

GRADE AND AGE GROUPINGS FOR 2017/18 SOCCER YEAR

GRADE BASED GROUPINGS

SINGLE GRADE GROUPINGS (2017/18)

Program	Grade Requirements	AND	Date of Birth Requirements Born On or After
Pre-School (Formerly U-5)	Pre-School	AND	1/1/2012
Grade KG (Formerly U-6)	KG Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2011
Grade 1 (Formerly U-7)	1 st Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2010
Grade 2 (Formerly U-8)	2 nd Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2009
Grade 3 (Formerly U-9)	3 rd Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2008
Grade 4 (Formerly U-10)	4 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2007
Grade 5 (Formerly U-11)	5 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2006
Grade 6 (Formerly U-12)	6 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2005
Grade 7 (Formerly U-13)	7 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2004
Grade 8 (Formerly U-14)	8 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2003
Grades 9 (Formerly U-15)	9 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2002
Grades 10 (Formerly U-16)	10 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2001
Grades 11 (Formerly U-17)	11 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2000
Grades 12 (Formerly U-18)	12 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/1999
PG (Formerly U-19)	12 th + 1 year or Lower	AND	8/1/1998

DUAL GRADE GROUPINGS (2017/18)

Program	Grade Requirements	AND	Date of Birth Requirements Born On or After
Grade 3/4 (Formerly U-9/10)	4 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2007
Grade 5/6 (Formerly U-11/12)	6 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2005
Grade 7/8 (Formerly U-13/14)	8 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2003
Grades 9/10 (Formerly U-15/16)	10 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/2001
Grades 11/12 (Formerly U-17/18)	12 th Grade or Lower	AND	1/1/1999
PG (Formerly U-19)	12 th + 1 year or Lower	AND	8/1/1998

Grade Based Group Waiver Classes

For Town Based Programs and Leagues

Older Player Playing with Classmates: Players who are born on a date that would typically place them in a higher grade may play with their actual grade on any level team (D1 and lower) and may play on an MTOC eligible team. Using a “1/1/xxxx born on or after” date all will catch the vast majority of these players. Those born before the 1/1/xxxx date and in the lower grade will need to be approved by a waiver from the league in which the team competes. Upon league approval the player is approved for MTOC competition.

Example: For the 2017/18 soccer year players in the Grade 7/8 Group must be “In 8th grade or below AND born on or after 1/1/2003”. A player born on 3/15/2003 would typically be in 9th grade. But, if this player is actually going to be in 8th grade then they would be permitted to play in this group without a waiver. Another player, also in 8th grade born on 12/01/2002 (before 1/1/2003) would only be permitted to play with his same grade classmates through above noted waiver process.

Player in Higher Grade Playing with Same Age Teammates: Players who chose to play within their age group and not up with classmates (most commonly players born in August) are eligible for a waiver. These players are now eligible for waivers to allow them players to play with their same age teammates they have historically played with in the past. They will be permitted to play on MTOC eligible D1 and lower teams. Proof of playing history is required for a waiver from the league in which the team competes. Upon league approval the player is approved for MTOC competition.

Example: Under the Grade Group program, for the 2017/18 soccer year, a player born on or after 1/1/2005 but in the 7th grade would have to play on the 7th Grade or 7th/8th Grade Group team except if they have always played within the previous age group as compared to playing up with their classmates. Most likely this player was born in August 2005. This player is grandfathered to continue playing with the same age group teammates (on a 6th Grade Group team) they have played with in the past as long as proof of playing history is provided.

AGE BASED GROUPINGS FOR 2017/18 SOCCER YEAR

SINGLE AGE GROUPINGS (2017/18)

Program	Date of Birth Requirements Born On or After
5U	1/1/2013
6U	1/1/2012
7U	1/1/2011
8U	1/1/2010
9U	1/1/2009
10U	1/1/2008
11U	1/1/2007
12U	1/1/2006
13U	1/1/2005
14U	1/1/2004
15U	1/1/2003
16U	1/1/2002
17U	1/1/2001
18U	1/1/2000
19U	1/1/1999

Beginning Aug. 1, 2016, US Youth Soccer began using the following birth-year “labels” for competition, based upon the season in which competition ends. For example the 2017-18 soccer year:

- Players born from August 1, 1998 – December 31, 1998 will be labeled as 19 and Under
- Players born from January 1, 2000 – December 31, 1999 will be labeled as 18 and Under
- Players born from January 1, 2001 – December 31, 2000 will be labeled as 17 and Under
- Players born from January 1, 2002 – December 31, 2001 will be labeled as 16 and Under
- Players born from January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2002 will be labeled as 15 and Under
- Players born from January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2003 will be labeled as 14 and Under
- Players born from January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2004 will be labeled as 13 and Under
- The age group “label” will be determined by subtracting the year in which the players participating in the competition were born from the year in which competition ends. For example a player born in 2004 subtracted from 2018 (the end of the 2017/18 soccer year) makes them a 14U.

The change to birth year age groups and to the “labels” for naming each age group have been made by U.S. Soccer.