



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



Calendar Year Registration



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 of Academy/Small sided play
U11	2004-2005	Primarily 5th graders	→	U13	2004	6th & 7th graders; First year of 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
U18	1997-1998	Primarily Seniors	→	U19/20	1997	Fall season will be offered



Implementation



Georgia Soccer will adopt calendar year age groups starting in Fall 2016.



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**
- **1997** - possible addition of an age group to accommodate older players if enough teams declare.
- **15's Spring 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 1**