

## **The Registration "Year"**

We are currently in the 2018 season. The softball "year" for USSSA runs from August 1 to July 31. All tournaments scheduled after August 1 are considered 2018 events and in order to participate in them a team must be registered for 2018. In short, all the teams that were created and all rosters that were submitted for the 2017 season expired on July 31, 2017.

Under the USSSA system (ISTS), a manager establishes a one-time account, and then creates teams under that account from year to year. On or shortly after July 1 managers should create their 2018 team, particularly if they plan on playing any USSSA tournaments between August and December. Otherwise, they can certainly wait until next year to create their team.

When a manager creates a 2018 team, he/she will then need to enter their roster online just as they did for 2017, then print the roster and have each player and parent sign it. One thing that makes entering your roster easier the second time around is that any player that previously played on a team that the manager has under their account will already be in the system. If the manager wants to retain that player for 2018 (or at least the fall of 2017) then all he/she has to do is highlight the player under the "Add Former Player" section and hit the submit button.

## **Roster Age Eligibility**

Now, here's the catch. The age cut off is still based on the calendar year, however the age eligibility for 2018 teams will change beginning August 1, 2017.

It's a bit easier to think of it this way: What is the age of the player as of December 31, 2017? That is her roster age for the 2018 season which will begin August 1, 2017.

Below is a breakdown of age eligibility for the 2017 season. Managers must be aware of the age eligibility cut off in order to properly classify the age of your team for the fall season.

### **Age Eligibility According to Birth Year for the 2018 Season (which begins August 1, 2017)**

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Birth Date</b>
10U	2007-2012
11U	2006-2011
12U	2005-2010
13U	2004-2009
14U	2003-2008
15U	2002-2007
16U	2001-2006
18U	1999-2004

