



YOUTH SOCCER AGE GROUPS ARE CHANGING.

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW.



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This is a structural shift. The players' wellbeing and development are at the forefront of this decision by USYS. This shift means better **ALIGNMENT AND STABILITY** and most players will see minimal disruption.





ROAD TO NATIONALS



Force FC's goal is to maintain a **HEALTHY CLUB CULTURE**. This shift will place players in the right environment and prioritize long-term growth. Players will be grouped more consistently year-to-year meaning they can compete alongside their classmates.

USYS is **FOCUSED ON THE LONG GAME**. The U15 split between 8-9th grade will end and academic and athletic pathways will be aligned. This is beneficial for college coaches as they recruit by graduation year.





AGE GROUP CHART

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AGE GROUP	BORN BETWEEN	U-13	Aug. 1, 2013, July 31, 2014
U-6	Aug. 1, 2020-July 31, 2021	U-14	Aug. 1, 2012-July 31, 2013
U-7	Aug. 1, 2019-July 31, 2020	U-15	Aug. 1, 2011-July 31, 2012
U-8	Aug. 1, 2018-July 31, 2019	U-16	Aug. 1, 2010-July 31, 2011
U-9	Aug. 1, 2017-July 31, 2018	U-17	Aug. 1, 2009-July 31, 2010
U-10	Aug. 1, 2016-July 31, 2017	U-18	Aug. 1, 2008-July 31, 2009
U-11	Aug. 1, 2015-July 31, 2016	U-19	Aug. 1, 2007-July 31, 2008
U-12	Aug. 1, 2014-July 31, 2015	U-20	Aug. 1, 2006-July 31, 2007