

## ASA Advanced Leagues and Open League Promotion/Relegation Process 2026-2027

### Promotion & Relegation Standards

Due to the age group birth date change for the 2026–2027 seasonal year, the following promotion and relegation standards will apply to both Advanced Leagues and Open League divisions.

To assist with the implementation process, ASA will provide a required form for teams and clubs to complete. This form will be used to indicate age group intentions and verify player continuity in order to determine proper placement for the upcoming seasonal year.

Age Group 2026-27	Birth Date Range	New Year Age Group
U18/19	Aug 1, 2007 - July 31, 2009	'07/'08/'09
U17	Aug 1, 2009 - July 31, 2010	'09/'10
U16	Aug 1, 2010 - July 31, 2011	'10/'11
U15	Aug 1, 2011 - July 31, 2012	'11/'12
U14	Aug 1, 2012 - July 31, 2013	'12/'13
U13	Aug 1, 2013 - July 31, 2014	'13/'14
U12	Aug 1, 2014 - July 31, 2015	'14/'15
U11	Aug 1, 2015 - July 31, 2016	'15/'16

**The process for promotion and relegation during this transitional year will use the following guidelines. However, the ASA League Committee will review all team applications and determine the appropriate placement for each team. ASA reserves the right to adjust placements as necessary for the overall benefit of the league and its divisions. Teams that do not meet the 50% roster continuity requirement must apply as a new team.**

## Promotion – Age Group Options

### Teams Promoted to a Higher Division

Teams that earn promotion to a higher division will have the option to:

- **Move up one age group, or**
- **Remain in their current age group,**

provided the team maintains **at least 50% player continuity** from the previous seasonal year roster and complies with the applicable birth date requirements.

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### Example – Advanced Leagues Teams

**U14 - Team Blundell 2012 Girls** finish First Place in State League 1 during the 2025–2026 season.

#### Option 1:

Promote to **APL U15**

- Must maintain at least 50% player continuity
- Must comply with the U15 birth date range

#### Option 2:

Promote to **APL U14**

- Must maintain at least 50% player continuity
- Must comply with the U14 birth date range

### Example – Open League Teams

**U14 - Team Berzins 2012 Boys** finish First Place in Open League Champions division during the 2025–2026 season – second season.

#### Option 1:

Promote to **State League 2 U15**

- Must maintain at least 50% player continuity
- Must comply with the U15 birth date range

#### Option 2:

Promote to **State League 2 U14**

- Must maintain at least 50% player continuity
- Must comply with the U14 birth date range

## Relegation – Age Group Options

### Teams Relegated to a Lower Division

Teams that are relegated to a lower division will have the option to:

- **Move up one age group, or**
- **Remain in their current age group,**

provided the team maintains **at least 50% player continuity** from the previous seasonal year roster and complies with the applicable birth date requirements.

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### Example – Advanced Leagues Teams

**U16 - Team Blundell 2010 Girls** finish Last Place in State League 1 during the 2025–2026 season.

#### Option 1:

Relegate to **State League 2 U17**

- Must comply with the U17 birth date range

#### Option 2: Competition Placement

The team will either:

- Be relegated to **State League 2 U16,**
- **or**
- Remain in the current division (placement not guaranteed),

**Subject to the following conditions:**

- The team must fully comply with the **U16 birth date eligibility requirements.**

### Example – Open League Teams

**U16 - Team Berzins 2010 Boys** finish Last Place in Open League Champions division during the 2025–2026 season.

#### Option 1:

Relegate to **Open League Division 2 U17**

- Must comply with the U17 birth date range

#### Option 2: Competition Placement

The team will either:

- Be relegated to **State League 2 U16,**
- **or**
- Remain in the current division (placement not guaranteed),

**Subject to the following conditions:**

- A minimum of **50% player continuity** must be maintained from the current squad.
- The team must fully comply with the **U16 birth date eligibility requirements.**