

USYS has changed how player age is determined starting this 2026/2027 soccer year.

Players will NO longer be placed on teams by Calendar Year Age (Jan 1 - Dec 31). Beginning Fall 2026, players will be placed on teams based on School Year Age (August 1 - July 31).

Age Matrix Table

To find your age group for fall 2026, find the row corresponding with your birth year, and then the month you were born.

| Birth Year | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December |
|------------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|
| 2007 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | U19 | U19 | U19 | U19 | U19 |
| 2008 | U19 | U19 | U19 | U19 | U19 | U19 | U19 | U18 | U18 | U18 | U18 | U18 |
| 2009 | U18 | U18 | U18 | U18 | U18 | U18 | U18 | U17 | U17 | U17 | U17 | U17 |
| 2010 | U17 | U17 | U17 | U17 | U17 | U17 | U17 | U16 | U16 | U16 | U16 | U16 |
| 2011 | U16 | U16 | U16 | U16 | U16 | U16 | U16 | U15 | U15 | U15 | U15 | U15 |
| 2012 | U15 | U15 | U15 | U15 | U15 | U15 | U15 | U14 | U14 | U14 | U14 | U14 |
| 2013 | U14 | U14 | U14 | U14 | U14 | U14 | U14 | U13 | U13 | U13 | U13 | U13 |
| 2014 | U13 | U13 | U13 | U13 | U13 | U13 | U13 | U12 | U12 | U12 | U12 | U12 |
| 2015 | U12 | U12 | U12 | U12 | U12 | U12 | U12 | U11 | U11 | U11 | U11 | U11 |
| 2016 | U11 | U11 | U11 | U11 | U11 | U11 | U11 | U10 | U10 | U10 | U10 | U10 |
| 2017 | U10 | U10 | U10 | U10 | U10 | U10 | U10 | U9 | U9 | U9 | U9 | U9 |
| 2018 | U9 | U9 | U9 | U9 | U9 | U9 | U9 | U8 | U8 | U8 | U8 | U8 |
| 2019 | U8 | U8 | U8 | U8 | U8 | U8 | U8 | U7 | U7 | U7 | U7 | U7 |
| 2020 | U7 | U7 | U7 | U7 | U7 | U7 | U7 | U6 | U6 | U6 | U6 | U6 |
| 2021 | U6 | U6 | U6 | U6 | U6 | U6 | U6 | U5 | U5 | U5 | U5 | U5 |
| 2022 | U5 | U5 | U5 | U5 | U5 | U5 | U5 | U4 | U4 | U4 | U4 | U4 |
| 2023 | U4 | U4 | U4 | U4 | U4 | U4 | U4 | U3 | U3 | U3 | U3 | U3 |

[CLICK HERE for North Texas Soccer Age Chart](#)

COACHES and PARENTS GUIDE: AGE GROUP & TEAM PLACEMENT

This guide explains how age groups work and what choices families may need to make for the upcoming FALL 2026 season.

HOW AGE GROUPS WORK

- Players are grouped onto teams by birth Year/Month corresponding to the school year age calendar (see the Age Matrix Table above).
- **Some players** may have the option to stay in their current age group for another soccer year -OR- move up to the next age group.
- Decisions to play on current team depend on the player's birth Year/Month **and the HEAD Coach's decision to stay down or move up (for example the head coach may have a child (player) born between 8/1 -12/31 and decide to play in current age group another soccer year)**

SCENARIO A: Players Born Between 8/1 – 12/31, you have options:

If the Coach decides to play in same age group another soccer year -

- Your player may choose to stay with their coach/team.
- Only players born 8/1–12/31 are eligible for this choice.
- Players born 1/1–7/31 cannot stay at the same age next year if the Coach chooses to stay in the age group.

If the team/coach moves to the next age group; Your child may move up with the team or choose to stay in same age group another soccer year with a different team.

SCENARIO B: Players Born Between 1/1 – 7/31, you do NOT have options.

- Your player **must move up** to the next age group this fall regardless of what your current team's coach decides.
- Staying at the same age next year is **NOT** an option.

ALL players in the WSA Player Pool (NEW players to WSA and players that request to be removed from their "Core" Team) will be randomly placed on teams based on the registration Age Group guidelines for 2026/2027 ([NTX Registrar Guidelines](#)).

HOW TO MAKE YOUR PLAYER REGISTRATION CHOICE AS A COACH

*AS A RETURNING COACH - How do you want your Player's Age designated for Fall 26/27 season?

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- Move my player up to the NEXT age level (even if born between 8/1 -12/31)
- Leave my player in CURRENT age group following the NEW 26/27 designated age rule (only eligible if born between 8/1 and 12/31).
- This question does NOT apply to me.

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- **To have your current Team and move up to next age level in Fall 2026:**
 - **Select "Move my player up to the next age level (even if born between 8/1-12/31)"** - you are agreeing to play up in age with your team even if your child falls under the Team's age for fall.)

- **To have your TEAM play another year in your current age group in Fall 2026:**
 - **Select "Leave my player in CURRENT age group following the NEW 26/27 designated age rule (only eligible if born between 8/1-12/31)."** - you are agreeing to play on NEW age level even if some players must move up in age. This may be of benefit to you if you have a large number of younger players on your team.

- **If your player is born between 1/1-07/31** – This question does not apply to you.

- **If you have a player that is NEW to WSA** – This question does not apply to you.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- 1/1–7/31 birthdays, players **MUST** move up to their new age group as usual.
- 8/1–12/31 birthdays, players may have a choice to stay down or move up if their current team moves up.
- **Correct registration selection is critical for placement**

HOW TO MAKE YOUR PLAYER REGISTRATION CHOICE AS A PARENT

*FOR RETURNING PLAYERS - How do you want your Player's Age designated for Fall 26/27 season?

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- Move my player up to the NEXT age level (even if born between 8/1 -12/31)
- Leave my player in CURRENT age group following the NEW 26/27 designated age rule (only eligible if born between 8/1 and 12/31).
- Does not apply - My player was born between 01/-07/31
- Does not apply - My player is new to WSA

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- **To stay with your current Team and move up to next age level in Fall 2026:**
 - **Select "Move my player up to the next age level (even if born between 8/1-12/31)"** - you are agreeing to play up in age with your team even if your child falls under the Team's age for fall.)
- **To have your player play another year in their current age group in Fall 2026:**
 - **Select "Leave my player in CURRENT age group following the NEW 26/27 designated age rule (only eligible if born between 8/1-12/31)."** - you are agreeing to play on NEW age level even if your team chooses to play at next age level. This may benefit your player if you feel they struggle to play against players in their current age group.
- **If your player is born between 01/01-07/31** – This question does not apply.
- **If you have a player that is NEW to WSA** – This question does not apply.

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