

Age Definitions for BBNZ National Competitions

Previous to 2020 Basketball New Zealand (BBNZ) had reviewed the rules and regulations around our national and regional competitions. BBNZ advised all on the tournament structure for the next three years and completed a series of additional recommendations for the BBNZ Board to consider.

This document relates to the age definitions to be used for representative age group tournaments, events, and teams. BBNZ adjusted its age definitions to fall in line with FIBA and with almost all other sporting codes in New Zealand. This means that players in, for example, an under 13 team or event will be able to turn 13 in the year of the event – in effect under 13 will mean 13 and under. This will have the effect of moving all age limits up by one year.

Outlined below are the updated age eligibility criteria to take effect in 2021:

1. For Under 13 competitions, players must be aged either 11, 12 or 13 years as at 31 December in the year in which the competition is held;
2. For Under 15 competitions, players must be aged either 13, 14 or 15 years as at 31 December in the year in which the competition is held;
3. For Under 17 competitions, players must be aged either 15, 16 or 17 years as at 31 December in the year in which the competition is held.
4. For Under 19 competitions, players must be aged at least 15 years on the first day that the competition commences, and must not be over 19 years as at 31 December in the year the competition is held. BBNZ, on application by an Affiliated Association, and in its sole discretion, may allow any player selected for a New Zealand national team who is under 15 years of age, to play in an Under 19 competition.
5. For Under 23 competitions, players must be aged at least 15 years on the first day that the competition commences and must not be over 23 years as at 31 December in the year the competition is held.
6. For the Men's and Women's National Basketball League, all players must be aged 15 years on the first day that the competition commences.

Below we have specified the calendar year, and the birth years that players may compete in each age group:

Age Groups	U13	U15	U17	U19	U23
2021 Players may compete if born in	2008, 2009, 2010	2006, 2007, 2008	2004, 2005, 2006	2002, 2003, 2004	1998 and later. Must be 15 years old
2022 Players may compete if born in	2009, 2010, 2011	2007, 2008, 2009	2005, 2006, 2007	2003, 2004, 2005	1999 and later. Must be 15 years old
2023 Players may compete if born in	2010, 2011, 2012	2008, 2009, 2010	2006, 2007, 2008	2004, 2005, 2006	2000 and later. Must be 15 years old
2024 Players may compete if born in	2011, 2012, 2013	2009, 2010, 2011	2007, 2008, 2009	2005, 2006, 2007	2001 and later. Must be 15 years old
2025 Players may compete if born in	2012, 2013, 2014	2010, 2011, 2012	2008, 2009, 2010	2006, 2007, 2008	2002 and later. Must be 15 years old