

October 15, 2007

There is a new Age Determining Date (ADD) established recently by the national committee of July 1<sup>st</sup>. This change will affect various teams and players but will be handled on a case by case basis. All decisions will be made in the best interest of the player and Spirit organization. The Spirit Directors will recommend that players play grade appropriate as long as they meet the new Age Determining Date rule.

New Age Determining Date:

9/u born on or after July 1, 1997 grade 4  
10/u born on or after July 1, 1996 grade 5  
11/u born on or after July 1, 1995 grade 6  
12/u born on or after July 1, 1994 grade 7  
13/u born on or after July 1, 1993 grade 8  
14/u born on or after July 1, 1992 grade 9  
15/u born on or after July 1, 1991 grade 10  
16/u born on or after July 1, 1990 grade 11

Tryouts for the 2008 AAU Season are fast approaching. Players should attend tryouts based on the current time schedule.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the new age determining date, you can contact Marc at 860-478-8742 or [ctspirit1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ctspirit1@sbcglobal.net).

## **Spirit Directors**

Below is a letter from Carroll Graham, National Chair, which explains why the date was changed.

## New Age Determining Date (ADD)

**From Carroll Graham, National Chair:**

**It would appear that the change in ADD has caused confusion in many places, so let me make it clear what has been passed.**

**First, the intention of the change is to allow girls with the early birth dates in a class to compete with the other girls in the same class. Most states use September 1, although a few use August 1 and Indiana uses July 1, so that was the date chosen.**

**Second, with the ADD being moved from January 1, 2008 to July 1, 2007, many girls who could not compete with their teammates are now able to do so.**

**Third, if the name of the age division is a problem, then it will be addressed at the 2008 Convention.**

**Thanks for your patience!**

**Carroll Graham**

**New Division NAMES:**

**8/u - Born on or after - July 1, 1998**

**9/u - Born on or after - July 1, 1997**

**10/u - Born on or after - July 1, 1996**

**11/u - Born on or after - July 1, 1995**

**12/u - Born on or after - July 1, 1994**

**13/u - Born on or after - July 1, 1993**

**14/u - Born on or after - July 1, 1992**

**15/u - Born on or after - July 1, 1991**

**16/u - Born on or after - July 1, 1990**

**Open - Born on or after - July 1, 1988**