

Club/School Eligibility Explainer

With the huge growth in terms of player numbers, clubs and schools are finding it harder and harder to make sure all of their players understand the CBA Competition Rules regarding what grades a player can be a member of a team in.

Tuesday Competitions (Thomson, Whelan and Grocott)

These are strictly school grades, with eligibility here based on school enrolment rules (using [SSC](#) and [SSNZ](#) criteria). Playing in these grades has no bearing or impact on what CBA club grade(s) a player can play in

Club Participation Pathway, and Playing for Two Teams (Midweek and Division One Grades)

Players in our Midweek competition are allowed to play in our Division One competitions (and vice-versa), if they wish, but not in any Development Pathway Grades

Club Development Pathway and Playing for Two Teams (Most Weekend Grades)

Players are allowed to be a part of up to two weekend teams, providing the following criteria is met:

- The two teams are both in the “development pathway” (which includes all “age group” grades; French Cup; Premier Leagues)
- The two teams are in adjacent grades, age-wise (i.e Men’s Premier and Men’s 23&U is ok, but Men’s Premier and Men’s 20&U is not)
- One of the teams is **not** the Boys’ 13&U grade
- The two teams are in the same club, or are both contained in a school/club affiliation
- Each team has eight (or more) bona fide players (a bona fide player is defined as someone that will not play for a second team if there is a time clash between their two teams)

Weekend “Club Only” Grades

We have a number of grades in our weekend competitions which cannot be entered by schools directly (they need to be entered by, or in affiliation with, a club). The following grades can not be entered directly by a school, and must be entered by a club:

- Boys’ 13 and under
- Men’s 20 and under
- Men’s 23 and under
- Men’s Premier
- Men’s Division One
- Girls’ 13 and under

- French Cup
- Women's Premier
- Women's Division One

Weekend Grades Which Schools and/or Clubs Can Enter

Schools and Clubs are both free to enter teams in the following grades

- Boys' 15 and under
- Boys' 17 and under
- Girls' 16 and under

When is the Age Cut-Off for Each Grade?

Each club age grade works off the "as of December 31 this year" date. So a player in a 13&U grade needs to be aged 13 (or below) on December 31 this year

I Have a Question Which is Not Answered

Read section seven of the [official rules](#). If the question is still not answered, please email james@canterbury.basketball

For the official wording of our rules, diagrams, or for more information, please see section seven of the [CBA Bruce Martin Club Competition Rules](#) – the most updated copy is in the [documents section of our website](#)