



## **2024 SW Salsa Slam Tournament Series – Player Eligibility Rules**

All Non-athletes/coaches are responsible to see that their team meets all eligibility requirements

Current seniors may participate in the tournament in the Varsity Division as long as they have not signed a letter of intent to play at the college level.

An athlete may participate in a maximum of two (2) grade divisions of the AAU Basketball program for which he or she can qualify.

An athlete may play in any grade division above his or hers current grade as long as he or she meets the requirements.

The Southwest Salsa Slam Tournament Series (SSSTS) are grade based tournaments. Each grade division consists of a 24 month age window which determines an athlete's participation in that division. If an athlete's 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 information below.

### **2024 TOURNAMENT AGE/GRADE DIVISION RULES:**

Ages are based on the grade players are in during the 2023-2024 school year. Age determining date is 9/1/2024

#### **2nd Grade Division:**

Players in the 2nd grade can be 8 or 9 years old, but cannot turn 10 before 9/1/2024.

Players in the 3rd grade who want to play down into the 2nd grade division cannot turn 9 before 9/1/2024.

#### **3rd Grade Division:**

Players in the 3rd grade can be 9 or 10 years old, but cannot turn 11 before 9/1/2024.

Players in the 4th grade who want to play down into the 3rd grade division cannot turn 10 before 9/1/2024.

#### **4th Grade Division:**

Players in the 4th grade can be 10 or 11 years old, but cannot turn 12 before 9/1/2024.

Players in the 5th grade who want to play down into the 4th grade divisions cannot turn 11 before 9/1/2024.

#### **5th Grade Division:**

Players in the 5th grade can be 11 or 12 years old, but cannot turn 13 before 9/1/2024.

Players in the 6th grade who want to play down into the 5th grade division cannot turn 12 before 9/1/2024.

**6th Grade Division:**

Players in the 6th grade can be 12 or 13 years old, but cannot turn 14 before 9/1/2024.

Players in the 7th grade who want to play down into the 6th grade division cannot turn 13 before 9/1/2024.

**7th Grade Division:**

Players in the 7th grade can be 13 or 14 years old, but cannot turn 15 before 9/1/2024.

Players in the 8th grade who want to play down into the 7th grade division cannot turn 14 before 9/1/2024.

**8th Grade Division:**

Players in the 8th grade can be 14 or 15 years old, but cannot turn 16 before 9/1/2024.

Players in the 9th grade who want to play down into the 8th grade division cannot turn 15 before 9/1/2024.

**Freshman Division:**

Players who are currently in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade can play in the Freshman division.

**JV Division:**

Players who are currently in 11<sup>th</sup> grade can play in the JV division.

**Varsity Divisions:**

The boys' & girls' Varsity divisions are actually "open divisions," where unsigned seniors with remaining high school eligibility can play. However, players cannot turn 20 before 9/1/2024. Unsigned seniors can play as long as they have not committed in writing to play for a college at any level. Unsigned prep school players are also eligible to play in our tournaments. If a player has signed a letter of intent and you think they won't qualify because of grades, they still cannot play. The tournament management has the right to exclude any senior from playing. No player who has attended junior college or college may play in this event.

**\*Proof of grade and age must be available for review, by an SSSTS designee, if requested. If said information is not available the team is subject to removal from the competition.\***