



## 2026-2027 Age Group Change FAQ's

After extensive feedback from across the country, U.S. Soccer has announced that beginning with the **2026–2027 season**, youth soccer will return to **school-year age groups (August 1–July 31)**. This change will realign club soccer with school grade levels and is expected to reduce confusion and align with the school calendar so players in the same grade will play in the same age group. This adjustment will be implemented across **all Tosa Kickers teams, just as it will across all clubs across the country**. Please see answers to frequently asked questions below.

### What are the new age groups?

Age Group	Birth Date Range	Age Group	Birth Date Range
U6	Aug 1, 2020 – Jul 31, 2021	U13	Aug 1, 2013 – Jul 31, 2014
U7	Aug 1, 2019 – Jul 31, 2020	U14	Aug 1, 2012 – Jul 31, 2013
U8	Aug 1, 2018 – Jul 31, 2019	U15	Aug 1, 2011 – Jul 31, 2012
U9	Aug 1, 2017 – Jul 31, 2018	U16	Aug 1, 2010 – Jul 31, 2011
U10	Aug 1, 2016 – Jul 31, 2017	U17	Aug 1, 2009 – Jul 31, 2010
U11	Aug 1, 2015 – Jul 31, 2016	U18	Aug 1, 2008 – Jul 31, 2009
U12	Aug 1, 2014 – Jul 31, 2015	U19	Aug 1, 2007 – Jul 31, 2008

### What organization does the Tosa Kickers play in?

Tosa Kickers play in leagues and tournaments in Wisconsin sanctioned by Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association (WYSA), which falls under the jurisdiction of US Youth Soccer (USYS).

### Can my child play up with their grade if they have an August birthday?

Yes, players born in August or September can play up with their grade, as that is the intention of the age group change. *For example, a player has an August 4th, 2012 birthday and is in 9th grade. They are within the U14 age group (8th graders). They will be allowed to play up with their grade in the U15 age group.*

**What if my child has a July birthday and wants to play with their grade but they are too old for the age group?**

Unfortunately, no. They will have to play in their age group as they cannot play “down.” *For example, a player has an July 30th, 2015 and are in the U12 age group and 5th grade. They will have to play U12, which is mostly 6th graders because players cannot play down an age group.*

**Why can't Tosa Kickers just keep doing what we are doing?**

Every club and team that we play against in our leagues and tournaments will adjust their teams to the new age groups. In order to compete and continue age appropriate development, we will also adjust our teams to the new age groups in Fall 2026. This is consistent across Wisconsin and the country.

**Does this change for recreational teams as well as select teams?**

Yes. The change will be made for select and recreational teams.