



Kentucky Youth Soccer Association has confirmed that starting this fall, we will follow US Youth Soccer’s recommendation to move from the current calendar-year (January-December) model to a seasonal-year (August-July) model for age grouping.

Current System: Birth year (January 1 - December 31)

New System: Seasonal year (August 1 - July 31)

This change is intended to better align soccer teams with school grade levels so that more players can compete alongside their classmates. It also reduces the challenges faced by “trapped players” — those whose birthdates separate them from their grade-level peers at key transition years, such as 8th grade or senior year of high school.

To remain eligible for participation in competitions and leagues sanctioned by US Youth Soccer and US Club, including KY State Cup, President’s Cup and Challenge Cup, Falls City must comply with such change.

Under this new structure, each roster will span two calendar birth years. Here is a helpful chart:

## 2026-2027 AGE GROUPS

### PLAYER BIRTHDATE

U8 | August 1, 2018 - July 31, 2019

U14 | August 1, 2012 - July 31, 2013

U9 | August 1, 2017 - July 31, 2018

U15 | August 1, 2011 - July 31, 2012

U10 | August 1, 2016 - July 31, 2017

U16 | August 1, 2010 - July 31, 2011

U11 | August 1, 2015 - July 31, 2016

U17 | August 1, 2009 - July 31, 2010

U12 | August 1, 2014 - July 31, 2015

U18 | August 1, 2008 - July 31, 2009

U13 | August 1, 2013 - July 31, 2014

U19 | August 1, 2007 - July 31, 2008

## Can my child “play up” in age group?

This is a common question. Players are allowed to play up in age group, however, such a decision should be a collaboration between families, coaches and club directors. We are committed to keeping the individual player’s best interest at heart. Certainly, this change will impact how we conduct tryouts. **Therefore, Club Directors and/or coaches will contact those candidates prior to tryouts to discuss options.**

**IF YOU ARE NOT CONTACTED, your child should attend their birth-year tryout time listed below.**

**Plan to attend both sessions of tryouts. If there is a conflict, alert your coach in advance.**