



**Georgia Soccer
Implementation of
U.S. Soccer Player
Development Initiatives**



U.S. Soccer has mandated that all U.S. Soccer members change small sided playing rules by Fall 2017. Some Georgia Soccer members will move to 7v7 for U9 & U10 and 9v9 for U11 & U12 in Fall of 2016.



Standards Chart



	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13
# of Players	4v4	4v4	4v4	7v7	7v7	9v9	9v9	11v11
Goalkeeper?	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Playing Times	4x 8 min.	4x 8 min.	3x 15 min.	2x 25 min.	2x 25 min.	2x 30 min.	2x 30 min.	2x 35 min.
Break Times	5 min.	5 min.	5 min.	10 min.	10 min.	10 min.	10 min.	15 min.
Ball Size	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	5
Offside?	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



U.S. Soccer has mandated that all U.S. Soccer members change playing divisions to calendar year age groups. US Youth Soccer, US Club Soccer, AYSO, and all 55 State Soccer Associations will change to birth year age groups in Fall 2016.



2016-2017 Age Groups



2015-2016 Current System				2016-2017 U.S. Soccer Matrix		
U10	2005-2006	Primarily 4th graders	→	U12	2005	5th & 6th graders; Last year or Academy/Small sided play
U11	2004-2005	Primarily 5th graders	→	U13	2004	6th & 7th graders; First year or select & 11v11, team's division placed by Select Committee
U12	2003-2004	Primarily 6th graders	→	U14	2003	7th & 8th graders; team's division placed by Select Committee for Fall 2016 ONLY
U13	2002-2003	Primarily 7th graders	→	U15	2002	8th graders & Freshmen; Spring season offered
U14	2001-2002	Primarily 8th graders	→	U16	2001	Freshmen/Sophomores
U15	2000-2001	Primarily Freshmen	→	U17	2000	Sophomores/Juniors
U16	1999-2000	Primarily Sophomores	→	U18	1999	Juniors/Seniors
U17	1998-1999	Primarily Juniors	→	U19	1998	Seniors/College Freshmen
U19	1997-1998	Primarily Seniors	→	U19/U20	8/1/97-12/31/98	Fall Season will be offered



FAQ's



- Current teams have two calendar years on each team, **older calendar birth year will maintain playing slot.** Younger players can play up if team stays together.
- Players will play in birth year division unless playing up, **players will not miss a year**
- **Aug- Dec1997** – will be part of U19/U20 division.
- **U15 Spring Friendly Season** will be offered
- **Georgia Soccer registration systems** will accommodate birth year age groups
- **Roster Continuity** - Roster continuity rules will remain
- **Team declarations due July 15**



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- **Will there be a new concussion protocol?**
- Yes, we are working on a new concussion protocol and will announce that later this spring to begin in the Fall 2016 season.