

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 Monday November 7th 2011.

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: _____