



Lancaster Select Soccer Association

Program Information Packet

2026-2027

TRY-OUT INFORMATION

How does the try-out process work?

- **Step 1:** Register your player on Team Snap prior to try-outs.
 - Link: [LSSA Try-Out Registration \(2026-2027\)](#)
- **Step 2:** Attend the try-out sessions for your player's age group.
- **Step 3:** If offered, accept a roster spot on the assigned team.

When and where will try-outs take place?

Try-outs will be conducted on 5/26, 5/27, and 5/28. The time depends on the player's birth year.

Birthyear (Boys & Girls)	Tuesday (5/27)	Wednesday (5/28)	Thursday (5/29)
U8 – U12	5:45 – 6:30 pm	5:45 – 6:30 pm	5:45 – 6:30 pm
U13 – U18	6:45 – 7:30 pm	6:45 – 7:30 pm	6:45 – 7:30 pm

All try-outs will take place at the Soccer Complex located at 1716 E. Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130. Please check-in at the hospitality tent on each day the player attends try-outs to confirm attendance and be assigned a field number. **Note: All players are required to join their true age group for the first night of try-outs.** Players may try out for one or more desired teams on the second and third night of tryouts (if different than their actual age group).

What age group is my child in?

LSSA has partially adopted U.S. Soccer's "seasonal-age cycle" for the 2026-2027 season. The seasonal-age cycle groups players with birthdays falling between August 1 and July 31. The seasonal-age cycle is mandatory for U8 and U9 teams, subject to limited exceptions. For U10 teams and older, players are still encouraged to join an age-appropriate team.

Age Group	Birthdate Range	
U18	08/01/2008	07/31/2009
U17	08/01/2009	07/31/2010
U16	08/01/2010	07/31/2011
U15	08/01/2011	07/31/2012
U14	08/01/2012	07/31/2013
U13	08/01/2013	07/31/2014

Age Group	Birthdate Range	
U12	08/01/2014	07/31/2015
U11	08/01/2015	07/31/2016
U10	08/01/2016	07/31/2017
U9	08/01/2017	07/01/2018
U8	08/01/2018	07/31/2019

If you would like your player to try-out for a specific team, please contact the head coach or Board of Directors in advance. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis, with an emphasis on whether the player is currently part of the requested team.

What if I can't attend one or more of the try-out dates?

Players are encouraged to attend all try-out dates (or as many as possible) to ensure coaches are able to conduct a complete evaluation. If you are unable to attend one or more of the scheduled try-out dates, please contact the Board of Directors, who will notify the appropriate coach(es).

Is my child old enough to join a team?

LSSA generally recommends that players be at least six (6) years old when joining a U8 team. LSSA encourages players between 6-8 years old to attend try-outs in order to determine if there are enough players to form a team in the fall. All players at least three (3) years old are encouraged to join LSSA's Academy Program, which focuses on developing important technical skills in a fun environment. Note: Although a player may join a U8 team at age 6, the player will be asked to remain with the U8 team the following season.

How are teams formed?

The LSSA coaching staff will evaluate players during try-outs. Teams will be formed based on the number and skill of available players. Although LSSA will attempt to find teams for as many players as possible, the selection of players will be at the discretion of head coaches. If there are a sufficient number of players, it is possible more than one team will be created for a specific age group. Creation of additional teams is dependent on coaching availability and other resources.

What happens after try-outs?

Date	Event
May 29	Teams will be formed and head coaches will be assigned.
June 5	Players will receive an e-mail advising if they have received an offer to join a team.
June 10	Players must accept a roster spot in Team Snap and either: (1) pay the player fees in full or (2) enter in to a payment plan. Families may avoid paying Team Snap processing fees by paying the entire amount due via check, which must be received by LSSA on or before July 1, 2026. Checks may be mailed to the club's PO Box or hand-delivered to a board member.

Note: If a player does not timely accept a roster spot, it may be offered to a different player. For this reason, please ensure e-mail addresses are accurately entered into Team Snap!

What happens after I accept a roster spot?

Families will receive an invitation to join the team's account on Team Snap. This will be the primary method of communicating important details throughout the season. New players joining the club should contact the Team Administrator for information about:

- Ordering uniforms (jersey, socks, and shorts). Note: LSSA is on a 2-year uniform cycle, meaning uniforms may be used in consecutive seasons. The 2026-2027 season is the first year of the current uniform cycle. (www.soccerplusteam.com)
- Obtaining a player card through U.S. Soccer (birth certificate and photo are required).

What happens if my child doesn't make a team?

LSSA makes every effort to find a roster spot for anyone interested in playing soccer at a competitive level. If there are not enough players to form a second team, or if there are no volunteers to coach a second team, LSSA may need to “cut” players. Please contact the Board of Directors for additional training options available through LSSA.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

How much does it cost to play for LSSA?

LSSA has adopted a “tiered” approach to Player Fees to account for cost variations across different age groups. The following table represents LSSA’s fees for 2026-2027:

Age Group	Format	Roster Size	Games (per season)	Tournaments (per season)	Annual Fees*
U8	7 v. 7	9-14	Up to 7	1	\$350
U9 – U10	7 v. 7	9-14	Up to 8	2 - 3	\$750
U11 – U12	9 v. 9	10-16	Up to 8	2 - 3	\$775
U13 – U15	11 v. 11	13-24	Up to 8	2 - 3	\$800
U16 – U19	11 v. 11	13-24	Up to 8	2 - 3	\$650

What is included in the Player Fees?

The Player Fees include the costs associated with:

- U.S. club carding, league games, and tournament(s)
- Referee fees
- Field maintenance and rental
- Two (2) practice shirts
- Indoor training opportunities during winter
- Coaching education through U.S. Soccer

What is not included in the Player Fees?

- Uniforms (jerseys, shorts, socks, cleats)
- Travel costs or hotel accommodations for tournaments (if necessary)
- Summer camps

Are payment plans available?

Yes! The number of installments and monthly payment amounts are based upon age group. See LSSA’s “Payment Plan Policy” for complete details. In general, parents are responsible for complying the terms of the Payment Plan Policy. If additional arrangements are required, parents must contact the Board of Directors in advance. Players not in good financial standing may be suspended from all or select LSSA activities, including practices and games.

How do I sign up for a payment plan?

The monthly installments will be automatically charged to the credit card entered in Team Snap when a roster spot is accepted if the payment plan option is chosen.

Do I have to use Team Snap to pay for Player Fees?

Yes, if you elect to enter into a payment plan. However, you can save the processing fees (4.0%) charged by Team Snap if you submit a check covering all Player Fees, in-full, July 1, 2026. Checks

should be made payable to Lancaster Select Soccer Association, include the players name and team the player has accepted a position on, and delivered to a coach, board member, or the PO Box (Lancaster Select Soccer Association P.O. Box 1240 Lancaster, OH 43130). If mailing a check, please send an email to lancasterselectsoccerassoc@gmail.com indicating the date the check was mailed along with the player's name and team.

Does LSSA offer discounts?

Yes! Here is a current schedule of discounts:

Discount	Description
Multi-Sibling	If multiple siblings are playing for LSSA, a \$50 discount will be applied to the 2nd sibling and each sibling thereafter. In order to receive the sibling discount, the siblings must play spring and fall. For example, Sister 1 and Sister 2 play fall and spring, but Sister 3 plays spring only. Sister 2 will receive a \$50.00, but no discount will be applied to Sister 3. Note: The sibling discount will be applied after a player registers and submits the deposit. Families must request the sibling discount during the registration process.
Head Coaches	The Head Coach of each team will receive a <u>100%</u> discount on one (1) player fee charged to his/her household. The Head Coach may distribute any portion of the discount offered to one or more assistant coaches assisting his/her team.
Asst. Coaches	Up to one (1) Assistant Coach of each team will receive a <u>20%</u> discount on one (1) player fee charged to his/her household.
Team Admins	The Team Admin for each team will receive a <u>10%</u> discount on one (1) player fee charged to his/her household.
Board Members	Board Members will receive a \$140 discount on one (1) player fee charged to his/her household.

How long is the commitment?

Unless other arrangements are made in advance, LSSA players are committing to playing the entire year, consisting of two (2) seasons:

- **Fall (August – October 2026) and**
- **Spring (March – May 2027)**

Does LSSA offer refunds for Player Fees?

LSSA will consider refunds on a case-by-case basis, and only in certain circumstances. For example, refunds will be considered in the event of an injury, illness, or family relocation. **Refunds will not be considered if a player simply decides to play a different sport or for a different club.** Please contact the Board of Directors to request a refund as soon as possible.

PLAYER & PARENT EXPECTATIONS

How often are practices?

Teams usually practice 1-3 times a week, depending on the team, age group, and coach. Although players are expected to regularly attend practice, occasional absences for illness, vacation, or other

family/school obligations are unavoidable. Please make every effort to communicate planned absences to the head coach in advance.

What about games?

Games are scheduled based on the availability of coaches, referees, and opposing teams. Games may be scheduled during the week and on the weekend. Depending on the age group, teams will play in 1-3 tournaments per season, which will involve multiple games throughout the weekend.

What kind of travel is required for games?

Away league games are primarily located in and around the greater Columbus-area (i.e. Hilliard, Worthington, New Albany, Pickerington). Tournaments are chosen by the coach based on schedule and can be several hours from Central Ohio.

How is playing time determined?

Playing time is determined by head coaches. In general, playing time is awarded based on a number of factors, including, but not limited to, skill, attendance, versatility, attitude, and coachability. Any concerns about playing time should be discussed privately with the head coach after waiting at least (24) hours after the most recent game.

What are other expectations for parents?

In general, parents are expected to:

- Communicate with head coaches in a positive manner.
- Encourage their child to enjoy the game of soccer and be a good teammate.
- Treat players, coaches, referees and opposing teams with courtesy and respect.
- Understand soccer is a game and is intended to be fun!

Please see LSSA's Parent Code of Conduct for additional guidance about parent conduct, communication, and financial responsibilities.