

# 2026/27



THINGS TO  
KNOW!

# AGE GROUP ALIGNMENT



U.S. Youth Soccer, US Club Soccer, AYSO, USSSA, and MLS Next all agreed to update the player age group alignment beginning with the 2026-27 seasonal year.

With this update we will move away from the **calendar-year format (January-December)** and return to the **season-based model (August 1- July 31)**.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

# AGE GROUP BREAKDOWN

## 2026-27 SEASON



- U6:** August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2021
- U7:** August 1, 2019 – July 31, 2020
- U8:** August 1, 2018 – July 31, 2019
- U9:** August 1, 2017 – July 31, 2018
- U10:** August 1, 2016 – July 31, 2017
- U11:** August 1, 2015 – July 31, 2016
- U12:** August 1, 2014 – July 31, 2015
- U13:** August 1, 2013 – July 31, 2014
- U14:** August 1, 2012 – July 31, 2013
- U15:** August 1, 2011 – July 31, 2012
- U16:** August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2011
- U17:** August 1, 2009 – July 31, 2010
- U18:** August 1, 2008 – July 31, 2009
- U19:** August 1, 2007 – July 31, 2008

# CLUB STATEMENT



As our athletes, teams, and families navigate the upcoming changes, LVSA wants to assure you that we remain committed to putting our players first. We understand that these changes may bring challenges and uncertainty, but our focus will always be on supporting each athlete and team in a way that best meets their needs.

LVSA will continue to prioritize the development, well-being, and long-term growth of every player. As we move through this transition together, our commitment to providing a positive, player-centered environment will not change.

# CLUB STATEMENT



As our athletes, teams, and families navigate the upcoming changes to U.S. Youth Soccer age groups, LVSA wants to reassure you that our focus will always be on our players. We know this transition may feel uncertain at times, but we're here to support every athlete and team every step of the way.

We will continue to prioritize what's best for each player's development while also valuing the importance of team chemistry and continuity.

At the end of the day, our commitment remains the same; putting our players first and creating the best possible environment for their growth, both on and off the field.