# NJO ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS

## Membership

ALL athletes must have a current GOLD athlete membership to participate in Junior Olympics OR the Junior Olympics qualifier.

#### **Birth Date Verification**

All athlete members participating in Junior Olympics must complete Birth Date Verification. This is a ONE-TIME process. The DOB verification is located in the USAWP member profile section, verification documentation.

### SafeSport Training

All 18+ year old athletes who are listed on an 18 & Under roster must complete SafeSport training to be eligible to be placed on a roster for Junior Olympics OR the Junior Olympics qualifier.

#### **Affiliation**

Athletes must select the proper club affiliation on or before the date of their zone qualifying tournament Roster Lock Down in which that athlete is to participate or July 1st, whichever comes first. Affiliation lock will open after close of Junior Olympic tournament.

\*Note: Lapsed members from the previous membership year who do not renew prior to the affiliation deadline will be automatically locked in to his/her previous club affiliation.

Click Here for a video tutorial on updating your club-affiliation

### **Age Eligibility**

A player's age division is determined by the athlete's age on August 1st of the year in which the tournament is being held.

Example: If a player is 14 years old on August 1, they are eligible to compete in the 14&U division. If an athlete turns 15 on July 31, his/her age is 15 on August 1st and is therefore no longer eligible for the 14&U division. They are, however, able to participate in the 16&U division.

Example 2: If a player turns 15 on August 1, his/her age is 15 on August 1st and is therefore no longer eligible for the 14&U division. They are, however, able to participate in the 16&U division.