



Dear LOSC Families,

We want to make you aware of an important upcoming change that will affect all youth soccer programs across the country, including LOSC.

Beginning with the **2026–27 season**, teams will be organized by **grade-year (August 1–July 31)** rather than **calendar-year (January 1–December 31)**. This change has been mandated by our state and national governing bodies, and all clubs will be following this new system.

What This Means

- All players will register for tryouts under the **correct grade-year group** according to their birthdate (August 1–July 31).
- OPFC coaches and staff will continue to place each player in the **best possible environment for their development**.
- In some cases, a player may be evaluated for placement **outside their grade-year** based on developmental factors. These decisions will be made carefully by our coaching staff and club leadership.

Our Commitment to Players

We know that changes like this can raise questions, but please be assured that:

- Our **top priority** is each player's growth and development.
- Our **professional coaching staff** will guide this process with care and experience.
- Families do **not need to request special placement changes** — any evaluations for alternate placement will be handled internally by the club.

In short: **please trust the process and the professionals involved — we've got this.** LOSC will continue to do everything possible to ensure players are challenged, supported, and developing in the right environment.

If you have any questions about this transition, please reach out to **club leadership (or program directors)**. We're happy to help explain the process and what it means for your player.

We appreciate your continued trust and support of LOSC.

Thanks,

LOSC Leadership

Age Group	Birth Dates (Born Between)
U-6	August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2021
U-7	August 1, 2019 – July 31, 2020
U-8	August 1, 2018 – July 31, 2019
U-9	August 1, 2017 – July 31, 2018
U-10	August 1, 2016 – July 31, 2017
U-11	August 1, 2015 – July 31, 2016
U-12	August 1, 2014 – July 31, 2015
U-13	August 1, 2013 – July 31, 2014
U-14	August 1, 2012 – July 31, 2013
U-15	August 1, 2011 – July 31, 2012
U-16	August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2011
U-17	August 1, 2009 – July 31, 2010
U-18	August 1, 2008 – July 31, 2009
U-19	August 1, 2007 – July 31, 2008