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## Understanding the Alberta Soccer Annual Player Membership Fee – Updated June 2024

An important part to understand about the annual player membership fee is that it is **NOT** a new fee. However, it is a new fee structure that Alberta Soccer introduced for Outdoor 2023. The fee itself has always been paid to ASA for each player that registers with the CWSA, and it was previously included in team fees. **Now, there is a flat rate annual fee for all senior players to be registered with ASA.** The fee is the same whether a player plays both outdoor and indoor, just outdoor, or just indoor.

The player membership fee has been separated from team fees for accuracy. By charging each player individually we take out the guesswork to ensure that we aren't over or underestimating player fees for any given season. It means that we can be more precise with the amount that is being charged per team because the number is no longer based on an estimate and is instead based on the actual total number of players who register.

Team fees going forward will no longer include player membership fees.

### For Outdoor 2024

- **All players are required to pay the 2024 Alberta Soccer Membership fee (\$38.85, paid directly to ASA) upon registering.** Membership fees paid during the Outdoor 2023 and Indoor 2023-24 seasons do not carry over into the Outdoor 2024 season.

### For Indoor 2024-25:

- Returning players (players who registered with CWSA and/or CUSA for outdoor 2024) will **NOT** be required to pay another membership fee. The fee paid in the outdoor season carries over and covers the indoor season as well.
- New players (players who did not register with CWSA and/or CUSA for outdoor 2024) **WILL BE** required to pay the 2024 player membership fee.

### FAQ

**Q: Can I get a refund if I:**

- **Decide not to play?**
- **get injured and can't play?**
- **if I accidentally register with different account and pay twice?**

A: No. The ASA Player Membership fee is **non-refundable**. Once the fee is paid in your registration, it goes straight to Alberta Soccer and we are not able to process any refunds. If you do suffer an injury and cannot play, the good news is that part of the fee you pay goes toward your player injury insurance and you are entitled to submit a claim to be reimbursed for some of your out of pocket costs (physiotherapy, ambulance charges, etc.) For more information, visit the Injury Insurance Information page on our website: <https://www.mycwsa.ca/content/injury-insurance>

**Q: Why is the player membership fee more expensive than previous player membership fees?**

A: There are a few reasons:

1. Alberta Soccer increased player fees substantially for senior soccer players in 2023.
2. During the pandemic Alberta Soccer reduced player fees significantly, and regular pricing was re-introduced as of the outdoor 2022 season.
3. The player membership fee is an annual flat fee and when paid in the spring, will cover both the outdoor and indoor seasons (~\$40 total over 2 seasons = ~\$20 per season).

**Q: Why isn't the fee built into the team fees?**

A: We have made the decision to re-introduce the individual player membership fee for accuracy. By charging the fee to each player individually we take out the guesswork of estimating the number of players who will register in any given season. This helps us ensure that we aren't over or underestimating fees.

**Q: Is there a fee for coaches or team staff?**

A: No. Those who register only as team officials are not charged a fee.

**Q: Will I have to pay this membership fee every season?**

A: No, but you will need to pay it once per year. The player membership fee is now a flat fee paid annually to Alberta Soccer. If you played in the Outdoor 2023 or Indoor 2023-24 season you will have paid last year's annual fee and it is now time to pay this year's fee. Players who pay the fee in the Outdoor 2024 season will not be required to pay the fee for Indoor 2024-25. New players who did not play with CWSA and/or CUSA in the Outdoor 2024 season will need to pay the player membership fee for Indoor 2024-25.

**Q: Why can't I pay half of the player membership fee in outdoor and the remainder in indoor?**

A: Alberta Soccer has changed their fee structure for senior soccer players. The fee is now a flat rate annual fee for all senior players and is the same whether a player plays both outdoor and indoor, just outdoor, or just indoor. There is no option to pay for just one season at a time.

**Q: If I play for a 11v11 team and an 8v8 team, or on a CUSA team do I have to pay the fee more than once a year?**

A: No. The membership fee covers you for all CWSA and CUSA league play for the entire year (*from April 2024-March 2025*). The system will only charge each player once. When you register for additional teams/programs it will recognize that you have already paid for that package and will not charge you again.

*Note: it is important that players use the same account across multiple seasons to ensure they are not charged twice. We cannot issue refunds to players who were charged twice because they used a different account.*