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Understanding the Alberta Soccer Annual Player Membership Fee – Updated Feb 2023

The new structure for Alberta Soccer's Player Membership fees was initially to be implemented for the Indoor 2022-23 season. Prior to the indoor season, the CWSA negotiated with Alberta Soccer to delay the implementation of their new fee structure until the Outdoor 2023 season.

What this meant was that any player who played with the CWSA in the Outdoor 2022 season was **not required to pay the ASA Player Membership Fee for Indoor 2022-23** (a savings of \$38.85 per player). New players who did not play in Outdoor 2022 were required to pay the fee this indoor season.

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 has introduced this year. 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 2023:

- **All players will be required to pay their Annual Alberta Soccer Membership fee (\$38.85, paid directly to ASA) upon registering.**

For Indoor 2023-24:

- Returning players (players who registered with CWSA and/or CUSA for outdoor 2023) will **NOT** be required to pay a membership fee.
- New players (players who did not register with CWSA and/or CUSA for outdoor 2023) **WILL** be required to pay the player membership fee for Indoor 2023-23.

FAQ

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

A: There are a few reasons:

1. Alberta Soccer has increased player fees substantially for senior soccer players for this upcoming year.
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. The player membership fee is now a flat fee. Players who pay the fee in the Outdoor 2023 season will not be required to pay the fee for Indoor 2023-24. New players who did not play with CWSA and/or CUSA in the Outdoor 2023 season will need to pay the player membership fee for Indoor 2023-24.

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.

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 2023-March 2024*). 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.