

CRESCENTA VALLEY SOCCER CLUB



TOTAL PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Crescenta Valley Soccer Club (CVSC) always strives to be out in front of change. The registration of youth soccer players nationwide will shift to calendar-year age grouping, as opposed to the current school year age grouping. The US Soccer Birth Year change will be a challenge not only for CVSC, but for every soccer club across the US. The Club also understands that families are curious as to how the new Soccer Birth Year Rule will impact your player for the 2016-2017 season. US Soccer and CALSOUTH will begin enforcing the new Soccer Birth Year Rule in 2016. With the impending change set to go into effect, we have put together a FAQ and answers to help you better understand the new Soccer Birth Year change.

What exactly does Birth Year Mean?

Birth year means a player will play in the age group of the year that they are born. The Birth Year calendar runs from January 1st to December 31st. For example, if you are born between Jan. 1, 2000 and Dec. 31, 2000, you will play in the 2000 Birth Year age group. If you are born between Jan. 1, 2002 and Dec. 31, 2002, you will play in 2002 Birth year and so on.

Why is Crescenta Valley SC moving to Birth Year?

We are moving to the new Birth Year Rule because the US Soccer Federation, which is the governing body for all youth soccer in America, will mandate the new Birth Year to take effect for all Clubs / Leagues that are sanctioned under the US Soccer Federation beginning with the 2016-17 season. Both Crescenta Valley Soccer Club and SCDSL are Sanctioned Leagues under the US Soccer Federation and CALSOUTH.

Why is the US Soccer Federation going to Birth Year?

The US Soccer Federation is going to the new Birth Year rule to align youth soccer with the rest of the world. Every country in the world plays with the impending Birth Year Rule and all international youth soccer competitions are Birth Year, including all Youth National Team competitions and Youth World Cup competitions. The US Soccer Federation recognizes that the change will help our players develop faster. They also hope it will benefit youth soccer in the short term by producing better players and in the long term by producing players who can compete on the world stage to help the USA win a World Cup.

Is Crescenta Valley Soccer Club going to conduct tryouts?

Yes. For the first time in the Club's 15 year existence, Crescenta Valley Soccer Club will conduct tryouts. The tryouts will provide each player with the opportunity to showcase their ability in front of the coaching staff and evaluators. The tryout will be posted for U7-U14 boys and girls by the end of November.

Should my son or daughter attend tryouts?

Yes, it is mandatory for all players interested in playing for Crescenta Valley SC for the 2016-2017 season to attend the tryout to ensure a spot on a CVSC team.

Who will be my son or daughters coach?

We will be announcing the coaching staff prior to the different age group tryouts.

Are players able to "play up" in an older age group?

Yes, there are no restrictions on players, playing up an age group. For example, a player born in 2000 can play up and join a team in the 1999 Birth Year age group.

Are players allowed to "play down" in a younger age group?

No, players **CANNOT** play down with a younger aged team. For example, a player born in 1999 **CANNOT** go down and play with the 2000 Birth Year Age Group.

Are teams able to keep the same team for the upcoming 2016-2017 season?

This is not a scenario that the Club would rule out. However, the goal of the tryout is to make sure that players are playing at their proper age and that your player is on a team that consists of players who are of a similar playing level. With the new Birth Year Rule, there's a possibility of players who are "playing up" to play against players that are potentially 19 months older than the youngest player on a team.

The Club would prefer to not have this be the case as it will present a challenge for the player's development and for the team.

What is the next step for me as a parent and for my player?

The Clubs asks for your patience as we know not everyone likes change. We will be announcing tryout dates for the U7-U14 teams later this month. U15-U19 tryout dates will be announced in January. With that, current teams will stay intact and The Club encourages your team to play in tournaments and to compete in State Cup.

In closing:

The Club will implement the new Birth Year Rule into our program and make sure that the process goes as smooth as possible. Keep in mind that every soccer club and soccer family in America is dealing with the change as well. The Club will transition with the current change and any other change that might occur in the future as we always have. The Club will be coordinated with a plan in place and always out in front of our competition. This is the evolution of US Soccer, and CVSC needs to evolve as well.

And finally, the goal of CVSC is to run efficiently as a club, provide our players with the best coaches and to develop your player to his or hers fullest extent not only as a player, but as a person.