



Greater Renton Tukwila Youth Soccer Association

Fall 2016 Soccer Birth Year Registration

USSF (United States Soccer Federation) has mandated player development initiatives for fall 2017, but encouraged organizations to begin earlier as a best practice. GRTYSA is progressing forward with the mandate for the fall 2016 season.

Here are the basics in regards of the birth year initiative:

- Organizing youth born in the same year to play at the same age group simplifies and standardizes soccer structure across the nation.
- Coaches do have the option to “play up” in order to keep their team together. This will be a coach decision.
- Having players train and play according to their age and developmental stage supports the objectives of the small sided standards by focusing on the physiological and developmental needs of the player.

USSF Age Chart 2016-2017

Birth Year	2016-2017 Age Group	GRTYSA Group
2012	U5	Mod (Modified)
2011	U6	Mod (Modified)
2010	U7	Mod (Modified)
2009	U8	Mod (Modified)
2008	U9	Mod (Modified)
2007	U10	Rec (Recreational)
2006	U11	Rec (Recreational)
2005	U12	Rec (Recreational)
2004	U13	Rec (Recreational)
2003	U14	Rec (Recreational)
2002	U15	Rec (Recreational)
2001	U16	Rec (Recreational)
2000	U17	Rec (Recreational)
1999	U18	Rec (Recreational)