proof of grade even though those divisions may be based on age also.

Players in 9th-11th/12th grade divisions will have to show proof of age and grade no matter what.

Basketball of the Carolinas HIGHLY recommends that ALL players get a state issued photo ID from the DMV. For 2025 BOC will not require this, but it will be required for ALL players soon. Basketball of the Carolinas suggests that teams go ahead and have all players get these to be prepared for this requirement and to more accurately prove who each player truly is.

Homeschool players must have all proper proof with updated/current STATE DOCUMENTS showing they are allowed by the state to be homeschooled. Homeschool players eligibility is based upon age ONLY.

Note: Boys and Girls eligibility is slightly different.

If you are not sure what division a player belongs in, contact us BEFORE the tournament deadline and we will be glad to help you.

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Boys Basketball

Basketball of the Carolinas is using an Age/Grade based system currently for most tournaments. Once players are in the 9th grade, BOC uses a GRADE based system exclusively.

9 & Under (3rd Grade): All players must be 9 years old or younger on June 30, 2025

10 & Under (4th Grade): All players must be 10 years old or younger on June 30, 2025

11 & Under (5th Grade): All players must be 11 years old or younger on June 30, 2025

12 & Under (6th Grade): All players must be 12 years old or younger on June 30, 2025

13 & Under (7th Grade): All boys must be 13 years old or younger on June 30, 2025

14 & Under (8th Grade): All boys must be 14 years old or younger on June 30, 2025

9th Grade – All boys must be in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2024 & must be 16 years old or younger on August 31, 2025
or a boy in the 10th grade that does not turn 16 prior to September 1, 2025

10th Grade – All boys must be in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2024 & must be 17 years old or younger on August 31, 2025
or a boy in the 11th grade that does not turn 17 prior to September 1, 2025

11th/12th Grade – All boys must be in the 11th or 12th grade as of October 1, 2024 & must be 19 years old or younger on August 31, 2025

Note: Players may play up in older divisions but cannot play down. They must fit the age and/or grade requirements to play in a division or be younger and playing up. Meaning a 13-year-old can play up in the 14u age division, but that same 13-year-old cannot play down in the 12u age division or a 10th grader can play up in the 11th/12th grade division, but that same 10th grader cannot play down in the 9th grade division.

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Girls Basketball

For 2025, BOC will use a GRADE based system for girls basketball. Only girls may participate on girls' teams.

3rd Grade – a girl must be in the 3rd grade as of October 1, 2024 & she cannot turn 11 before September 1, 2025

or a girl in the 4th grade that does not turn 10 prior to September 1, 2025

4th Grade – a girl must be in the 4th grade as of October 1, 2024 & she cannot turn 12 before September 1, 2025

or a girl in the 5th grade that does not turn 11 prior to September 1, 2025

5th Grade – a girl must be in the 5th grade as of October 1, 2024 & she cannot turn 13 before September 1, 2025

or a girl in the 6th grade that does not turn 12 prior to September 1, 2025

6th Grade – a girl must be in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2024 & she cannot turn 14 before September 1, 2025

or a girl in the 7th grade that does not turn 13 prior to September 1, 2025

7th Grade – a girl must be in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2024 & she cannot turn 15 before September 1, 2025

or a girl in the 8th grade that does not turn 14 prior to September 1, 2025

8th Grade – a girl must be in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2024 & she cannot turn 16 before September 1, 2025

or a girl in the 9th grade that does not turn 15 prior to September 1, 2025

9th Grade – a girl must be in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2024 & she cannot turn 17 before September 1, 2025

or a girl in the 10th grade that does not turn 16 prior to September 1, 2025

10th Grade – a girl must be in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2024 & she cannot turn 18 before September 1, 2025

or a girl in the 11th grade that does not turn 17 prior to September 1, 2025

11th/12th Grade – a girl must be in the 11th or 12th grade as of October 1, 2024 & she cannot turn 20 before September 1, 2025

Note: Girls may play up in older grade divisions but cannot play down. They must fit the grade/age requirements to play in a division or be younger and playing up. Meaning a 7th grader can play up in the 8th grade division or higher, but that same 7th grader cannot play down in the 6th grade division.