



Prospect Lake Soccer Club

Issue-Specific Policies

The policies and procedures of the PLSC are those set out in the Club's constitution and bylaws and as laid down by FIFA, CSA, BCSA, LISA, VISL and VIWSA insofar as they may apply in any given circumstance. In addition, and in response to issues that have arisen over the years, the Club has developed issue-specific policies of its own or adopted ones developed by others. What follows is a list of these issue-specific policies.

A. Player safety

PLSC is committed to striking a reasonable balance between keeping players safe while playing and practicing soccer and not unduly restricting the sport.

In terms of player safety, FIFA Law 4 is the Club's general policy: "A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewellery)."

What follows are specific policies developed by the Club and others for particular circumstances:

- a. Players wearing casts
 - i. This policy is designed to reduce inconsistencies in rulings over players wearing casts.
 - ii. Modern protective equipment made of soft, lightweight, padded materials are not considered dangerous and are therefore permitted.
 - iii. Hard plaster or fibreglass casts are considered to pose a danger to both the wearer and other players and are not permitted to be worn.
 - iv. The practice of padding a hard plaster cast does not reduce the element of danger.
 - v. At the discretion of the referee, players wearing a soft cast may be permitted to play if the cast does not present a danger to the individual or any other player.

- b. Players wearing glasses
 - i. This policy is designed to reduce inconsistencies in rulings over players wearing eye glasses.
 - ii. The Club urges all players who require corrective eyewear to purchase and correctly wear sports glasses that have been approved for use in soccer.
 - iii. If, in the opinion of the referee, a player's glasses are dangerous to the wearer or to any other individual, the glasses are not permitted to be worn.
 - iv. Further, if, in the opinion of the referee, the player's vision is sufficiently limited without the glasses that the player presents a danger to the individual or any other player, the player must not take part in the match.

B. Decorum and conduct

The Club expects and requires all players, coaches, managers and parent/family spectators at games to comport themselves in a civilized, respectable and respectful manner.

Further, LISA policy concerning spectator behaviour is as follows:

- a. game officials will ask the coach to remove any fan(s) whom the official feels is undermining his or her authority. The official will not restart the game until the offending party has removed themselves or has been removed.
- b. If the offending party still refuses to leave the official will abandon the game. The coach of the team with the offending party will be called to discipline.
- c. First offence: the team will be placed on a \$500 bond, receive a \$200 fine and a possible game forfeiture.
- d. Second offence: a team will lose their \$500 bond, be placed on a \$1,000 bond and receive a possible game forfeiture.
- e. Third offence: a team will lose their bond and have their eligibility to participate further in the league reviewed by a committee of the LISA Board.

Discipline for coach and player behaviour is clearly written in the LISA Rules and Regulations; the LISA Discipline Committee will rigorously enforce these rules.

C. Females on male teams

Females are permitted to compete for and play on otherwise all-male teams. A team on which at least one male is registered shall be designated a “boys” team and all players on the team shall be subject to the applicable rules, regulations and policies.

D. Registration fees

Other than as follows, all players must pay applicable registration fees by no later than the beginning of the season.

a. Club’s discretion

Generally, players must pay full fees in order to play for the Club, regardless of when the player registers. On written application to the registrar and president of the Club, the Club at its sole discretion may prorate fees on a case-by-case basis if doing so is in the best interest of the Club.

b. Limited free registration

To encourage players to coach or manage youth teams, registration fees are to be waived for a player who coaches a youth team, whether as head coach or an assistant coach, as long as the player does not have a child on that team.

c. Family rate

The first two players in a family are to be charged regular age rates, each subsequent member will be charged half price.

d. Refunds

There are no refunds after October 15 of each year (except for medical reasons supported by a doctor’s note).

E. Field rental

Current rates (2 hr block) are \$35 for youth teams & \$55 for adult teams. There is an additional \$15 charge if lights are on.

F. Logos & marks:

The Club is the owner of its name, logo, crests and any mark, wording or black and orange combination that indicates or implies a connection with the Club (collectively, the “Club’s marks”). Further:

a. Non-licensed use of the Club's marks

No one may use any of the Club's marks without the Club's advance, written consent.

b. No display of sponsor logos or advertisement

During any Club-sanctioned game, no one may wear any of the compulsory equipment established by FIFA or any other proper authority that bears team-specific sponsorship marks of any kind.

If approved in advance in writing by the Club, team-specific sponsorship marks may be applied to non-game apparel, equipment and bags.