

**How do I determine the birth year used for a competition?**

Birth year registration should be based on the year in which the season ends. For example, if a season begins in the fall of 2017 and ends in the summer of 2018 (ex: 2017-18 season), the players would be registered based on their age in the year 2018. Competitions that take place in a single year (ex: fall of 2018 only) should use that year to determine birth year. To simplify determining the age group, just subtract the birth year from the year the season ends.

Year Season Ends – Birth Year = Age Group:

- 2017-18 – 2003 = U15
- 2022-23 – 2016 = U7
- 2018 – 2012 = U6

Please refer to the Birth Year and Season Matrix for more detailed information.



**Birth Year and Season Matrix**

When determining the age group for a season, the year the season ends should be used for determining the birth year. Also note that the format "U followed by age" really means that age and younger. For example, U8 should be read as 8 and younger. For more age-group information please reference [U.S. Soccer's Player Development Initiatives](#).

Season	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
<b>Birth Year</b>									
<b>2020</b>									
<b>2019</b>									U6
<b>2018</b>								U6	U7
<b>2017</b>							U6	U7	U8
<b>2016</b>						U6	U7	U8	U9
<b>2015</b>					U6	U7	U8	U9	U10
<b>2014</b>				U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11
<b>2013</b>			U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12
<b>2012</b>		U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13
<b>2011</b>	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14
<b>2010</b>	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15
<b>2009</b>	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16
<b>2008</b>	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
<b>2007</b>	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18
<b>2006</b>	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
<b>2005</b>	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	
<b>2004</b>	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19		
<b>2003</b>	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19			
<b>2002</b>	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19				
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