



Syracuse Nets, LTD and NBC Challenge TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY and REQUIREMENTS:

A. Competition Rules

The Official Playing Rules will be the National Federation of State High School rules for the current year as modified by this rule book. This section shall be administered at all District Qualifiers, National Championships, and NBC's Challenge Championships.

1. Eligibility

a. Player/Team Disqualification

All Non-athletes/coaches are responsible to see that their team meets all eligibility requirements. If a player is found to be ineligible prior to the start competition, the player will be expelled from the competition and the team will continue. If a player is found to be ineligible after the competition has started, the player will be expelled from the competition and the team will forfeit all games in which the ineligible player was listed on the official score sheet. The team may continue to participate, if applicable, without the expelled player.

B. Grade Divisions

Competition in boys' and girls' basketball shall be in the following grade divisions: 4th grade, 5th grade, 6th grade, 7th grade, 8th grade, 9th grade, 10th grade, 11th grade, and 12th grade.

Competition Divisions Qualifying for USA National and NBC Challenge Championship tournaments

Proof of eligibility (Report Cards & Birth Certificate) must be produced in the event of a protest. A player may only play for (1) One team per age/grade division. A player may compete at a grade level below his/her grade if his/her birth date conforms to the following guidelines:

October 1, 2011 shall be the determining date for the grade of the competitor for any of the **Syracuse Nets** and **Charlotte Jets**, USA State Qualifier and NBC Challenge Events. Eligibility to participate is based first on the grade determining date.

Competition in Boy's & Girl's basketball shall be determined by the following:

4TH GRADE DIVISION

An athlete must be in the 4th grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 11 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 5th grade as of October 1, 2011 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 10 on August 31, 2012.

5TH GRADE DIVISION

An athlete must be in the 5th grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 12 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2011 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 11 on August 31, 2012.

6TH GRADE DIVISION

An athlete must be in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 13 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2011 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 12 on August 31, 2012.

7TH GRADE DIVISION

An athlete must be in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 14 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2011 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 13 on August 31, 2012.

8TH GRADE DIVISION

An athlete must be in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 15 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2011 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 14 on August 31, 2012.

9TH GRADE DIVISION

An athlete must be in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 16 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2011 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 15 on August 31, 2012.

10TH GRADE DIVISION

An athlete must be in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 17 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 11th grade as of October 1, 2011 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 16 on August 31, 2012.

11TH GRADE DIVISION

An athlete must be in the 11th grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 18 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 12th grade as of October 1, 2011 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 17 on August 31, 2012.

12TH GRADE DIVISION

An athlete must be in the 12th grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 19 on August 31, 2012.

*****Effective 2012, the petition to play down form is no longer required. An athlete is eligible to play down a grade provided they meet the requirements listed in the Chart below*****

** The AAU is a grade based organization. Each grade division consists of a 24 month age window which determines an athletes' participation in that division. If an athletes' age is outside the 24 month window for their grade, the athlete must play up to the grade division that is normal and customary for their age. If an athlete is in any grade above what is normal and customary for their age, an athlete may play down provided they meet the established criteria listed in the chart below**

*****Questions regarding eligibility may be directed to the National Office by calling 407-934-7200**

AGE REQUIREMENTS TO PLAY DOWN A GRADE

DIVISION Grade as of Oct. 1st, 2011	Requested Grade	Birthdate Requirements
12th Grade	11th Grade	born on or after 9/1/1994
11th Grade	10th Grade	born on or after 9/1/1995
10th Grade	9th Grade	born on or after 9/1/1996
9th Grade	8th Grade	born on or after 9/1/1997
8th Grade	7th Grade	born on or after 9/1/1998
7th Grade	6th Grade	born on or after 9/1/1999
6th Grade	5th Grade	born on or after 9/1/2000
5th Grade	4th Grade	born on or after 9/1/2001
4th Grade	3rd Grade	born on or after 9/1/2002
3rd Grade	2nd Grade	born on or after 9/1/2003

C. Eligibility Committee

An Eligibility Committee appointed by the Syracuse Nets, LTD Basketball Chairman will be established to rule on player and team eligibility for national tournaments. Decisions of the Eligibility Committee are final.

D. USA National Championships

If a team qualifies in the NY State Qualifying Tournament advancement structure or has an automatic bid and earns a bid from the NBC Challenge, bid reverts to the next highest placed team at the NBC Challenge Standings, not otherwise qualified (not to be awarded below 10th place).

E. Host Team

Notwithstanding the qualification criteria, the local organizing committee that is host to a National Championship is allowed to enter teams provided that it meets all USA and NBC Challenge eligibility requirements.

F. National Championship

- a.** A team that qualifies for a National Championship Tournament may add a maximum of **seven (7)** players to its District Roster for the purpose of participating in the National Tournaments by the entry deadline date of the event.

The total number of players designated to play in the National Tournament may not exceed fifteen (15) players.

b. Players added to a roster must meet the following criteria:

- 1. An athlete must have been able to satisfy all eligibility requirements (regarding age, residence, etc.) unless approved by the Eligibility Committee.**
- 2. There shall be a maximum of three (3) cross boundary athletes on a roster at any time.**
- 3. A team advancing to a National Championship may not add a player from another team advancing to a National Championship in the same age group without the written permission of the Eligibility Committee.**

c. Policy: The Syracuse Nets, LTD Basketball Eligibility Committee will not consider request for transfers under this rule until after the completion of the NYS Qualifier.

- 1. A team advancing to the USA National Championship may add a player from a roster of a team advancing to a NBC Challenge National Championship.**
- 2. A team advancing to a NBC Challenge National Championship may not add any player from a team that has qualified for a USA National Championship in the same age group.**

G. National Championship Qualifying Requirements

- a. All rosters used for USA National Championship, and the NBC Challenge National Championship must be submitted online at www.syracusenets.com for teams to be allowed to advance to Nationals.**
- b. In order to compete in a National Championship a team must qualify in a District Championship, Accumulate required Circuit Points, or acquire an automatic entry as set out below. **Exception:** The designated host teams are not required to compete in any qualifying tournament.**

H. USA National Championship “June 30th – July 2nd, 2012” Advancement Criteria

- a. The number of teams that qualify for the USA National Tournament through NYS District Qualifier is based on the number of teams entered into the qualifying event. (In District Championships the total number of teams participating are counted to determine the number of teams qualifying for the National Championship).**

{NOTE}: Teams that qualify through the NBC Challenge must participate in their District Qualifier in order to validate their bid to Nationals.

Per Division:

1. **When there are 4-6 teams** – (A) Two (2) teams may advance to USA Nationals.
2. **When there are 7-9 teams** – (A) Three (3) teams may advance to USA Nationals.
3. **When there are 10-12 teams** – (A) Four (4) teams may advance to USA Nationals.
4. **When there are 13-15 teams** – (A) Five (5) teams may advance to USA Nationals.
5. **When there are 16-18 teams** – (A) Six (6) teams may advance to USA Nationals.
6. **When there are 19-21 teams** – (A) Seven (7) teams may advance to USA Nationals.

b. The number of teams that qualify for the “**June 30th – July 2nd, 2012**” USA National Tournament through the NBC Challenge will be based on the number of teams earning 350 points through Circuit Play.

HOW TEAMS ACCUMULATE POINTS

- Tournament Entry **+10 Points**
- Each Pool Play Win **+20 Points**
- Each Bracket Play Win **+30 Points**
- Pool or Bracket Forfeit **-20 Points**
- Tournament Champion **+40 Points**
- Tournament Runner-Up **+25 Points**

1. Example: A (8) team division/grade tournament

Registration: 10 points

3-0 Pool Play: 60 points

2-0 Bracket Play: 60 points

Tournament Champ: 40 points

Total points for (1) Tournament 170 points

H. NBC Challenge National Championship Advancement Criteria

a. The teams that qualify for the NBC Challenge National Tournament through “Circuit Points” will be based on the “TOP 2 Teams” with the most points in every age/grade division at the end qualifying event.

{**NOTE**}: Teams that qualify through the NBC Challenge will be based on Total points throughout the season. The 1st and 2nd place team in each division will play for the NBC Title in August 2012.

Championship Games: Date & Location

Syracuse, NY (TBA)