

## Athabasca Soccer Association

### Next Year Planning Kick-off

November 19, 2025

Attendees:

Mitch Cartwright, Angie Delancey, Angela Kuzyk, Nadine Byers, Neil Kuly, Trevor Bochon, Kate Walker

Called to Order 7:43pm

1. Intension of returning board members. Positions not returning next year that will need to be fill at the AGM.
  - Secretary
  - Equipment Director
  - Registrar
  - Field Coordinator/Scheduler

**ACTION** – current board to begin recruiting and advertising that these positions will be open, with others possible and how rewarding this work can be. Most who are leaving is due to work commitments or aged out athletes.

2. Review of financials to help inform next year fees and plans.  
(ANGIE TO PROVIDE ATTACHMENT)

3. Email addresses for board positions.  
There is a cost to this, and it requires a credit card to process.

**ACTION – MITCH** to check with the bank about a card or best practice for these ongoing expenses.

**ACTION – MAT** to check with RAMP if email addresses for associations are part of their services.

4. Jerseys
  - a. U11 – U15+ teams will be issued personalized jerseys (included in their fees). These will need to be selected over the winter and ordered in advance of the season. If we keep the same jerseys for all teams we can order in bulk (enough for 2 U11, 2U13 and 2 U15 teams plus a few extra in all the sizes). This will also help to have some in stock for unplanned losses or roster changes.
  - b. Will use a local person to add numbers and personalization once teams are set in the spring.

- c. To keep this affordable for the club (as personalized jerseys cannot come out of casino funds) we will look for community businesses and individuals to sponsor.

**ACTION – ANGIE and ANGELA** to look for templated sponsor letters and to develop a plan for gold/silver/bronze sponsorship that can have logos added to the jerseys in exchange for .

**ACTION – MITCH** to look into TimBits program for sponsorship of the younger teams u5/u7/u9 shirts and tournament activities.

**ACTION – EQUIPMENT DIRECTORS** to start pricing soccer jerseys for approval and vote at next meeting.

## 5. Coaching and Incentives

We need to build up more coaches as our long-term coaches age out and new families begin the program.

**ACTION – MITCH to connect with LAURA** for a full review of what is required of our coaches and how to start recruitment for the spring now.

*MOTION: The board approves that starting in spring 2026, Head coaches for U11-U15+ will get up to 2 of their child/dependant's registrations free. Assistant Coaches and Team Managers will get one free registration (must be able to serve in their role for the full season to qualify).*

- Training and courses will be paid by ASA. Assistant coaches must be working towards training and certification. Managers are required to take Respect in Sport.

*MOTION: The board approves that starting in spring 2026 that Head Coaches for U5-U9 will get one free registration for their child/dependant.*

- Training and courses will be paid by ASA and these age group coaches will need appropriate certification based on our bylaws.

## 6. Fees, Registration and 2026 season decisions

Plan to open registration for spring ASAP with below info and changes:

- Fees for U5-U9 will remain the same as 2025. Financials show break-even costing, and we hope to keep this affordable for young families. Team Pictures will now be included in this fee with no increase.
- Implementing an early registration incentive with fees going up to the higher price 5 days after the AGM (Feb 10, 2026). These fees include insurance, field scheduling, jerseys, photos and tournaments (if a tournament team). The intension is to have lists and numbers earlier for planning and TriCounty declarations
  - U11 \$180.00 (early registration) then \$200.00 (regular registration)
  - U13 \$205.00 (early registration) then \$225.00 (regular registration)

- U15+ \$230.00 (early registration) then \$250.00 (regular registration)
- No jersey deposits required – costs included in fees.
- No longer offering a discount for players who are in both summer and winter sessions. Discount codes to be removed from RAMP. There will be a discount for all who attend the AGM but this code will not be distributed but rather a refund issued based on a list of signed in attendees (need to confirm with Mat that we can do this). A bit extra work but codes were used without restrictions and monitoring in the past.
- No registration deadline for U5-U11 but we need to set a cut-off date at the next meeting for the older age groups.
- Registrations need to include the media sign off disclosure.
- Athletes with fees owing will not be issued a jersey and cannot play in tournaments. Registrar to inform coaches if there are outstanding fees.
- Athletes can only receive a refund to fees if they withdraw within 2 weeks from the first official team practices. Withdrawals after the first two weeks will not be refunded unless approved by the board for exceptions circumstances.
- U11 – U15 will likely be tournament teams with local bi-weekly practices and 3-4 tournaments per year included in fees. We will also work to have some exhibition games with teams from SlaveLake or other communities.
  - If there are other Tri-County teams there may be some league play and travel (u11?).
  - MITCH to work with TriCounty so there is clarity if a team from TriCounty chooses to play in Edmonton league that they are not able to represent TriCounty as well.
- The home fun tournament for U5-U9 teams will be **Jun 20 or 21<sup>st</sup>** (last weekend before school is out and to wrap up the season with fun for these ages). This info to be included in registration packages and for coaches to plan for.

NEXT MEETING – online Jan 14 7:30pm (to be booked by Mitch)

AGM – Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm multiplex (to be booked by Mitch)

Meeting adjourned 9:14pm