



# ALBERTA SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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## **MEMO: Alberta Soccer Provincial Competition Age Categories**

Dear Members,

During the Special General Meeting on November 4, 2017, the membership voted to redefine the Alberta Soccer age groups. This age group adjustment will enable Alberta Soccer to align with the U15 and U17 Canada Soccer National Competitions.

As a result, the new age group categories are as follows:

- U19
- U17
- U15
- U13

While districts have the flexibility to adjust game formats for U10 and younger age groups, Alberta Soccer recommends the following:

- U11 – 8 v 8 (including goalkeeper) - Mandatory
- U10 – 8 v 8 (including goalkeeper)
- U9 – 7 v 7 (including goalkeeper)
- U8 – 7 v 7 (including goalkeeper)
- U7 – 5 v 5 (including goalkeeper)
- U6 – 5 v 5 (including goalkeeper)
- U5 – 3 v 3 (no goalkeeper)
- U4 – 1 with 1 optional (one child with one parent)

In addition, the membership also requested to change Youth Provincial Competitions to align with the new age group classifications. The following Age Groups for Youth Provincial Competitions will be in effect for the 2018 Outdoor Season:

- U19 Boys and Girls – Tier 2, 3, 4
- U17 Boys and Girls – Tier 1, 2, 3, 4
- U15 Boys and Girls – Tier 1, 2, 3, 4
- U13 Boys and Girls – Tier 1, 2, 3, 4

Alberta soccer is currently doing an audit of all documentation and website pages as it relates to this age group change and we ask for your patience as we edit the myriad of documents effected by the change.

If you have additional questions, please email [execdir@albertasoccer.com](mailto:execdir@albertasoccer.com).

Best regards,

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