



ATL FIRE

# CLUB-WIDE ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW AUGUST 1 - JULY 31 **PLAYER REGISTRATION CUT-OFF**

BEGINNING  
2026-2027  
SEASON

Dear AFU Families,

Following the recent unified update from US Club Soccer, US Youth Soccer, and AYSO, Atlanta Fire United will be aligning with the new August 1-July 31 birth year registration cut off, beginning with the 2026-2027 seasons. This will apply to all competitive and recreational programs within the club.

Our club leadership and coaching staff are currently:

- Reviewing all current rosters and birthdates to project how the shift will affect teams at each level with the purpose of creating the strongest teams possible in each age group
- Designing a process for new school year age group training sessions to improve the identification process for the 2026-27 season
- Communicating coaching staff and timelines of events clearly and early so all families know the timeline and rationale.

We are working diligently to ensure a smooth transition for the players and families in our club, and will continue to work to support the development of our teams and players as the source of your club's success.

College coaches often evaluate players based on graduation year, and this shift brings teams more in line with academic cohorts, making evaluation more consistent and clearer.

Positive and lasting impact on player experience, team cohesion, and long-term development with grade level based organization.

School-grade alignment will help increase sports participation, will be more inclusive, and support player development more effectively.

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## 2025-26 SEASON

## AGE GROUP

## 2026-27 SEASON

Born between Jan 1, 2020 - Dec 31, 2020

**U-6**

Born between Aug 1, 2020 - July 31, 2021

Born between Jan 1, 2019 - Dec 31, 2019

**U-7**

Born between Aug 1, 2019 - July 31, 2020

Born between Jan 1, 2018 - Dec 31, 2018

**U-8**

Born between Aug 1, 2018 - July 31, 2019

Born between Jan 1, 2017 - Dec 31, 2017

**U-9**

Born between Aug 1, 2017 - July 31, 2018

Born between Jan 1, 2016 - Dec 31, 2016

**U-10**

Born between Aug 1, 2016 - July 31, 2017

Born between Jan 1, 2015 - Dec 31, 2015

**U-11**

Born between Aug 1, 2015 - July 31, 2016

Born between Jan 1, 2014 - Dec 31, 2014

**U-12**

Born between Aug 1, 2014 - July 31, 2015

Born between Jan 1, 2013 - Dec 31, 2013

**U-13**

Born between Aug 1, 2013 - July 31, 2014

Born between Jan 1, 2012 - Dec 31, 2012

**U-14**

Born between Aug 1, 2012 - July 31, 2013

Born between Jan 1, 2011 - Dec 31, 2011

**U-15**

Born between Aug 1, 2011 - July 31, 2012

Born between Jan 1, 2010 - Dec 31, 2010

**U-16**

Born between Aug 1, 2010 - July 31, 2011

Born between Jan 1, 2009 - Dec 31, 2009

**U-17**

Born between Aug 1, 2009 - July 31, 2010

Born between Jan 1, 2008 - Dec 31, 2008

**U-18**

Born between Aug 1, 2008 - July 31, 2009

Born between Jan 1, 2007 - Dec 31, 2007

**U-19**

Born between Aug 1, 2007 - July 31, 2008

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