

For Junior competitive divisions please use the following approved format:

• Three age divisions: 12U, 14U & 18U

*Juniors may play up in the junior age divisions or participate in the 19+ only adult division

NOTE: They may not enter into any other older age events, however, if brackets have to be combined:

- The 19+ bracket can only be combined with a 35+ bracket if there is a junior team in the 19+ bracket
- If there are not enough teams in the 19+ and 35+ bracket, the junior team would need to play up in skill to the next 19+ bracket (e.g., 3.0 19+ to 3.5 19+)
- In the event that there is one player who is a junior and one who is not, they can play in the 19+ bracket and the next age bracket that needs to be combined. (e.g., Team A 14 yr. old & 54 yr. old / Teams B, C and D, 52 yr. old and 52 yr. old combine the brackets 19+ and 50+. You have one player who is eligible to play in the 50+ bracket, but is playing down in the 19+ bracket with a younger player which allows them to play 19+.)
- If there is a juniors team playing in the 19+ age group, then 50+ and up age brackets cannot be combined down to play with the 19+ bracket.

**Due to the scheduling demands of a tournament, Tournament Directors have the option to require junior participants to choose between playing in junior or adult events.

***Junior Tournaments will **NOT** utilize a system of player ratings for category/skill differentiation.

****Players that participate in a junior division will **NOT** receive UTPR credit.

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