



School-Year Age Group Alignment — Effective 2026–2027

Age Group	2025-26 (Current Calendar Year)	2026-27 (New School Year)	Typical School Grade (Fall 2026)
U11	Born 2015	Aug 1, 2015 – Jul 31, 2016	5th Grade
U12	Born 2014	Aug 1, 2014 – Jul 31, 2015	6th Grade
U13	Born 2013	Aug 1, 2013 – Jul 31, 2014	7th Grade
U14	Born 2012	Aug 1, 2012 – Jul 31, 2013	8th Grade
U15	Born 2011	Aug 1, 2011 – Jul 31, 2012	9th Grade (Freshman)
U16	Born 2010	Aug 1, 2010 – Jul 31, 2011	10th Grade (Sophomore)
U17	Born 2009	Aug 1, 2009 – Jul 31, 2010	11th Grade (Junior)
U18	Born 2008	Aug 1, 2008 – Jul 31, 2009	12th Grade (Senior)
U19	Born 2007	Aug 1, 2007 – Jul 31, 2008	Post-Grad / Mixed

CIU-Age Group Alignment – School Year Model w/August Distinction

Birth Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug ¹	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2016	U11	U11	U11	U11	U11	U11	U11	U11	U10	U10	U10	U10
2015	U12	U12	U12	U12	U12	U12	U12	U12	U11	U11	U11	U11
2014	U13	U13	U13	U13	U13	U13	U13	U13	U12	U12	U12	U12
2013	U14	U14	U14	U14	U14	U14	U14	U14	U13	U13	U13	U13
2012	U15	U15	U15	U15	U15	U15	U15	U15	U14	U14	U14	U14
2011	U16	U16	U16	U16	U16	U16	U16	U16	U15	U15	U15	U15
2010	U17	U17	U17	U17	U17	U17	U17	U17	U16	U16	U16	U16
2009	U18	U18	U18	U18	U18	U18	U18	U18	U17	U17	U17	U17
2008	U19	U19	U19	U19	U19	U19	U19	U19	U18	U18	U18	U18

1. Players with birthdates in August will be placed in the age group based on the age group of their classmates. For example, an August 2013 player that is going to be an 8th grader will be placed in U14 compared to a player that is going to be a 7th grader whom will be placed at U13.

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