

# 2021-2022 NXG Sports Player and Team

*Age August 31, 2022: 9/3<sup>rd</sup>, 10u/4<sup>th</sup>, 11/5<sup>th</sup>, 12/6<sup>th</sup>, 13/7<sup>th</sup>, 14/8<sup>th</sup>, 15/9<sup>th</sup>, 16/10<sup>th</sup>, 17/11<sup>th</sup>, 15-16/JV, 17-18/HS-V*

- All NXG Sports events will be organized by age/grade divisions.
- A player is eligible to participate in the Grade Division for his/her grade in 2021-2022.
- A team must participate in the division which matches the highest grade of any player.

**Age Exception:** A Team can only have 2 players eligible to play that don't meet age requirement but are in the correct grade however Maximum Age Rule applies to those 2 players.

**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. The age determination date for purposes of the Maximum Age rule is August 31, 2022. For example, a 15 year old 7th grader is not eligible to participate in the 5th Grade division.

**Playing on Multiple Teams:** A player can play on only one team within a single Grade division. A player can play in more than one Grade division in the same organization provided the player is Grade eligible for each higher division in which the player participates in.

**Gender Specific Divisions:** Players are only allowed to play in a division for the player's gender (for example, a girl player cannot play on a team participating in a boy's division).

**Signed Waiver & Release:** In addition to the grade eligibility requirements, each player is required to have a parent/guardian signed Release/Waiver on file with NXG Sports. NXG Sports can suspend participation privileges for any player without a signed Release/Waiver.

**Proof of Player Eligibility:** Team Responsibility. Proof of player eligibility is the responsibility of the team manager or coach. NXG Sports will not check eligibility prior to events. However, a coach must be able to document grade and age eligibility in the event of a challenge by another team or by NXG Sports prior to or any time during an event.

**Documentation Required for Eligibility:** As a condition of participation, each team is required to have grade and age documentation available for each player for review at any time during an event. Proof of grade and age must be available for review by NXG Sports representatives at all events. Failure to have such information available at the event may result in player ineligibility, game forfeiture, and/or team removal from the event.

Acceptable proofs of age include print or digital copy of birth certificate, adoption papers, immigration papers, school documentation which reflects DOB, current driver's license and current passport. Acceptable proofs of grade include a clean copy of any report card of the current or immediately preceding school year, progress report for current school year, or current school ID.

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1. **Who Can Protest:** Player Eligibility Protests can be submitted only by a coach or manager of a team participating in the same division as the team with the player(s) whose eligibility is being challenged. For a team to submit a Protest, the team must demonstrate to the Site Director that the protesting team has eligibility documentation for its players available for review by the Site Director. A team is NOT allowed to protest the eligibility of a player from another team without having the eligibility documentation for its own players.
2. **What Can Be Protested:** Player is not grade eligible or within the Age Exception. Player is beyond age maximum. Player is on multiple teams in the same division.
3. **When Can Protest Be Made:** A protest of player eligibility may be made at any time prior to a game. Any Pre-Game Protest should be submitted as soon as possible so that it may be considered in a timely manner. Post-Game Protest-Any post-game protest of player eligibility must be made within 30 minutes of the conclusion of a game between the protesting team and the team with the player(s) whose eligibility is being challenged.
4. **Protest Limited:** No other player eligibility protests will be considered. A team is deemed to waive any opportunity to protest any player's eligibility not within these protest periods.
5. **How to File Protest:** All protests must be in writing on an official Protest Form and accompanied by the Protest Fee of \$100 cash for each player challenged. The Protest Fee is refundable only if the matter is ruled in the favor of the protesting party. If the Protest is not upheld, the Protest Fee is forfeited. Protest Upheld-If a player is ruled ineligible, the player will be prohibited from participating in remaining games of the event. If a Post-Game Protest is upheld, that game will be forfeited by the team with the ineligible player. No prior games will be forfeited as teams participating in prior games will have waived their protest opportunity by failing to timely submit an Eligibility Protest. The team will be allowed to continue to participate in the event without the ineligible player(s). The Protest Fee will be refunded to the protesting team for each protest upheld. Protest Denied-If the Player Eligibility Protest is denied, the Protest Fee is forfeited. Player Reinstatement. If a player is ruled ineligible for the sole reason that the team did not have any eligibility documentation for the player, the player can subsequently be ruled eligible if such documentation is later provided. The reinstatement is for competition subsequent to the documentation being provided and no prior action will be modified or set aside.