

## Kearney Soccer Club – Age Cycle Transition (2025-2026 to 2026-2027)

Following extensive review and discussion, **US Youth Soccer\***, AYSO, and US Club Soccer have collectively decided to move to an age group player formation cycle that runs from August 1 to July 31, starting with the 2026-27 season/registration year. This change was made based on additional critical feedback, data, and expert input to better align players with their school-grade peers. Our associations feel that this age group player formation will be the most inclusive and help increase participation.

The August 1 to July 31 age group player formation cycle will be used for all USYS league and Cup competitions for the 2026-27 season/registration year including: National Championships, Presidents Cup, and National League.

As a reminder, under U.S. Soccer’s new policy, each Federation member can determine age group registration rules for the leagues and competitions they operate or sanction. To support this transition, U.S. Soccer has introduced a **TOOL** to help parents and guardians easily understand the age groupings based on their child’s birthdate.

Again, please note that this decision is effective beginning with each Organization Member’s 2026-27 season/registration year.

\*Nebraska State Soccer and the Kearney Soccer Club are members of **US Youth Soccer (USYS)**.

### Competitive Players

<b>Birth Year</b>	<b>Fall 2025 &amp; Spring 2026</b>
2016s (all)	Comp U10
2017s (all)	Comp U9
2018s (all)	Developmental
<b>Birth Year</b>	<b>Fall 2026</b>
2016s (Jan 1-July 31)	Select U11
2016s (Aug 1-Dec 31)	Select U11 or Comp U10 – Player’s choice
2017s (Jan 1-July 31)	Comp U10 (with interested Aug 1-Dec 31, 2016s)
2017s (Aug 1-Dec 31)	Repeat U9
2018s (Jan 1-July 31)	Comp U9 (with Aug 1-Dec 31, 2017s)
2018s (Aug 1-Dec 31)	Developmental

### Current Select Players

	<b>Fall 2025</b>	<b>Fall 2026</b>
2014 Players (example)	(U12) nothing changes	(U13) Jan 1-July 31 (U12) Aug 1-Dec 31 – Player’s choice to stay with older or move to younger team