

Southern Minnesota Volleyball

Players Participating in an Older Age Group

“Playing Up”

SMV recognizes the fact we train top-level athletes, and these athletes need to be challenged and pushed to ensure their continued development.

We recognize that in some cases this may be best achieved by allowing a player to compete with athletes in an older age group.

Players can apply for a waiver to participate in an older age group for a season if they meet the following criteria:

- 1) They demonstrate ability that clearly puts them at the top of their class in their own age division.
- 2) They demonstrate ability that clearly puts them into a role of a key player in the older age group.
- 3) They were a significant contributor to their high school varsity teams.

Applying for a waiver to compete in an older age division does not ensure the player will automatically be allowed to play in that age division.

SMV also recognizes that allowing a player to compete outside their age group may, in some cases, be beneficial for the athlete, but is not in the best interest of the Team or Club.

A committee designated by the SMV Board will review each case, taking into consideration the athlete, the Team, and the Club.

IMPORTANT: This waiver must be completed and returned by email to info@rochesteryouthvolleyball.org or dropped off to the office in the National Volleyball Center in Rochester Minnesota by the end of the day Wednesday October 20th for 12's and Monday October 25th for 13-18's.

I would like to be considered for a waiver to play in an older age group.

My birth date is: _____ My age group based on my birth date is: _____

Athlete: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____