



Provincial Qualification Policy

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Policy Statement

The Sherwood Park District Soccer Association (SPDSA) retains a berth to all youth provincial competitions for both the indoor and outdoor season, in the Community and Phoenix programs. The SPDSA has the authority to determine a team's eligibility to attend any Provincial Competition based on criteria as outlined by the SPDSA.

Guidelines

- 1) Teams in the U14 to U18 age groups in Community and Phoenix may be eligible to attend Provincial Competitions as offered by the Alberta Soccer Association.
- 2) The SPDSA will not declare teams for Provincial Competitions that are in the U12 or younger age group(s).
- 3) Teams must achieve 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in their respective league standings at the date in which declarations are due to the Alberta Soccer Association. In cases where a league schedule does not give a team enough games to determine a true standing, the team must demonstrate that they are able to compete and are competitive within their league at the declaration deadline. Team eligibility will be determined by the SPDSA in consultation with the coach.
- 4) In the event there are multiple teams playing at the same age and Tier, the qualification process shall be followed as outlined in the current SPDSA Rules and Regulations.
- 5) Teams must meet all eligibility requirements as determined by the Alberta Soccer Associations competition rules and regulations.
- 6) Should an additional berth become available for an SPDSA team to attend a Provincial competition in the same age group and category where a team is already entered, the SPDSA shall determine the team that is eligible to fill that berth.
- 7) Teams that are approved to attend Provincial competitions are responsible for any fines / penalties issued by the Alberta Soccer Association as outlined in the competition rules and regulations.

Procedure

- 1) The SPDSA shall invite all eligible teams to submit an application to attend provincials.
- 2) All interested teams shall submit the required application on or before the date indicated by the SPDSA. Acceptance of late applications will be at the sole discretion of the SPDSA.
- 3) The SPDSA will review all applications and advise teams of their application status.
- 4) Once a team has accepted the opportunity to attend their Provincial competition, they accept full responsibility for any fine, should they pull their application after the deadline as outlined by the Alberta Soccer Association.
- 5) Any appeal on the decision of the application shall be made in writing, to the SPDSA Technical Staff / General Manager