Summary

Past and future: Acceptance to YCC from 2005-2025 has been entirely based on growth and sanctioning metrics for team-sponsoring local disc organizations (LDOs). Starting in 2026, the goal will be to accept all teams. In age-gender divisions with more than 24 teams, the division will be separated into two tiers; DI and DII. Age-gender divisions with DI and DII will use the Points Chart (see link below) to determine their placement.

For more background information on the youth club competition restructuring effort, please see this document.

The Points System

This points system (click here to open) will be used to determine into which tier a team is accepted.

The points system is designed to offer approximately ⅔ of the maximal achievable points based on a team's final placement at the previous YCC (team competition results/strength) and ⅓ of the achievable points based on local & state growth/program factors (as supported directly by each team's supporting LDO and home state). While it is a goal for YCC to showcase the highest level of youth ultimate competition, it also a goal for the event to reward LDOs that promote & encourage growth and accessibility of the sport for youth locally, to increase the overall number of players at all levels, not just those with resources & commitment levels for national-level travel events.

Achieving the maximum growth points is designed to be a relatively high bar that only a few organizations typically reach. Most organizations are likely operating programs already that earn some growth points, and those who are not should be able to make relatively small changes to grow & earn some growth points.

- Growth points are awarded to all teams across an organization or a state.
- Competition points are only earned by that specific team within an age-gender division.
- Points determine teams tier (DI vs DII), not seeding within a tier.
- A team can request to move down to a lower tier. This would require approval from the RYDs AND that another team is willing to move up to fill the high tier.
- New teams will be placed into D2 for their first year and then have an opportunity to move up in the future.
- For LDO sanctioned youth event points, a maximum of two "events" in each gender category can be earned by sending youth club teams to a Youth Club Regional event.

Explanations

Teams that place 1st through 3rd in DII will earn more competition points than those that place 11th - 16th in DI, in order to increase the likelihood that they will be offered DI in the following year.

If every team earns the same number of growth points (i.e., looking only at competition points), 3 teams would move (be promoted or relegated) between DI and DII:

2500	D1 1st		1700	D1 9th
2400	D1 2nd		1250	D2 1st
2300	D1 3rd		1150	D2 2nd
2200	D1 4th		1100	D1 10th
2100	D1 5th		1050	D2 3rd
2000	D1 6th		1000	D1 11th
1900	D1 7th		900	D1 12th
1800	D1 8th		800	D1 13th

Guideline Details

Gender balancing:
- To bring 1 boys division "B team" (2nd team) in either U-20 or U-17 age groups, LDO must also bring a girls division team in either age group.
- For every additional boys division team, your LDO must bring an additional girls division team.

All mixed division (inherently balanced) & "B" teams in girls divisions (historically underrepresented) will be accepted.

Tie breakers: the higher points from competition, followed by higher points from LDO-level activity, followed by higher points from state-level activity, followed by higher points from girls division state championships

Prior Years: Teams that were not in the previous year YCC but that competed in one of the 3 prior years will earn points equal to their most recent finish with a 25% absolute reduction for each year. E.G.., for 2026 YCC points:
- If they only missed 2025 YCC, they would receive 75% of the competitive points for their 2024 placement
- If they missed 2025 & 2024 YCCs, they would receive 50% of the competitive points for their 2023 YCC placement
- If they missed 2023-25 YCC, they would receive 25% of the competitive points for their 2022 YCC placement.
- If it was longer ago that the team last attended YCC, then no competitive points are possible)

Future growth percentages indicated in the chart will not be used for 2026 YCC tier placement, but will be used in subsequent years. Growth activity that is gathered in the first year will be used as a comparative baseline for determining percentages in future years.

In future years, for any states or LDOs with no activity in a category in the previous year, no growth will be possible in the subsequent year (with zero as the previous year denominator) until they establish that activity. For example, if a state has no USAU State Championship in Fall 2024 - Spring 2025, and then host a USAU State Championship in Spring 2026 with 4 teams, they will not be considered to have grown by any fixed percentage (having gone from 0 to 4 teams). But if the subsequent Spring 2027 State Championship has 6 teams, then they would have 50% growth indicated. This will apply to LDO's USAU-sanctioned events also. We will use 2024-25 activity as a growth baseline for future years.

Timeline

Here is a draft* of the application and acceptance timing:
- Early Sep - Publication of priority statuses and underlying data for teams who attended YCCs
  - Used to determine DI vs DII placement for the next year's YCC
- End of Sep - Correction submissions due to the published priority data
- Mid Oct - Verbal acceptance deadline for DI teams.
- Early Feb - Application deadline for new teams
  - That is, any teams who did not play at the previous year's YCC
- End of Feb - Payment deposit deadline for DI placed teams
- Early Mar - DI team lists confirmed.
  - If any openings in DI exist (teams folded/not paid), then DII teams will be offered promotion, based on priority status.
- Mid Mar - Verbal acceptance deadline for DII teams offered promotion to DI
- End of Apr - Remaining payment deposits due
  - For DII teams and those invited to DI after the previous deadline

*The specific detailed timeline hasn't been finalized.