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WORRIED ABOUT THE AGE CHANGE?

YOU'RE NOT ALONE — WE'VE PLANNED FOR THIS.

PLAYER EXCEPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT FURMAN

WHAT'S CHANGING?

U.S. SOCCER IS MOVING TO AN AUGUST 1- JULY 31 BIRTH-YEAR CYCLE FOR AGE GROUPS.

THIS REPLACES THE OLD CALENDAR-YEAR SYSTEM.

Q: DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO TRY OUT IN THEIR NEW AGE GROUPS?

A: YES. ALL PLAYERS ARE EXPECTED TO TRY OUT WITHIN THEIR MANDATED AGE GROUP UNDER THE NEW RULES.

Q: ARE EXCEPTIONS PERMITTED?

A: YES, BUT ONLY IN SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENTAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

ALL EXCEPTIONS MUST:
• BE RECOMMENDED BY THE COACH AND DIRECTOR OF COACHING (DOC)

EXCEPTION 1: ELITE-PLAYER PLAYING UP

A PLAYER WHO IS ALREADY AN ELITE LEVEL PLAYER AND HAS BEEN COMPETING UP AN AGE GROUP MAY BE CONSIDERED TO CONTINUE PLAYING UP, AS IT SUPPORTS DEVELOPMENT AND TEAM BALANCE.

EXCEPTION 2:
SCHOOL GRADE ALIGNMENT

IF A PLAYER'S BIRTH DATE PLACES THEM IN A YOUNGER AGE GROUP THAN THEIR SCHOOL GRADE, THE SITUATION WILL BE REVIEWED INDIVIDUALLY TO KEEP PLAYERS ALIGNED WITH THEIR GRADE-LEVEL PEERS WHEN POSSIBLE.

EXCEPTION 3:
PLAYER TOO ADVANCED FOR THE YOUNGER GROUP

IF A PLAYER AGES DOWN BUT IS CLEARLY TOO STRONG OR ADVANCED FOR THE YOUNGER GROUP, AN EXEMPTION MAY BE CONSIDERED SO THE PLAYER REMAINS PROPERLY CHALLENGED.

Q. WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

DON'T HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH OUR TEAM

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AGE GROUP CHART

18U	AUGUST 1, 2008 – JULY 31, 2009
17U	AUGUST 1, 2009 – JULY 31, 2010
16U	AUGUST 1, 2010 – JULY 31, 2011
15U	AUGUST 1, 2011 – JULY 31, 2012
14U	AUGUST 1, 2012 – JULY 31, 2013
13U	AUGUST 1, 2013 – JULY 31, 2014
12U	AUGUST 1, 2014 – JULY 31, 2015
11U	AUGUST 1, 2015 – JULY 31, 2016
10U	AUGUST 1, 2016 – JULY 31, 2017
9U	AUGUST 1, 2017 – JULY 31, 2018
8U	AUGUST 1, 2018 – JULY 31, 2019
7U	AUGUST 1, 2019 – JULY 31, 2020
6U	AUGUST 1, 2020 – JULY 31, 2021