



REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT POLICY

The Sylvan Lake Blizzard Soccer Club (hereinafter referred to as the “SLBSC”) will follow the Canada Soccer (hereinafter referred to as “CS”) pathway model for “Long Term Player Development” (hereinafter referred to as “LTPD”). LTPD is designed to give players an optimal soccer experience at every stage by putting their needs front and centre, while encouraging lifelong participation in their love for soccer.

The SLBSC Board of Directors determines all registration fees and will assess them on an annual basis.

REGISTRATION POLICY GUIDELINES:

- 1) All players must be registered prior to attending any tryouts, practices and/or games.
- 2) All registration forms must be signed (electronically) by a parent and/or guardian for players under the age of majority (18 years of age) using the online registration platform.
- 3) Player registration information, including but not limited to, name, address, phone number, personal health care number, and parent and/or guardian contact information, will be forwarded to the appropriate coordinators and coaches.
- 4) It remains the responsibility of the registrant to ensure all player information is correct and true to the best of their knowledge at the time of registering. In the event that information requires updating, it is the responsibility of the registrant to do so via email to the Director of Operations.
- 5) Player registration accounts are private, and only the account holder has access rights. Information, including personal details or related data of the account holder or any associated members, will not be shared with anyone except the account holder.
- 6) At no time will any players from the Recreational or Competitive League be allowed to play at a lower age/division level due to insurance restrictions.
- 7) In keeping with LTPD, no players from the Recreational or Competitive League will be permitted to play at a higher age/division level unless deemed an exceptional player. Exceptional players are uncommon and will be deemed as such by the Technical Coordinator, Board Members and Coaches based on technical, tactical, physical and mental aspects of the player.
- 8) Call-ups to the next age/division level are a method of furthering skill development for players. Any call-ups for the Recreational or Competitive League must be pre-approved by the Director of Operations for presentation to the SLBSC Board and the Central Alberta Soccer Association (hereinafter referred to as “CASA”) to ensure all insurance and governance requirements are met. At no time will a coach and/or parent allow a call-up without prior approval. Call-ups will be a maximum of five games per player and playing time may not be equal to regular rostered players.
- 9) Special requests for players to be on the same team will only be granted if both parties have put in the request for the same player via email; only one request per player is allowed. These special requests only apply to the Recreational League not the Competitive League.



PAYMENT POLICY GUIDELINES:

- 1) Payment may be submitted online using a valid credit card.
- 2) Payment may be submitted by cash or cheque; arrangements must be made in advance with the Director of Operations prior to the final date of registration.
- 3) Financial assistance is available for those in need using Alberta approved funding agencies (listed below).
- 4) Registration is not considered complete until payment is received. If payment is not received on or before the registration closing date, the player will not be placed on a team and registration will be considered cancelled.
- 5) For players on the Competitive League teams, a CASA ID Card required for play will not be released until payment is received or financial assistance is in place.
- 6) There is a \$30.00 surcharge for all “NSF” or “Stop Payment” cheques.
- 7) There is a \$25.00 non-refundable late fee charged (per player) for any registration made after the designated registration date. Designated spring season registration dates for the Recreational and Competitive League run from February 1st to February 28th (29th on a leap year) of the current year. Starting on March 1st until March 21st a late fee will be charged as noted above. Registration closes at 11:45pm MST on March 21st of the current year; no registrations will be accepted after this date.
- 8) Designated fall/winter season registration dates for the Competitive League will open on or after September 1st and remain open until the teams are full or the Board renders a decision on the viability of a team. Late fees will not be charged for this season. Practice spots may be offered on a per team basis dependent on the coach capacity and Board discretion.

REFUND POLICY GUIDELINES:

- 1) Partial refunds are available, less the \$25.00 non-refundable late fee per player (if applicable) and an administration fee of \$40.00 (per player). In the event of extenuating circumstances, the Board may approve full refunds when requested in writing by a registrant.
 - 2) Pro-rated refunds may be provided, at the discretion of the Board, after the start of season play. Each pro-rated refund request will be examined on its’ own merit.
 - 3) No refund will be issued for the following situations:
 - a) Not playing soccer due to suspensions.
 - b) The player has a personal conflict with his/her coach and/or teammates.
 - c) The player does not want to play anymore.
 - d) Any other reason deemed unjustifiable by the Board.
 - 4) A doctor’s note may be requested by the Board for any injury related refund request. Full refunds may be granted at the discretion of the Board based on the nature of the injury and whether or not the player will miss the season in its entirety.
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- 5) If the player's registration was paid for by using financial assistance, any related refund will be issued back to the funding agency by the SLBSC.
- 6) All requests for refunds must be submitted in writing via email to the Director of Operations.
- 7) In the event that the SLBSC has to cancel any team or the season in its entirety for any reason, all registration fees, less any non-refundable late fees (if applicable) will be fully refunded at the Board's direction.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

KidSport and Canadian Tire's Jumpstart programs may provide assistance for families in need to remove financial obstacles. To apply for financial assistance, you must complete and send in the appropriate application found online at the following links:

KidSport – <https://kidsportcanada.ca/alberta/red-deer/>

Jumpstart - <https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/pages/individual-child-grants>

The applicant must contact the SLBSC Director of Operations to provide confirmation of financial assistance prior to online registration. Further instructions will be given upon confirmation to proceed with the registration and offline payment option.