

2025 - BLIZZARD BEACH BLAST INFORMATION AND TOURNAMENT RULES

Introduction

A team liaison will register the whole team together on one registration form online. This liaison will be responsible for inputting all of the players' information accurately (name, birthdate, address) and will serve as a contact for the team. There will be a limited amount of teams allowed per age division as follows:

U9, U11, U13, U15, U17

Standard soccer rules will apply with some changes noted in the Tournament Rules below. This is a friendly, fun tournament and while referees will be observing, most fouls will be on the honour system. Please play clean!

Any players registered with the Sylvan Lake Blizzard Soccer Club (SLBSC) or the Central Alberta Soccer Association (CASA) for the 2025 spring season are already covered by insurance and will have no additional fees. Cost will be \$40 per player.

Tournament Rules:

1. No socks, shoes, sandals, crocs etc. or shin guards to be worn during a match. Players must be barefoot on the field of play. Tape, soft ankle braces and other such items may be worn. Teams must wear shorts and have matching shirts; pinnies will be available if opposing teams have matching colours.
2. If the ball is kicked into the lake, the offending team will retrieve the ball while play continues with a spare ball.
3. Teams of up to five (5) playing 3 vs 3 with rolling subs.
4. Games will be 2 – 10-minute halves with a 5-minute halftime. Be at the scheduled field dressed, warmed up, and ready to play at your appointed kickoff time. Please leave the field promptly after the game has finished. The clock will run if your team is not ready to play.
5. There will be three (3) points awarded for a win and one (1) point for a draw. The top team from each bracket will move into the final. The final will be decided by sudden death overtime 2 – 5-minute halves. The first team to score wins. If a result is not reached, it will move to penalties. Penalties will be taken from half with no goalies using the best of five, if this result in a tie it will go to sudden death.
6. All age division will use size 5 balls that will be provided.
7. No goalies and no hands. If the ball hits an arm below the deltoid muscle (shoulder) it is considered a handball and a foul, unless it is within the body (ex: when protecting on a freekick).
8. All free kicks are direct and must be taken by the fouled player, or if injured, the sub for the fouled player. Walls must be three (3) meters from the free kick.
9. "Throw-ins" can be taken with hands or feet. Regular goal kick and corner kick rules apply.
10. No offside.
11. Rolling substitutions allow players to leave the field from any direction; players entering must do so at center. No stoppage of play will occur for subs. Too many players on the field will result in a free kick.
12. After two (2) yellow cards equaling a red card, the offending player will be ejected from the game. The offending team will play a man down for two (2) minutes or they concede a goal, whichever is first. The tournament organizers reserve the right to suspend the offending player from more games or to expel them from the entire tournament.
13. For straight red card offences, or any other misconduct it will be up to the discretion of the tournament organizers, and the referees to determine the penalty. The penalty could be up to and including expulsion of the offending player, or the entire team from the tournament.

This is a fun tournament, in a public place. It is a showcase not only for the Sylvan Lake Blizzard Soccer Club (SLBSC) but for the sport of soccer. The SLBSC will reserve the right to enforce penalties upon individuals and teams who display inappropriate behaviour while involved in this tournament up to and including expulsion from the tournament for individuals and teams.