

# Changes Coming to Youth Soccer in the Fall of 2016



# Shelton Youth Soccer Organization Affiliation





## Two Major Changes announced by US Youth Soccer

### 1. Small-Sided Games

(CJSA will not be implementing this until the Fall of 2017)

### 2. Calendar Year

(CJSA will be implementing this **Fall 2016**)



## Calendar Year What you need to know

Under the original U.S. Soccer mandate, teams were told they must move from an August 1 through July 31 registration calendar to a January 1 through December 31 calendar by the year 2017.

One of the key questions many parents have been asking is how their child's birth date will determine the age group in competitions they will be playing in from this coming season.

The answer is that birth year registration will be based on the year in which the season ends.

For example, if a season begins in the fall of 2017 and ends in the summer of 2018 (for example, the 2017-18 season), the players would be registered based on their age in the year 2018.

Competitions that take place in a single year (for example, the fall of 2018 only) should use that year to determine the birth year.



## Calendar Year What you need to know

To simplify determining the age group, just subtract the birth year from the year the season ends.

**Year Season Ends – Birth Year = Age Group:**

- 2016-17 – 2002 = U15
- 2016-17 – 2003 = U14
- 2016-17 – 2004 = U13
- 2016-17 – 2005 = U12
- 2016-17 – 2006 = U11
- 2016-17 – 2007 = U10
- 2016-17 – 2008 = U9
- 2016-17 – 2009 = Academy

For more details please navigate to the following URL.

[http://www.usyouthsoccer.org/changes\\_coming\\_to\\_youth\\_soccer\\_in\\_2016/](http://www.usyouthsoccer.org/changes_coming_to_youth_soccer_in_2016/)



## What to expect for the 2016/2017 Season at SYSO

- Players will try-out for teams (**May/June 2016**) based on their **“Calendar Birth Year”** to align with US Soccer mandate
- U12 age group and older will continue to play 11v11
- Academy, U9 through U11 will continue to play 8v8
- Current rosters will be impacted. Some players will have to join new teams within the program at different age groups



## What to expect for the 2016/2017 Season at SYSO

- Every Youth Soccer Club in the United States is dealing with the same change
- Players, Parents and Coaches will need to adapt
- SYSO philosophy and mission will remain the same
- Player development will remain the same and the opportunities presented will remain in the players and teams best interests



## FAQ regarding the Calendar Year change

**Question:** Why has the decision been made to switch from grouping teams by the school year to the calendar year?

**Answer:** *To be in line with the other 208 countries that register youth players by their year of birth. The change will also make it easier for American club teams to play internationally*

**Question:** How do I know in which age group a player will participate?

**Answer:** *See Age Chart on last slide in this presentation*

**Question:** What if a player wants to play with his or her school friends, but is in a different age group?

**Answer:** *Depending on local rules for playing up age groups, a player will be able to play up with an older age group, which has been true for decades. As always, a player may not play down with a younger age group.*



## FAQ regarding the Calendar Year change

**Question:** When will the change to calendar year age groups take effect?

**Answer:** *US Youth Soccer programs will change to Calendar Year beginning with the 2016-2017 season. U.S. Soccer has mandated that all play move to the Calendar Year by August 2017*

**Question:** Is this change mandatory or is it based on a Club by Club basis?

**Answer:** *This change has been sanctioned by US Youth Soccer and CISA has mandated that it will take affect for all clubs starting in the Fall of 2016*

**Question:** How will this impact my child at the upcoming tryouts in May/June?

**Answer:** *Every player will be required to tryout for the team based on their calendar year.*

**Question:** Will SYSO accommodate teams by placing them up an age bracket in order to keep the teams together?

**Answer:** *SYSO will not accommodate any teams. Players will only be move up in age bracket based on skill level or roster size circumstances.*



## FAQ regarding the Calendar Year change

**Question:** How does this affect my child who was born in 2002 and is currently on the U13 team?

**Answer:** *All districts under CJSA jurisdiction are in the process of finalizing their plan for the fall.*

**Most Likely Outcome:**

*The local districts like SWD, SCD and the CJSA Premier league will form their own Fall Season hybrid U14/U15 League. This will allow All players born in 2002 and who are in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade the opportunity to continue to play and compete in a U14/U15 League.*

**When High School aged players return for the Winter/Spring Club Season will they be required to play with these Teams?**

*Outcome is dependent on what the SWD, SCD and CJSA Premier league decide for the Spring Season. If there is no hybrid U14/U15 league then your Child will be required to transition onto the Incoming U15 Team*



## Examples

### Example 1:

#### Current Team - 2015/2016 -U13 Girls Premier

- Player born on November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2002
- Player currently on U13 Girls
- For the fall of 2016 this player will be in 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Based on New Calendar Year rule this player would have to move up to the U15G

**\*\*Exception\*\*** CJSA recognizes that there will be players who were born in 2002 and will be in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and NOT High School. CJSA will be forming a combined U14/U15 league on the boys and girls side so those players born in 2002 but NOT in High School will have a team to play on in the fall.



## Examples

### Example 2:

#### Current Team - 2015/2016 -U11 Boys Travel

- Player born on August 2nd 2004
- Player currently on U11 Boys
- For the fall of 2016 this player will be in 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Based on New Calendar Year rule this player would have to move up to the U13 Boys Premier



## 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
<b>Birth Year</b>									
<b>2020</b>									
<b>2019</b>									U6
<b>2018</b>								U6	U7
<b>2017</b>							U6	U7	U8
<b>2016</b>						U6	U7	U8	U9
<b>2015</b>					U6	U7	U8	U9	U10
<b>2014</b>				U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11
<b>2013</b>			U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12
<b>2012</b>		U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13
<b>2011</b>	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14
<b>2010</b>	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15
<b>2009</b>	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16
<b>2008</b>	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
<b>2007</b>	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18
<b>2006</b>	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
<b>2005</b>	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	
<b>2004</b>	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19		
<b>2003</b>	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19			
<b>2002</b>	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19				
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