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Understanding the Alberta Soccer Annual Player Membership Fee

An important part to understand about the annual player membership fee is that it is **NOT** a new fee. However, it <u>is</u> a new fee structure that Alberta Soccer introduced in Outdoor 2023. The fee itself has always been paid to ASA for each player that registers to play soccer in Alberta. This fee 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 no longer include player membership fees.

For Outdoor 2026

- All players are required to pay the 2026 Alberta Soccer Membership fee (\$40.95, paid directly to ASA through RAMP) upon registering. Membership fees paid during the Outdoor 2025 and Indoor 2025-26 seasons do not carry over into the Outdoor 2026 season.
- See Alberta Soccer player fees here)

For Indoor 2026-27:

- Returning players (players who registered with CWSA and/or CUSA for outdoor 2026) 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 <u>did not</u> register with CWSA and/or CUSA for outdoor 2026)
 WILL BE required to pay the 2026 player membership fee when they register for indoor.

FAQ

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. In 2025 the fees was increased by Alberta Soccer from \$37 to \$39 per year.
- 2. During the pandemic Alberta Soccer reduced player fees significantly, and regular pricing was reintroduced 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 (\sim \$40 total over 2 seasons = \sim \$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 when they register?

A: No. Those who register only as team officials do not have to pay 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 2024 or Indoor 2024-25 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 2025 season will not be required to pay the fee for Indoor 2025-26. New players who did not play with CWSA and/or CUSA in the Outdoor 2025 season will need to pay the player membership fee for Indoor 2025-26.

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 2025-March 2026). 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 <u>same RAMP account</u> 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.