

GRADE AND AGE GROUPINGS FOR 2016/17 SOCCER YEAR

GRADE BASED GROUPINGS

SINGLE GRADE GROUPINGS

Program	Grade Requirements	AND	Date of Birth Requirements Born On or After
Pre-School (Formerly U-5)	Pre-School	AND	1/1/2011
Grade KG (Formerly U-6)	KG Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2010
Grade 1 (Formerly U-7)	1 st Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2009
Grade 2 (Formerly U-8)	2 nd Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2008
Grade 3 (Formerly U-9)	3 rd Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2007
Grade 4 (Formerly U-10)	4 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2006
Grade 5 (Formerly U-11)	5 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2005
Grade 6 (Formerly U-12)	6 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2004
Grade 7 (Formerly U-13)	7 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2003
Grade 8 (Formerly U-14)	8 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2002
Grades 9 (Formerly U-15)	9 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2001
Grades 10 (Formerly U-16)	10 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2000
Grades 11 (Formerly U-17)	11 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/1999
Grades 12 (Formerly U-18)	12 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/1998
PG (Formerly U-19)	12 th + 1 year or Lower	AND	1/1/1997

DUAL GRADE GROUPINGS

Program	Grade Requirements	AND	Date of Birth Requirements Born On or After
Grade 3/4 (Formerly U-9/10)	4 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2006
Grade 5/6 (Formerly U-11/12)	6 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2004
Grade 7/8 (Formerly U-13/14)	8 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2002
Grades 9/10 (Formerly U-15/16)	10 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2000
Grades 11/12 (Formerly U-17/18)	12 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/1998
PG (Formerly U-19)	12 th + 1 year or Lower	AND	1/1/1997

Grade Based Group Waiver Classes

NOTE: Optionally implemented by Town Based Leagues. Check with your league administration prior to implementing.

Older Player Playing with Classmates: Players who are born on a date that would typically place them in a higher grade may play with their actual grade on any level team (D1 and lower) and may play on an MTOC eligible team. Using a “1/1/xxxx born on or after” date all will catch the vast majority of these players. Those born before the 1/1/xxxx date and in the lower grade will need to be approved by a waiver.

Example: For the 2016/17 soccer year players in the Grade 7/8 Group must be “In 8th grade or below AND born on or after 1/1/2002”. A player born on 3/15/2002 would typically be in 9th grade. But, if this player is actually going to be in 8th grade then they would be permitted to play in this group without a waiver. Another player, also in 8th grade born on 12/01/2001 (before 1/1/2002) would only be permitted to play with his same grade classmates through a waiver process.

Player in Higher Grade Playing with Same Age Teammates: Players who chose to play within their age group and not up with classmates (most commonly players born in August) are eligible for a waiver. With our new Grade Group method these players are now being pushed up and off teams that they may have been playing with for years. These players are now eligible for waivers to allow them players to play with their same age teammates they have historically played with in the past. They will be permitted to play on MTOC eligible D1 and lower teams. Proof of playing history is required for a waiver to be issued.

Example: Under the new Grade Group program, for the 2016/2017 soccer year, a player born on or after 1/1/2004 but in the 7th grade would have to play on the 7th Grade or 7th/8th Grade Group team except if they have always played within the previous age group as compared to playing up with their classmates. Most likely this player was born in August 2004. This player is grandfathered to continue playing with the same age group teammates (on a 6th Grade Group team) they have played with in the past as long as proof of playing history is provided.

AGE BASED GROUPINGS

SINGLE AGE GROUPINGS

Program	Date of Birth Requirements Born On or After
U5	1/1/2012
U6	1/1/2011
U7	1/1/2010
U8	1/1/2009
U9	1/1/2008
U10	1/1/2007
U11	1/1/2006
U12	1/1/2005
U13	1/1/2004
U14	1/1/2003
U15	1/1/2002
U16	1/1/2001
U17	1/1/2000
U18	1/1/1999
U19/20	1/1/1997

Beginning Aug. 1, 2016, US Youth Soccer will be using the following birth-year “labels” for competition, based upon the season in which competition ends. For example:

- Players born from August 1, 1997 – December 31, 1998 will be labeled as Under-19/20s.
- Players born from January 1, 1999 – December 31, 1999 will be labeled as Under-18s.
- Players born from January 1, 2000 – December 31, 2000 will be labeled as Under-17s.
- Players born from January 1, 2001 – December 31, 2001 will be labeled as Under-16s.
- Players born from January 1, 2002 – December 31, 2002 will be labeled as Under-15s.
- Players born from January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2003 will be labeled as Under-14s.
- Players born from January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004 will be labeled as Under-13s.
- With the exception of the US Youth Soccer Under-19/20s, the age group “label” will be determined by subtracting the year in which the players participating in the competition were born from the year in which competition ends.

The change to birth year age groups and to the “labels” for naming each age group have been made by U.S. Soccer.