



# Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

## Proposed Amendment to MSYSA Rule 3.2, A-C

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To be effective: 6/01/2026

### I. Current Rule:

#### Rule 3.2: Age Limit and Competitive Level Definitions

- A. **Youth Player.** The term "youth player" shall mean an amateur player who has not attained his or her nineteenth (19th) birthday before the first day of January of the Seasonal Year in which he or she applies for registration.
- B. **Attaining Age Limit.** Players attaining the limited age for any age group on or after January 1 will be eligible to play for the full seasonal year.
- C. **Age Groups.** All member organizations, unless otherwise sanctioned by the board of directors, shall divide play among teams as listed below. Member organizations may utilize two (2) year age groups for age groups U14 and below, multi-year age group for U15 and above rather than single year age groups without specific board of director's approval. Age divisions shall consist of players who before the first day of January of the Seasonal Year in which the player applies for registration, are:

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| <b>Under 19</b> - Under 19 years old | <b>Under 11</b> - Under 11 years old |
| <b>Under 18</b> - Under 18 years old | <b>Under 10</b> - Under 10 years old |
| <b>Under 17</b> - Under 17 years old | <b>Under 9</b> - Under 9 years old   |
| <b>Under 16</b> - Under 16 years old | <b>Under 8</b> - Under 8 years old   |
| <b>Under 15</b> - Under 15 years old | <b>Under 7</b> - Under 7 years old   |
| <b>Under 14</b> - Under 14 years old | <b>Under 6</b> - Under 6 years old   |
| <b>Under 13</b> - Under 13 years old | <b>Under 5</b> - Under 5 years old   |
| <b>Under 12</b> - Under 12 years old | <b>Under 4</b> - Under 4 years old   |

### II. How the Rule Would Be Changed:

Change the verbiage to match the change in age group formation for USYS from January of each year to August.

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- B. **Attaining Age Limit.** Players attaining the limited age for any age group on or after **August** 1 will be eligible to play for the full seasonal year.
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<b>Under 19</b> - Under 19 years old	<b>Under 11</b> - Under 11 years old
<b>Under 18</b> - Under 18 years old	<b>Under 10</b> - Under 10 years old
<b>Under 17</b> - Under 17 years old	<b>Under 9</b> - Under 9 years old
<b>Under 16</b> - Under 16 years old	<b>Under 8</b> - Under 8 years old
<b>Under 15</b> - Under 15 years old	<b>Under 7</b> - Under 7 years old
<b>Under 14</b> - Under 14 years old	<b>Under 6</b> - Under 6 years old
<b>Under 13</b> - Under 13 years old	<b>Under 5</b> - Under 5 years old
<b>Under 12</b> - Under 12 years old	<b>Under 4</b> - Under 4 years old

### III. Rationale:

This change is to ensure consistent and correct start date for player 'school year' team formation commencing in fall 2026, per USYS policy.

### IV. Outcome:

MSYSA Board of Director's Approved, on 1-26-26.