



SMALL SIDED GAMES & BIRTH YEAR REGISTRATION IMPLEMENTATION



US SOCCER PLAYER DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

SMALL SIDED STANDARDS

Small Sided Standards – Notable Changes

- Field Sizes, particularly at the U7-U10 age groups
 - Mini Field – 4v4 (U6, U7 & U8)
 - Development Field – 7v7 (U9 & U10)
 - Small Sided Field – 9v9 (U11 & U12)
 - Full Size Field – 11v11 (U13 & Older)
- Number of Players at U6, U9, U10, U11 & U12
- Game Lengths at U7 & U8
- Goal Sizes U7-U12
- Offside at U9 & U10
- Addition of “Build Out Line” on Development Field



Standards Chart



	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13
Field Size	30x20 yards	30x20 yards	30x20 yards	47x30 yards	47x30 yards	75x47 yards	75x47 yards	112x75 yards
# of Players	4v4	4v4	4v4	7v7	7v7	9v9	9v9	11v11
GK	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
Goal Size	4'x6'	4'x6'	4'x6'	6.5'x18.5'	6.5'x18.5'	6.5'x18.5'	6.5'x18.5'	8'x24'
Offside	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

WYSA Roster Minimums & Maximums

- New Roster Minimums & Maximums effective beginning 2016/2017 Program Year
- LeagueOne will be updated April 1, 2016

	6 & Under	7 & Under	8 & Under	9 & Under	10 & Under	11 & Under	12 & Under
Roster Minimum	5/9	5/9	5/9	8/15	8/15	10	10
Roster Maximum	8/12	8/12	8/12	14/18	14/18	16	16

Players in the U6 through U10 age groups have two acceptable roster maximums for Recreational play or Rec Side by Side play (i.e. for "8/12" – 8 is the roster maximum for team play, while 12 is the maximum for side by side soccer). Side by side soccer is one roster broken into two teams where games are played simultaneously side by side against their opponent.



Field and Goal Sizes

- WYSA recommends using maximum allowable field size per US Soccer standards chart
- Not necessary for clubs/facilities to immediately replace goals; use discretion
- Work to meet goal requirements over time





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BIRTH YEAR REGISTRATION

Players Playing Up/Down

- Players can play up if within the guidelines of WYSA policy
 - Unrestricted at U11 and above
 - Players U10 and below are limited to playing up not more than 2 years from the U group they are age eligible for
- Players cannot play down except for those who qualify for WYSA Age Exemption Policy
 - AEP specific to recreational players
 - Not more than 6 months over age; limited to 2 players/team
- Playing up/down is club's discretion; other District policies may apply



Birth Year Registration

Birth Year	2016-2017	School Age
2011	U6	K4 & K5
2010	U7	K5 & 1
2009	U8	1 & 2
2008	U9	2 & 3
2007	U10	3 & 4
2006	U11	4 & 5
2005	U12	5 & 6
2004	U13	6 & 7
2003	U14	7 & 8
2002	U15	8 & 9
2001	U16	9 & 10
2000	U17	10 & 11
1999	U18	11 & 12
1998	U19	12 & C
1997	U20	C
1996	U21	C



Options for 2002 Players

- In 2016/2017, players born in 2002 will be 8th and 9th graders
- WYSA will offer:
 - Combined U14/U15 divisions
 - Year round U15 divisions
- Local leagues have discretion on how playing groups are formed and have been encouraged to consider either or both of the above



Options for 1998 Players

- In 2016/2017, players born in 1998 will be 12th graders and college freshman
- WYSA will offer:
 - Combined U18/U19 divisions
 - U19 divisions
- Local leagues have discretion on how playing groups are formed and have been encouraged to consider either or both of the above



Allowing Classmates to Play Together – Option 1

- Two year teams such as U6, U8, U10
- Players register and roster to the older age group of the two year U group
- Example – to group 1st graders together in 2016/2017:
U7 players register and roster as U8s; U8s register and roster as U8s
- Use “Merged Age Groups” to execute in LeagueOne



Allowing Classmates to Play Together – Option 2

- Teams strictly by grade; employ play up option using younger half of one birth year (August-December) and older half of the following birth year (January-July)
- Example – to group 1st graders together in 2016/2017:

U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12
2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005

- First Grade Team = Players born between 08/01/09 and 12/31/09 AND 01/01/10 and 07/31/10
- Configure “Merged Age Groups”
- Use configurable field questions
 - Date of Birth
 - School
 - Grade



QUESTIONS?

