

# 2021 Boys Ohio Youth Basketball Age/Grade Eligibility

The ages listed below try to make sure that a player can participate with his classmates as long as he is eligible to participate with them during the school season. They also try to make sure any player starting school early or moved up due to academic success is not penalized for that success. This rule has created some confusion in the past. **If a player is playing down a grade, the OYB office must be notified and cleared to play before he is eligible to participate**  
**Failure to do so could mean forfeit of games played**

<b>3rd Grade Division</b>	Must be in the 3rd Grade or under during the 2020-21 school year and will be 10 years or under on August 31, 2021 <b>Exception:</b> If player will be 9 years old or under on August 31, 2021 he can be in any grade during the 2020-21 school year, which allows him to compete in AAU 10 & under
<b>4th Grade Division</b>	Must be in the 4th Grade or under during the 2020-21 school year and will be 11 years or under on August 31, 2021 <b>Exception:</b> If player will be 10 years old or under on August 31, 2021 he can be in any grade during the 2020-21 school year, which allows him to compete in AAU 10 & under
<b>5th Grade Division</b>	Must be in the 5th Grade or under during the 2020-21 school year and will be 12 years or under on August 31, 2021 <b>Exception:</b> If player will be 11 years old or under on August 31, 2021 he can be in any grade during the 2020-21 school year, which allows him to compete in AAU 12 & under
<b>6th Grade Division</b>	Must be in the 6th Grade or under during the 2020-21 school year and will be 13 years or under on August 31, 2021. <b>Exception:</b> If player will be 12 years old or under on August 31, 2021 he can be in any grade during the 2020-21 school year, which allows him to compete in AAU 12 & under
<b>7th Grade Division</b>	Must be in the 7th Grade or under during the 2020-21 school year and will be 14 years or under on August 31, 2021. <b>Exception:</b> If player will be 13 years old or under on August 31, 2021 he can be in any grade during the 2020-21 school year, which allows him to compete in AAU 13 & under
<b>8th Grade Division</b>	Must be in the 8th Grade or under during the 2020-21 school year and will be 15 years or under on August 31, 2021. <b>Exception:</b> If player will be 14 years old or under on August 31, 2021 he can be in any grade during the 2020-21 school year, which allows him to compete in AAU 14 & under
<b>9th Grade Division</b>	Must be in the 9th Grade or under during the 2020-21 school year and will be 16 years or under on August 31, 2021. <b>Exception:</b> If player will be 15 years old or under on August 31, 2021 he can be in any grade during the 2020-21 school year, which allows him to compete in AAU 15 & under
<b>10/11th Grade Division</b>	Must be in the 10/11th Grade or under during the 2020-21 school year and have High School eligibility left for the 2021-22 school season <b>Graduating seniors are not allowed to compete in Ohio Youth Basketball Tournaments regardless of age, unless there is a separate division for Seniors.</b>