

Registration FAQ

To Register with the Lakeshore Soccer Club as a new member/family...or
...Just general questions that are frequently asked.

1. Is registration for the Lakeshore Soccer Club and its programs open to everyone?

Yes!

2. What piece of identification required for proof of age?

As a new player, proof of age is also required; by means of supplying a copy of the player(s) Medicare card or birth certificate.

3. What means of payment are accepted by the Club?

The registration fees must be paid before any player can be processed. The fees can be paid in cash – for which a receipt will be given, by cheque (which cannot be post dated); made payable to Lakeshore Soccer Club and (NEW); with Interac or Credit Card (MasterCard or Visa) 3% will be added.

4. Are there any forms to be filled out?

There are two forms required to register– one is our Lakeshore Soccer Club FAMILY **registration** form; for which multiple siblings from the same family may be used. The other is what we call a '**Bordereau**' or '**Affiliation** form'. This is from the Quebec Soccer Federation and is used to issue player passport numbers, and subsequently track players. The required signature is for insurance purposes and is mandatory. If the signature is missing, the registration will NOT be processed. All players 7 years old and up must drop by the office during our open office hours to have their picture taken if none is on file or their picture has expired.

5. Where is the administrative office of Lakeshore Soccer located?

The Lakeshore Soccer Club office is located at 16849 Blvd. Hymus in Kirkland.

6. How can we ensure that friends are placed on the same House League team?

Reasonable effort will be made to accommodate requests , but with approx 3000+ players in the Lakeshore Soccer Club – accommodating every request is simply impossible.

7. When does the season start?

The season generally begins the third week of May.

8. How come my child's practice field is not near home?

Your child's practice field is NOT determined by your home address. The teams are built with demographics in mind, but in reality it is the volunteer coach who chooses the practice field. The allocation of practice fields is done for ALL Recreation coaches via our website. A grid of available fields is opened up on a 'specific day/time', which the coaches learn at their May meeting – and use a team specific login ID code to access the grid. Subsequently, all coaches log in to the system at the same time and try to book the practice field of their choice, on the day and time of choice too. Quite obviously they will not all get their first choices for practice fields. It's based on a first come... first served basis; electronically.

9. How many sessions per week are to be expected?

The Recreational program offers one practice weekly, in the evenings either at 6:00 – 7:00 or from 7:00 – 8:00. There is also a scheduled game once weekly on the weekend (either Saturday or Sunday).

10. How young can my child start playing and to what age do you offer the program?

The youngest player must be 4 years old the year of birth of the Soccer season(whole Year) you are registering for and programs right up to +45 age category.

11. How are the teams made up with respect to gender?

All age categories are gender split. Boys play for teams that all have 'dog names', and girls for teams with 'cat names'.

12. How many different age groups can we expect at each level?

The U09 and u10's are combined into a division called U10, the U11/U12's division U12 and U13/U14 division U14, as well as the U15 and U16's play under the U16 umbrella. The rest of the divisions contain players born ONLY during the calendar year of the respective birth year. There are no exceptions to have

a player play 'up or down' a division without written proof from a physician that it's in the player's best interest.

13. How many games are scheduled in the season?

The season schedule offers 12 games, for which games cancelled due to inclement weather or another valid reason are NOT rescheduled.

14. What is the Soccerfest Tournament?

Players born in 2009 (2017 season) and older (U8+) are eligible to participate in the largest recreational tournament in Quebec – Lakeshore Soccerfest. Players from each team will be selected as the season takes place, and approx. 2-3 teams per division will compete. The tournament for U8 and U9 is festival, the U10 and up play for the championship.

15. Are there any playoffs at the end of the season?

Although no standings are kept for Recreational season play, players born in 2006 and older (U10+) will have the chance at winning the season ending Knock-out Cup. All teams U10 + play a round robin at the end of the season, usually over a two weekend period. And trophies are presented to all players who finish as the 'finalist and/or champion' of their division.

16. Are there referees at all levels?

At the U4, U5, U6 and U7 level, there are no referees but rather field monitors – who're mandated by the LSC to verify coaching passports and mediate should the need arise. They report directly to the Club. The U4, U5 and U6 levels play 4 v 4 without a goal keeper. The U7 & U8 play 5 v 5 including a goal keeper. Divisions U9 & U10 play 7 v 7 and U11 & U12 players play 9 v 9 soccer, with the U13 + playing traditional 11 v 11 soccer. From U8 and up; all games are officiated by certified referees. Participation trophies are given to each player from U4- U9 inclusively.

17. I would like to volunteer as a coach or manager for my child's team. How does this work?

All teams are coached/staffed by volunteer parents like you. They are subjected to a mandatory police clearance background check – and carry with them a coaching passport. This applies to the head coach, assistant coach and team manager. There is no limit to how many parents per team can carry a passport (**however only THREE coaches/volunteers are permitted at the same time on the bench area with the players) In fact we encourage as many as possible to do so, as without a valid 'passported' volunteer on the player bench – the referee will have no choice but to cancel the game.

18. Is there a code of ethics for players, coaches and parents?

Our website contains the code of ethics and should be read and understood by everyone. Having said that, Lakeshore Soccer Club has a zero tolerance policy on any form of abuse towards the referees and/or volunteers – from your child's team or your opponent's team. We have a discipline committee who meet weekly to hear any cases whereby abuse has been reported; verbal or otherwise.

19. When will I hear from my child's coach?

You will ONLY hear from your child's coach approximately the first or second week of May. The coaches are mandated to attend level specific meetings and coaching clinics throughout the first week of May – at which point they are given their new team roster. Once received; they're instructed to make their first communication with their new team of players.

20. How does the refund process work?

Refunds are granted to ONLY those requesting one up until the 1st of April, 2016. After that time, a spot has been reserved on a team for your child – and a uniform has been ordered. Therefore, without a doctor's note or a valid reason (ie: moving out of town) – all requests for reimbursements are denied after April 1st. Please note that reimbursements will not be given because your child has not been placed on a specifically requested team.

21. Are there rebates for registering more than one child?

A family registering 3 or more children (ALL residing at the same residence) will be entitled to a registration fee rebate as follows: \$15 for the third child, \$20 for the fourth and \$25 for the fifth and subsequent child off the total fee (ie 3 players fee of \$620.00 -\$15.00 = \$605.00)

At any time, you can contact the office for further information – but always check the web site first; you might be surprised to find the answers to your questions are already there.... © www.lakeshoresoccer.ca .