



Birth Year and Season Matrix

When determining the age group for a season, the year the season ends should be used for determining the birth year. Also note that the format “U followed by age” really means that age and younger. For example, U8 should be read as 8 and younger. For more age-group information please reference [U.S. Soccer’s Player Development Initiatives](#).

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							

MRL AGE GROUPS

HOW AGE GROUPS WILL EVOLVE FROM 2015-16 TO 2016-17

2015-16	→→→→→	2016-17
<div style="text-align: center; background-color: #fff; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Under 12</div> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">for players born on August 1, 2003 or later- teams are generally comprised of players born in 2003 (August 1 thru December 31) and in 2004 (January 1 thru July 31)</p>	becomes	<div style="text-align: center; background-color: #fff; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">2003's (Under 14)</div> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">for players born on January 1, 2003 or later. Teams are expected to be comprised of players born in 2003 (January 1 thru December 31) although teams may opt to continue to play up the 2004's attempting to keep intact their teams from 2015-16</p>
2015-16	→→→→→	2016-17
<div style="text-align: center; background-color: #fff; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Under 13</div> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">for players born on August 1, 2002 or later- teams are generally comprised of players born in 2002 (August 1 thru December 31) and in 2003 (January 1 thru July 31)</p>	becomes	<div style="text-align: center; background-color: #fff; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">2002's (Under 15)</div> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">for players born on January 1, 2002 or later. Teams are expected to be comprised of players born in 2002 (January 1 thru December 31) although teams may opt to continue to play up the 2003's attempting to keep intact their teams from 2015-16</p>
2015-16	→→→→→	2016-17
<div style="text-align: center; background-color: #fff; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Under 14</div> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">for players born on August 1, 2001 or later- teams are generally comprised of players born in 2001 (August 1 thru December 31) and in 2002 (January 1 thru July 31)</p>	becomes	<div style="text-align: center; background-color: #fff; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">2001's (Under 16)</div> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">for players born on January 1, 2001 or later. Teams are expected to be comprised of players born in 2001 (January 1 thru December 31) although teams may opt to continue to play up the 2002's attempting to keep intact their teams from 2015-16</p>
2015-16	→→→→→	2016-17
<div style="text-align: center; background-color: #fff; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Under 15</div> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">for players born on August 1, 2000 or later- teams are generally comprised of players born in 2000 (August 1 thru December 31) and in 2001 (January 1 thru July 31)</p>	becomes	<div style="text-align: center; background-color: #fff; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">2000's (Under 17)</div> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">for players born on January 1, 2000 or later. Teams are expected to be comprised of players born in 2000 (January 1 thru December 31) although teams may opt to continue to play up the 2001's attempting to keep intact their teams from 2015-16</p>
2015-16	→→→→→	2016-17
<div style="text-align: center; background-color: #fff; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Under 16</div> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">for players born on August 1, 1999 or later- teams are generally comprised of players born in 1999 (August 1 thru December 31) and in 2000 (January 1 thru July 31)</p>	becomes	<div style="text-align: center; background-color: #fff; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">1999's (Under 18)</div> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">for players born on January 1, 1999 or later. Teams are expected to be comprised of players born in 1999 (January 1 thru December 31) although teams may opt to continue to play up the 2000's attempting to keep intact their teams from 2015-16</p>
2015-16	→→→→→	2016-17
<div style="text-align: center; background-color: #fff; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Under 17</div> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">for players born on August 1, 1998 or later- teams are generally comprised of players born in 1998 (August 1 thru December 31) and in 1999 (January 1 thru July 31)</p>	becomes	<div style="text-align: center; background-color: #fff; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">1997/98 (Under 19/20)</div> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">for players born on August 1, 1997 or later. Teams are expected to be comprised of players born in 1997 (only from August 1 thru December 31) or 1998 (January 1 thru December 31) although teams may opt to continue to play up the 1999's attempting to keep intact their teams from 2015-16</p>