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2026-2027 Birth Year Matrix

This chart is organized to demonstrate how players will be assigned using the August 1st to July 31st Age Group formation cycle utilized by US Youth Soccer, US Club and AYSO starting August 2026. As teams look to update their rosters accordingly for the change in formation cycles, please remember that a team's age group is decided by the oldest player on the roster.

	Age Group	Player Format	Max Roster	Ball Size	Length of Half/Halftime
Aug 2020 - Jul 2021	U6	4v4 - no GK	8	3	20 min / 5 min
Aug 2019 - Jul 2020	U7	5v5	10	3	20 min / 5 min
Aug 2018 - Jul 2019	U8	5v5	10	3	20 min / 5 min
Aug 2017 - Jul 2018	U9	7v7	14	4	25 min / 5 min
Aug 2016 - Jul 2017	U10	7v7	14	4	25 min / 5 min
Aug 2015 - Jul 2016	U11	9v9	16	4	30 min / 5 min
Aug 2014 - Jul 2015	U12	9v9	16	4	30 min / 5 min
Aug 2013 - Jul 2014	U13	11v11	22*	5	35 min / 5 min
Aug 2012 - Jul 2013	U14	11v11	22*	5	35 min / 5 min
Aug 2011 - Jul 2012	U15	11v11	22*	5	40 min / 10 min
Aug 2010 - Jul 2011	U16	11v11	22*	5	40 min / 10 min
Aug 2009 - Jul 2010	U17	11v11	22*	5	40 min / 10 min
Aug 2008 - Jul 2009	U18	11v11	22*	5	40 min / 10 min
Aug 2007 - Jul 2008	U19	11v11	22*	5	40 min / 10 min
Aug 2006 - Jul 2007	U20	11v11	22*	5	40 min / 10 min

*U13-U19 teams have up to 22 players on the official roster but limited to no more than 18 players on the sideline at any game.