

LAND PARK SOCCER CLUB FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is your refund policy? Recreational registration fees will be refunded based on the following schedule:

Requests made before May 7:	Full refund of registration fee
Requests made May 7-July 31:	\$50 refund at Under 6, \$60 refund at all other ages
Requests made August 1-Sept. 5:	\$30 refund at Under 6, \$40 refund at all other ages
Requests made after Sept. 5:	No refund

Please be aware that not getting the team, coach, or teammates that you request does not entitle you to a full refund after May 6. The refund policy applies to any player who we are able to place on any team. Any player who we are not able to place will receive a full refund.

If you are looking for our Metro refund policy, please e-mail landparksoccer@sbcglobal.net.

What is the registration deadline? All registration packets received on or before May 6 are considered to be on time. Registration packets received on or after May 7 are considered late. Players who register late must pay a \$30 late fee and will be placed on a waiting list. Wait-listed players will not be placed on teams until every player in the same age group who registered on time has been placed. The \$30 late fee is non-refundable if we are able to place the player on any team (regardless of whether it is the team you request). If you register late and we are not able to place your child on a team, you will receive a full refund of both the late fee and the registration fee.

I am registering my child late, but he is a returning player. Is he still guaranteed a spot on his team from last season? No. Only returning players who register during the regular registration period are guaranteed a spot on their team from last season. Players who register late (after May 6) are placed on a waiting list and will be placed on teams only after all players in the same age group who registered by May 6 have been accommodated.

My child played for Land Park Soccer last season. Do I still have to submit a birth certificate? Yes, all players must submit a birth certificate in order to register. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes. It is not a rule that the club has control over; it is set by our parent organization. We hope that next year only new players will have to submit birth certificates, but we can't make any promises.

What if my child's birth certificate is not printed in English, or if I do not have my child's birth certificate? Contact us ASAP for instructions. E-mail landparksoccer@sbcglobal.net or leave a message at 743-5088.

How do I determine my child's age group? Use the following matrix to determine your child's age group:

Age Group	Birthdates
U6	8/1/2003 - 7/31/2005
U8	8/1/2001 - 7/31/2003
U10	8/1/1999 - 7/31/2001
U12	8/1/1997 - 7/31/1999

Age Group	Birthdates
U14	8/1/1995 - 7/31/1997
U16	8/1/1993 - 7/31/1995
U19	8/1/1990 - 7/31/1993

Will my child be grouped with teammates of the same age? Our priority with team formation is for teams to be "age pure." This means that within each age group we try to form first-year and second-year teams where all players on the team have birthdays in the same "soccer year." For example, a first-year U10 team would have players who were born between August 1, 2000 and July 31, 2001, and a second-year U10 team would have players who were born between August 1, 1999 and July 31, 2000. However, depending on the number of players who register in each age group, there are times when we have to place first-year players on second-year teams

Can my child play in a higher age group? While we generally discourage playing in a higher age group (known as "playing up"), it may be appropriate for some players. Playing up requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The club reserves the right to refuse such requests if we do not feel that it would be in the best interest of the player. In no case can a player play up more than one age group. Under 6 players may never play up.

Can my child play in a lower age group? No. Playing down is not permitted.

Why can you not guarantee that my child will be placed on the team we request? We do our best to honor requests, but it is not always possible due to roster size limitations, age restrictions, and other factors. For example, at Under 10 the maximum number of players that can be placed on a team's roster is 14. If more than 14 players request a particular Under 10 team, the coach will not be able to take all of them. In addition, players who were on a team last season who registered during the regular registration period have priority to return to that team this season. Only after accommodating all returning players can a coach accept new players. Please be aware that not getting the team, coach, or teammates that you request does not entitle you to a full refund. Any player who we are able to place on any team is subject to our standard refund policy.

When will we be notified about team placement? Coaches must notify all players of their team placement by June 30. In most cases you will hear from your coach in early to mid June.

When are practices? Practices for recreational teams begin around August 1. Most teams practice twice a week, on either Mondays/Wednesdays or Tuesdays/Thursdays. Practices are generally between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Younger teams usually practice for an hour at a time; older teams may practice longer. Your coach will inform you of your practice schedule when he or she calls to notify you about your team placement. We do not assign practice times until after teams are formed, so we cannot accommodate requests for a particular practice schedule.

When are games? The first game of the recreational season is on September 12. The last game is on November 21. Land Park Soccer hosts a tournament for recreational teams at U10-U14 the weekend of October 17-18. Check with your coach to see if your team will be playing in this event.

When is Picture Day? Picture Day is on Sunday, September 13. This is when we take team and individual pictures (the cost is covered by your registration fee). Teams are assigned a specific time slot, usually between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Your coach will let you know your team's time slot about 2 weeks in advance. Due to the number of teams we have to schedule, we cannot accommodate requests for specific time slots on Picture Day.

What equipment will my player need? Your player will need soccer cleats, shin guards, and a water bottle. The club will provide a uniform for all recreational players, which is to be worn at games only and must be returned at the end of the season. The club will also provide each player with one pair of soccer socks to keep. The club also provides balls for practices, but we also encourage players to purchase their own ball to practice at home. If you purchase a ball, be sure to get the correct size. U6-U8 players use a size 3, U8-U12 players use a size 4, and U14-U19 players use a size 5.

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