



**USSF Mandates and BUSBA
Implementation Structure
Spring 2019**

Player Development Initiatives

- In July of 2015, US Soccer adopted player development initiatives with their vision for long term player development in the United States.
- There are new standards for small sided games and birth year registrations to make our country synonymous with the rest of the world.
- Below is a 'word' presentation to highlight reasoning and changes.

Small Sided / Birth Year Overview

- **Small Sided Games Mandates**

- Unify and align younger age groups
- Develop technique and decision making
- Develop individual players over results

- **Birth Year Mandates**

- Align player registration with that of the rest of the world including local entities, ASA, ODP, Regional Teams, National Teams, ECNL, SCCL and FIFA.

BUSA Analysis and Research

- We have discussed this internally since July of 2015
- We have met and spoken with clubs and directors across the state, region, and country.
- Our Executive Director, Andrew Brower, has served on the ASA Technical Committee and worked hard directly with previous ASA Director Tom Condone
- Our Staff attended the ASA AGM, NSCAA Convention, ECNL League Meetings, SCCL League Meetings and worked with US Soccer to further discuss/research the proposed mandates from US Soccer Federation.
- We went through a comprehensive group analysis based on current Academy, Competitive, ECNL, SCCL and Recreational membership to assess impact and from strategic implementation for the upcoming season.

Implications of BUSA Recreational Programs

- BUSA Recreational Programming has changed to birth year for all of our in- house U-8 and below programs. (Sunday Soccer, U-6, U-7 and U-8)
- BUSA players participating in U-9 to U-19 Recreational Soccer and playing in the CASL Rec League will abide by new birth year mandates, as will the CASL league, sanctioned by ASA. BUSA will work with Recreational teams and players to play with classmates/ grade regardless of mandates and try to form the most sensible teams so there should be limited disruptions to their soccer experience.
- For any players who move out of the Recreational Program, the Director Staff will help guide the player into the Academy Program at U-9 through U-12 Competitive Soccer to adjust to the competitive calendar/birth year matrix.
- BUSA has worked to comply with the Small Sided Games Standards in Fall 2016 season with the exception of goal sizes, to which we will work towards the purchase of goals in this phase in period.
- BUSA has been a leader in creating developmentally appropriate environments for youth players. The Small Sided Games Standards are fairly minor changes and validate our position on small sided games and the importance of teaching the game the appropriate way.

US Soccer Standard Chart

Standards Chart



	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13
Maximum Field Size (yards)	30x20	30x20	30x20	47x30	47x30	75x47	75x47	112x75
Number of Players	4v4	4v4	4v4	7v7	7v7	9v9	9v9	11v11
GK	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Playing Times (minutes)	4x8	4x8	3x15	2x25	2x25	2x30	2x30	2x35
Break Times (minutes)	5	5	5	10	10	10	10	15
Ball Size	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	5
Goal Size (feet)	4x6	4x6	4x6	6.5x18.5	6.5x18.5	6.5x18.5	6.5x18.5	8x24
Offside	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Implications for BUSA U9 – U12 Programs

- BUSA U9 - U12 Competitive Academy program will continue to use a multifaceted approach to player development – bio mass, birth year, tiered, parity, and varied small sided formats.
- BUSA Academy will use birth year as a way to organize age group player pools/set practice times, but will still have flexibility for player movement based on ability and training convenience. All teams in these age groups will be organized by birth year (January 1, to December 31st) instead of the school based year to comply with standards set forth across the country.
- BUSA Academy Player Development Pathway will use the recommended formats for 7 vs. 7, and 9 vs. 9 in the 2016 soccer year and beyond to be in consortium with the new mandates from US Soccer. (Note some U-12 teams may play 11 vs.11)

Implications on Competitive Program (U13 – U19)

- BUSA competes and registers all competitive teams with USYS and/or US Club Soccer – ASA, ECNL, SCCL, RPL, SRPL Regionals, Presidents Cup, National League
- US Club and US Youth Soccer competitive members will be required to transition age grouping of teams from school-year based (Aug. 1- July 31) to calendar-year based (Jan. 1- Dec. 31) by Aug. 1, 2016.
- US Club and US Youth Soccer (ASA) competitive members will be required to follow the U.S. Soccer mandates related to small-sided games by Aug. 1, 2017.

BUSA Guidelines for 2019 – 2020 Competitive Season

- All age groups for youth soccer players playing in any USYS (ASA) US Club, USSSA league, or competitions shall be determined by birth year. A player's age group shall be determined by subtracting his or her year of birth from the year in which a seasonal year ends.
- Example #1 – Player A is born in 2006, and next year's season ends in 2020. Player A is an 14 and under player.
- Example #2 – Player B is born in 2003, and next year's season ends in 2020. Player B is a 17 and under player

Age Group Chart

Date of Birth	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
January	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
February	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
March	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
April	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
May	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
June	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
July	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
August	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
September	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
October	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
November	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
December	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19

Implications on ECNL Based Teams

- ECNL will follow all US Soccer Mandates effective the Fall of 2016.
- ECNL will continue to look for strategic ways to continue to be the leader in male and female soccer development in the United States.

BUSA Competitive Plan for 2019-2020

Competitive players attending Tryouts/Evaluations in May of 2019 will be placed, based on birth year.

- All players will be required to attend the tryout for their birth year unless pre-approved by a Director of Coaching

- Play ups will only be allowed if it is developmentally in the best interest of the player. All play ups will be decided by the DOC/ED based on physical, technical, tactical, psychological, and a player's training maturity.
- There may be an occasional need to merge older ages/allow play ups out of necessity due to numbers. This will be a DOC/ED decision.
- All BUSA Competitive teams formed for the 2019/2020 season will be formed based on birth year unless communicated previously to teams, players and or age groups.

Other Notes on Mandates

- Players will not lose a year of playing, but may accelerate to a different playing format. This is addressed developmentally in our curriculum/philosophy by focusing on principles of play and technique. Players can adapt to any format.
- As part of the BUSA Competitive pathway, most players get exposed at some point to the next playing format. Ex. 8 vs. 8 teams play 11 vs.11 friendlies in our current model.

Competitive Playing Format

- BUSA did comply with the Small Sided Games Standards in the Fall 2016 season
- U-9 and U10, 7 vs. 7 is the primary format, (with flexibility in playing 9 vs 9 as we currently do with certain ability based teams) (47 x 30 yard field size)
- U11/U12 – 9 vs. 9 (75 x 47 yard field size)
- U13 and above – 11 vs. 11 (112 x 75 yard field size)

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