

Birth Year Mandate and Age Bracket Information

New for 2016-2017: Calendar Year Age Group Definition Effective 8/1/2016

US Club Soccer announced that it will embrace adoption of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) Calendar year age group mandate beginning with the 2016/2017 rosters effective 8/1/2016. NCSA is a US Club Soccer sanctioned league; therefore NCSA will be implementing the calendar year group definitions beginning with the Fall 2016 season.

Age Division Breakdowns by Birth Year

Season	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Birth Year									
2020									
2019									U6
2018								U6	U7
2017							U6	U7	U8
2016						U6	U7	U8	U9
2015					U6	U7	U8	U9	U10
2014				U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11
2013			U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12
2012		U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13
2011	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14
2010	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15
2009	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16
2008	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
2007	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18
2006	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
2005	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	
2004	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19		
2003	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19			
2002	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19				
2001	U16	U17	U18	U19					
2000	U17	U18	U19						
1999	U18	U19							

Fall 2016 Play for Players Born in 2002

There have been many questions and concerns regarding those players born in 2002. Please note that NCSA will be providing play opportunity in the Fall season for those players born in 2002. We will not know which flights will be created until registration is completed, but we expect teams to register.

The NCSA Board has determined the following in regards to the Fall 2016 U15 (2002 Birth Year) Teams:

- a) Games will initially be scheduled to be played on Sundays to minimize conflicts with high school team practices and games.
- b) Timely game changes that do not create a gap will be allowed without a fee.
- c) Birth Year 2002 players will be able to join another team in the Spring 2017 season without transfer penalty.

Age Group Play

Typically, players play at the youngest age level for which they are eligible. However, please note that under current US Club Soccer guidelines a player may "play up" in an age group older than that player's typical age group. (Example: A player eligible for a U13 team can be registered on a U14 or older team.) Under those same guidelines, a player may not "play down" to an age group younger than that player's age group. (Example: A player eligible for a U13 team may not be registered to a U12 or younger team.)

Each club may set its own rules whether a player may be registered in an age group older than typical for that player's birthdate; no club is obligated to allow this even though the sponsoring organization allows it.