

Age Group Placement Rules and Guidelines:

1. **General Rule:** ANZA Soccer's rule is that children should play in the age group in which they qualify based on their birth date and gender (e.g., girls play "one year down").
2. **One Month Rule:** If a child's birth date is within one month of the cut-off date for their age group, they may request to be placed in the other nearest age group; this decision would require approval from both AGCs of the age groups involved, who should take into account issues like player size / skill and age-group numbers
3. **Convenience Not a Reason:** Requests to play in a different age group for the convenience of the parents/family will not be considered.
4. **Player Too Strong Not a Reason:** Requests to play "up" because the child is a strong player will not be considered.
5. **Player Too Small/Weak May Be a Reason:** Requests to play "down" because the child is an unusually small, timid, or weak player may be considered, with the input and approval of both AGCs involved. In this case, parents should be clearly informed that their player will be asked to return to their appropriate age group when they have "caught up" to their age-band peers.