

NEW AGE GROUP RULE STARTING FALL 2026 SEASON

Starting this Fall, NTSSA is changing how player age groups are calculated.

- **Spring 2026 and earlier seasons:** age groups followed the **birth year calendar** (January 1 – December 31). All players born in the same year played together.
- **Starting Fall 2026 and later:** age groups will follow the **school year calendar** (August 1 – July 31).

What this means for your child's age group:

- Player born **August 1 – December 31** of any year: stays in the **same age group** as Spring 2026.
- Player born **January 1 – July 31** of any year: **moves up one age group**.

If your child is returning to their Spring 2026 team, you do not need to do anything special. Your team will play in the age group of its oldest player, so the whole team moves up together. Just register for Fall 2026 and select "Return to my Spring 2026 team." Your team stays intact. If you absolutely want to stay in your school year age group, just select "Return to New Age Group". DO NOT Select "Return to Team" or else it will override this option.

If your child is new to KSA or switching teams: they'll be placed in the age group that matches their birthday under the new age chart. If you want your player to play up with older kids, you will need select the "I want to play up" option during registration.

The full Fall 2026 / Spring 2027 age chart is available on the KSA website's FAQ page.