

# SI SOCCER CLUB REGISTRATION POLICY

Registration for the St. Ignatius Soccer Club (Club) is conducted online. Instructions and dates for each season's registration period will be available on the Club website, as well as distributed through flyers and electronic media.

## Late Registration and Reimbursements

1. Late registration is defined as any complete registration received AFTER the posted registration deadline. Any registration commenced before the posted registration deadline but not completed until after the posted registration deadline shall also be considered a late registration. Late registrations will be accepted on a space available basis. If space is available, team placement will be subject to first come first served priority based on time stamp of the late registration inquiry. Late registrations will be placed on an age appropriate team with space available and may not receive any team preference accommodation.

**Note:** Late registrations lose their returning rights to their previous season's team, unless there is still space available.

2. All late registrations are subject to an additional fee of \$25.
3. Exceptions to the late registration fee *may be* granted at the sole discretion of the Club Board. Requests for waiver of the fee must be made in writing and should be submitted to (insert email address). The request must include the name of the player(s), the name of the parent or guardian and as much detail as possible regarding the reasons the waiver should be granted, including any supporting documentation.
4. For this season, all registration-refund requests made on/before JUNE 30 will be honored and reimbursed, less player fees and current credit card processing fees that were incurred by the Club. All registration-refund requests made on/after JULY 1 will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis for special circumstances only, subject to the sole discretion of the Club Board; any such registration-refund request that is granted will be less current credit card and processing fees as well as River City Youth Soccer League (RCYSL) league fees. **In no event shall a registration-refund request be granted after team rosters have been sent to the League Registrar for approval.** All registration-refund requests must include the name of the player(s), the name of the parent or guardian and as much detail as possible regarding the reasons a refund should be granted, including any supporting documentation.

## Assigning Players to Teams

The Club assigns players to teams to allow players to enjoy applying their soccer skills in an organized way and to ensure that fairness and equality prevail. The Club policies are in accordance with RCYSL policies for assigning players to teams. Teams are generally formed by the following criteria: (1) returning players; (2) requests made by a completed, on-time online registration application that is "age pure"; and (3) as needed to balance the number of

players on each team within the age group, as determined by the Club Board. When compiling teams, the Club Board may use its discretion to ensure there are parent-coaching volunteers for each team.

Birth-year registration is a mandate of the U.S. Soccer Federation. RCYSL and its affiliated clubs implemented the mandate beginning with the 2016 recreational soccer season. Please see Age Matrix on the Club website to determine which age group your child falls under.

1. All registrations must be complete, including player application, supporting documents and new photo uploaded to registration system before player may be assigned to a team.
2. All returning players (i.e., those who played on the team last year and registered by the stated registration cutoff date) shall reclaim their place on the previous season's team, unless
  1. The returning player is requesting to change teams, OR
  2. The returning player is no longer in the same age division as the previous season's team.

**Note:** If a player skipped a year (i.e., did not register and play with the Club in the immediately preceding year), then he/she shall be deemed to be a new player, and such player does not have return rights to a former team. Players who did not play the prior year are considered "new" and are required to provide a valid proof of age.

3. Any request for a player to be placed with a sibling MAY be granted ONLY IF
  1. There is space on the preferred team, AND
  2. His/her presence on the team would not keep an age-appropriate player from the team, AND
  3. A "Play-Up" form is approved or unnecessary.
4. Returning players requesting a new team shall be considered IF there is room on the requested team. If there is no room, the player will be placed on the previous season's team or another age-appropriate team. Players may request an alternate choice for a new team in the event the original request cannot be accommodated.
5. New player requests may be granted IF the requested team is age-appropriate AND if there is room on the preferred team. Otherwise, new players will be placed on another age-appropriate team. Players may request an alternate choice for a new team in the event the original request cannot be accommodated
6. Any player requests to play above his/her appropriate age group shall meet the standards and policies identified in the Play-Up Policy section below.
7. If there is a "tie" when placing players on a team, priority will be given to players as follows:
  1. Returning players registered during the registration period.

2. New players registered during the registration period.
3. Returning players registered after the registration period.
4. New players registered after the registration period.
5. Blind draw.

### **Team Size Requirements**

All teams must meet the RCYSL team size requirements to be viable teams. Each team shall have no less than the minimum and no more than the maximum number of players allowed. These limits are set by the RCYSL Board to ensure teams are viable and all players play at least half of each game.

### **Special Request to "Play Up" (Play above age group)**

Per RCYSL policy, the Club shall not assign children to play in an older age group when an appropriate age team exists unless certain specific situations and criteria exist.

The Club MAY allow, at its discretion, a qualified younger player to play on a team no more than one year older, when the parent has completed and submitted a "Request to Play above Age Group" form, and both of the following two elements are met:

- 1) The Club believes the younger player is qualified in (1) skills and (2) physical/emotional development to safely play with and against older players of a particular age group; AND
- 2) One or more of the following conditions exist:
  - a) An older team is in need of players and does not have enough players in the correct age group;
  - b) The child's age-appropriate team will have sufficient players to field a viable team without the player; or
  - c) The player is the child of the team's Head Coach.

Note: Parent convenience and/or friendships are not valid reasons for a player to play above age group.

**Any approved special request to play up is for one season only. Request must be made for each year in which a player is considered to be "playing up".**