



# grassroots 18.26

Background information  
Statistics and comments

# Evolution of the age groups

All players\* / men / seniors 18+

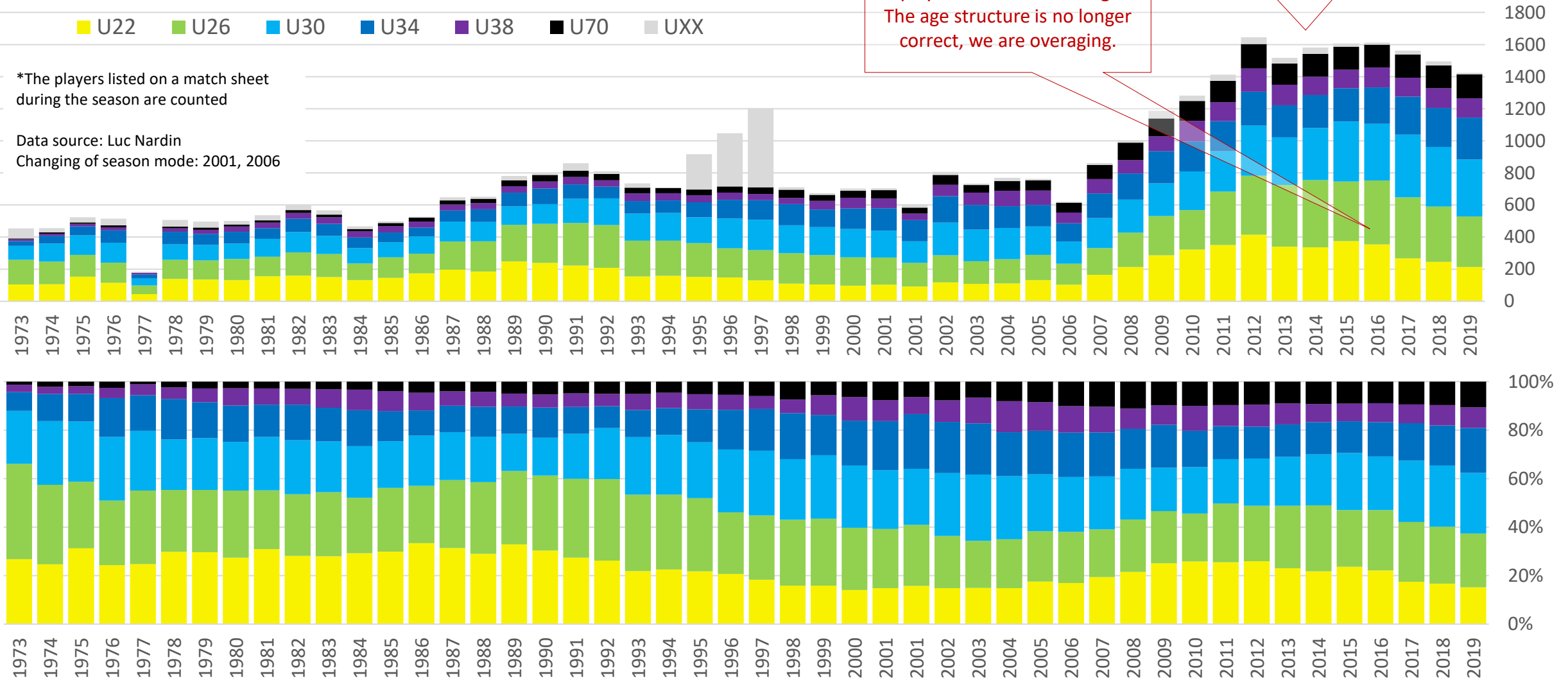
After a strong growth 2006-2012 the number of players (men) decreases continuously in the last seven years

It is the number of young players that is decreasing. The age structure is no longer correct, we are overaging.

U22 U26 U30 U34 U38 U70 UXX

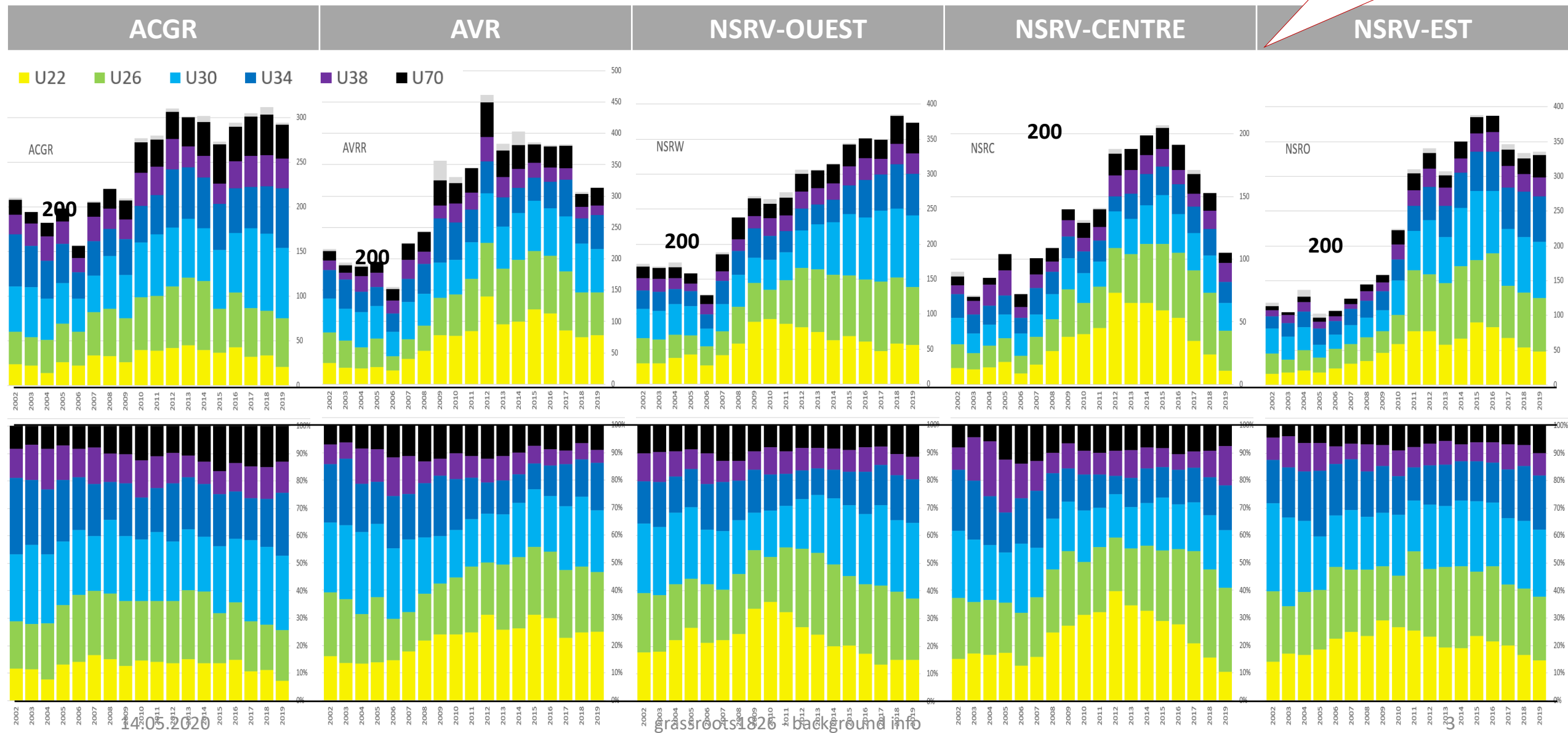
\*The players listed on a match sheet during the season are counted

Data source: Luc Nardin  
Changing of season mode: 2001, 2006



# REGIONS (5) – men 18+, 2002-2019 - by ages

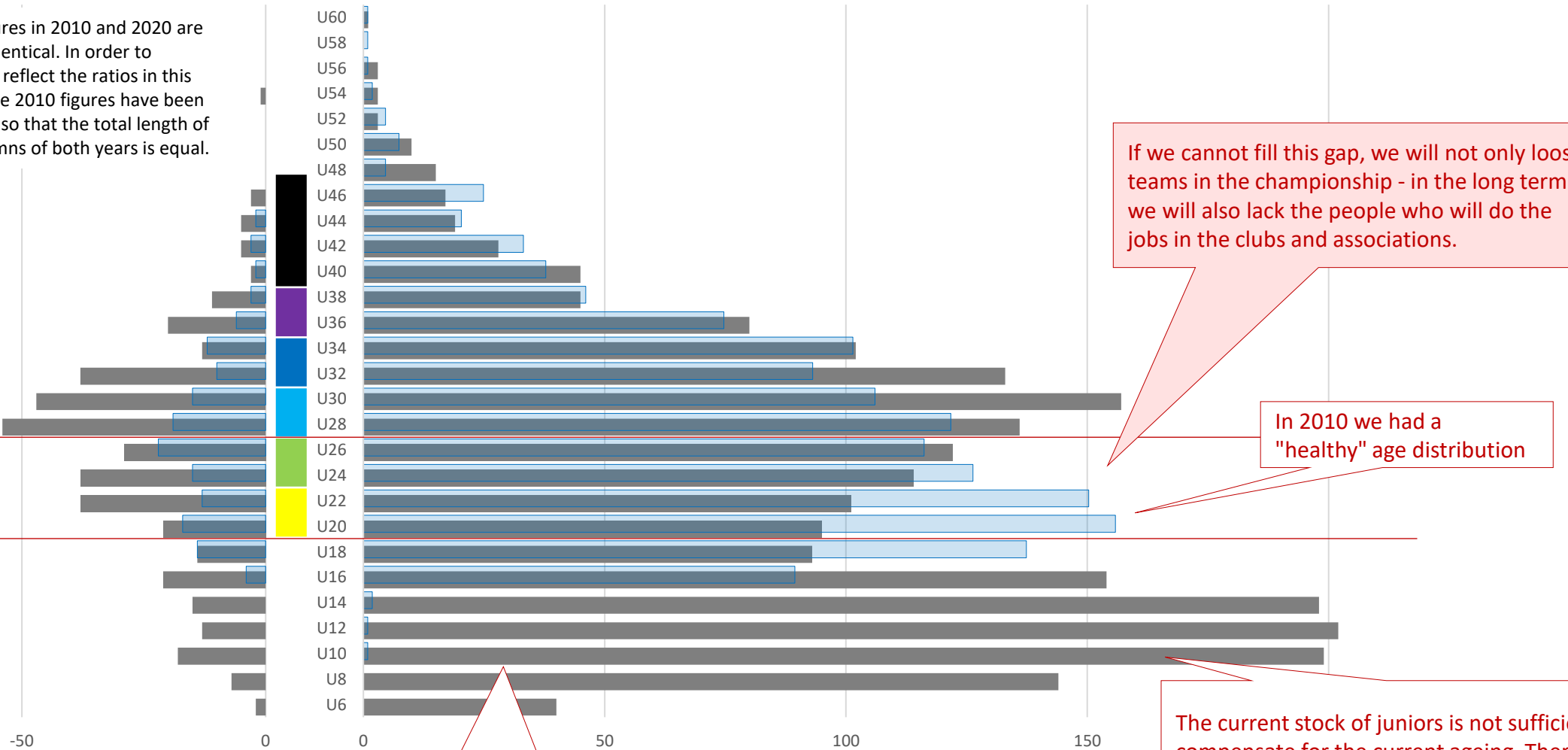
ALL regions are (over)ageing.  
With very few exceptions, this  
trend is taking place in all clubs.



# The age structure 2010 and today

(■ \*2010 Data Luc Nardin; ■ 2020 SportLomo march 2020)

\*The figures in 2010 and 2020 are almost identical. In order to correctly reflect the ratios in this graph, the 2010 figures have been adjusted so that the total length of the columns of both years is equal.



If we cannot fill this gap, we will not only lose teams in the championship - in the long term we will also lack the people who will do the jobs in the clubs and associations.

In 2010 we had a "healthy" age distribution

No junior data are available for 2010 (only from 2013).

The current stock of juniors is not sufficient to compensate for the current ageing. There are too few juniors (at most a third will stay) and it takes too long until they reach the critical age segments!