

In-house Guidelines

Equipment Included with In-house registration

- Club uniform
 - o Includes shirt, shorts and socks (color assigned randomly to each team)

Equipment you will need to get

- Soccer ball:
 - Preschool, kindergarten and first grade: size 3.
 - Second through sixth grade: size 4.
- Shin guards:
 - Players MUST wear shin guards UNDER their socks. Referees will check each player prior to the start of each game and players without shin guards WILL NOT be allowed to play in the game.
- Shoes:
 - Players may wear either tennis shoes or soccer shoes (not required), but no baseball cleats! Players wearing baseball cleats will not be allowed to play. (There are additional cleats at the toe of baseball shoes which make them dangerous for use in soccer.)
- Water Bottle

Team format and roster size

- For Tots program format click on the Soccer Tots menu to the right.
- U6-U7: 4v4 with no goalies. Maximum roster size: 9
- U8-U9-U10: 6v6 with goalies. Maximum roster size: 11
- U11-U12: 8v8 with goalies. Maximum roster size: 16

In-house age groups

In-house is designed for age's kindergarten through 6th grade and is designated by the MYSA age guidelines found at http://www.mnyouthsoccer.org/page/show/700571-birth-year-guidelines (link found at the in-house page menu).

Coaches

Volunteer coaches are required to make the In-house program a success. All who are interested are welcome, even if you have no soccer experience. Coaches training is provided by the Head Trainers. See the Training page for further information about upcoming training sessions.

The In-House Program Managers are always available to answer any questions or provide assistance if needed. To sign up to coach, you will need to complete the information on the volunteer screen during registration.

The Minnesota Youth Soccer Association (MYSA) requires a criminal background check be completed for any adult having contact with children. To authorize this, you will be asked to complete an Adult Consent Form, which needs to be notarized. You can either download this form, have it notarized and return it to the Program Managers, or complete it at equipment night (the club has a notary).

Referees

Lakeville Soccer Club is one of a few area clubs that have paid referees at all levels of play. These referees are usually youth from the Lakeville community, and have completed certification coursework through the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association (MYSA) and passed a certification test. The minimum age of referees used by LSC is 12 years old.

Many times the referees that work with the In-House program are new and have limited experience. Our responsibility as members of LSC is to help these young referees grow in confidence and develop their skills. Unfortunately in the past (as recent as last season) coaches have been observed verbally harassing referees.

HARASSMENT OF REFEREES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND WILL RESULT IN THE INVOLVED PERSONS BEING ASKED TO LEAVE THE PARK. FURTHER CONSEQUENCES WILL BE CONSIDERED DEPENDING UPON THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WHICH COULD RESULT IN SUSPENSION FROM COACHING IN THE LSC IN-HOUSE PROGRAM.

Each Saturday during the season there are referee mentors as well as a senior referee at each site. They will be easily identified by their bright pink shirts. If you experience a problem with the referee working your game, please speak to him or her at half time or the end of the game. You may also speak with our referee mentors. If you have a significant problem during your game, please have someone from your team have a mentor come to your field ASAP. Referee mentors will have feedback forms at each site. You may share any comments (positive or negative) via those forms.

Weather policy

Games will be played as scheduled unless there is lightning in the immediate area or the City of Lakeville closes fields due to poor conditions. This means we will not cancel games even if it is raining, snowing, hot and/or windy. Coaches always have the option to not play their scheduled games if they choose. Due to scheduling limitations, we are not able to re-schedule any canceled games. If field status is questionable, coaches should call the field hotline found on the home page. Check the website for game day cancellations, however if in doubt come to your assigned field. We make the decision to cancel games one hour at a time, so if games are canceled in the morning, it does NOT mean all games for the day are canceled.

In-House dates

In-house has 2 seasons: spring and fall. There are 6 games, all on Saturdays. Spring usually begins the first Saturday in May and runs through the middle of June. Fall begins the first Saturday after Labor Day and runs through the middle of October

Registration

Registration opens in January for the spring season and opens in June for the Fall season. Registrations are accepted up until a certain date and then a late fee will take effect. Anyone registering once the late fee takes effect will only be placed if there is space available. The late fee date will be posted online each season.

Go to www.lakevillesoccer.org. From the home page click on the "Online Registration/Make a payment" tab. Create an account, if you are new to the program. Go to "player registration" and register your player for the appropriate age team

Team formation

Teams are formed by grade level. We also form teams by schools. For example a roster of 8 players will typically have 4 from one school and 4 from another. The number of children from each school will also depend on the number of total registrations from each school.

Practice times and locations

Practices are held during the week and are scheduled by each coach. There are 1 or 2 practices/week.

All games will be played in Lakeville. The Club works with the City on which fields are available to use each season.

Soccer TOTS

TOTS is our preschool program. It runs for 4 weeks and is only offered in the spring. More about TOTS can be found on the club in-house web site.