

Beginning Fall 2017

BIRTH YEAR	AGE GROUP
1999	U19
2000	U18
2001	U17
2002	U16
2003	U15
2004	U14
2005	U13
2006	U12
2007	U11
2008	U10
2009	U9
2010	U8
2011	U7
2012	U6
2013	U5
2014*	U4
*Must be 3 years old by Aug 1 for Fall and Jan 1 for Spring	

When possible, all age groups will be utilized – otherwise, players will be grouped in even numbered age groups: U4, U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18.

	U4	U5/U6	U7/U8	U9/U10	U11/U12	U13 and Up
Field Size (approx. yds)	20x30	20x30	20x30	40x60	55x80	60x100
# of Players	3v3	4v4	4v4	7v7	9v9	11v11
Goalie?	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Playing Time	(4) 6 min Quarters	(4) 8 min Quarters	(4) 10 min Quarters	(2) 25 min Halves	(2) 30 min Halves	U13: 2x35 U15: 2x40 U17: 2x45
Break Time	(2) 2 min (1) 5 min	(2) 2 min (1) 5 min	(2) 2 min (1) 5 min	(1) 5 min	(1) 5 min	(1) 5 min
Ball Size	3	3	3	4	4	5
Goal Size	4ft x 6ft	4ft x 6ft	4ft x 6ft	6.5ft x 18.5ft	6.5ft x 18.5ft	8ft x 24ft
Offside?	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Direct Kicks?	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Heading Allowed?	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Max Roster Size*	8	8	8	12	16	U13: 18 U15: 22
*WSA will set roster sizes as needed, not exceeding these mandates by North Texas Soccer						

For U9/U10 only: A build out line (a line approx. 21ft from the goal line, spanning the width of the field) will be used. The build out line was designed and mandated by US Youth Soccer to promote playing the ball out of the back in an unpressured setting. When the goalkeeper has the ball, either during play or from a goal kick, the opposing team must move behind the build out line. At any time the goalkeeper may pass, throw or roll the ball to a teammate, but the goalkeeper does so accepting the positioning of the opponents and the consequences of how play resumes. Punts or drop-kicks are not allowed as this would defeat the purpose of the build out line and reduces the opportunity to play out of the defending third in an unpressured setting. After the ball is put into play, the opposing team can then cross the build out line and play resumes as normal.

All Players: All players *returning* to their team from the *immediate* past season will be automatically added to that roster unless they request to not return.

Players may only play up one age level. For example, a player born in 2009 is a U9 player, they may play up onto a U10 team but they cannot play on a U11 team. As such, a player born in 2010 is a U8 player, they may play up onto a U9 team, but they cannot play on a U10 team. This means that if a U9 age group cannot be made, the player cannot be on a U9 team playing in U10.

All players *returning* to their team from the *immediate* past season will be grandfathered in for age. This means that a 2010 player *returning* to their team from *last* season, may play on a U9 team playing in U10.