

Frequently Asked Questions from the East Lansing Soccer Club Website:

When do I register on-line with CASL?

Do not register on-line with CASL, at the CASL website, until after you've been contacted by your child's CASL coach and you've confirmed that your child has a spot on the roster. This will happen after the tryouts. If your child is playing recreational soccer, you don't register with CASL at all.

What fees do I pay and when?

Everyone pays the same initial \$80.00 at the time registration, regardless of what program the player participates in. Recreational players pay no additional fees, but must purchase their own jersey. For the 2011-2012 season, each CASL player will pay an additional \$95.00, due before soccer starts in the fall, and must purchase their own uniform. **Note that all fees will now be collected in the summer, before fall soccer starts.** CASL has a scholarship program to help with the costs of playing in that program. See the CASL website for details.

Who are you people? What is the East Lansing Soccer Club?

With the exception of a couple of part-time administrative staff members, we are all volunteers from the East Lansing community that care about giving our area kids a great soccer experience. Many of us have kids that play on East Lansing teams, and many of us play soccer ourselves, as adults. All of our CASL coaches are "licensed" through the MSYSA, which means that they have formal training on the game of soccer and how to teach it to children. The volunteers that work with children are subject to a back-ground check and are offered in-house training at various times throughout the year. The members of the club are all of the families who pay their fees to participate each season. Those members elect a board of directors every year at our annual meeting on the first Saturday in June and the board elects officers that same day.

How is this youth-soccer system structured? What is CASL?

The East Lansing Soccer Club is a community-based group of teams. As a group, we join with other community-based groups to form leagues. For our recreational teams, we have joined the East Side Soccer League, in which our teams play against teams from other communities on the east side of Greater Lansing. For our competitive, try-out based teams, we have joined the Capital Area Soccer League, which serves the Greater Lansing area. Our Club is a member of each of those organizations, but is distinct from those organizations: we have our own board and administrative staff, and they have their own boards and administrative staffs.

So if I pay for my player to join a for-profit team, that's "premier" soccer, correct?

Not necessarily. The state governing body for Michigan soccer defines a "premier" team as one playing in the Michigan State Premier Soccer Program, a special state-wide league. If you are not playing in that particular league, you are not "premier," no matter how much you pay to your child's soccer club.

How can I get more involved?

Because we're an all-volunteer organization, we're always looking for help. Because our players grow up and move on to other activities, the parents that "move through" the system with those players typically move on from volunteering as their kids age. If you'd like to coach, we can help you get training. If you'd like to help organize things, we have board activities that could use a hand. Please send all of your questions through the email address on our website, info@eastlansingsoccer.org, and we'll see that they are answered.