

# Rosemont Soccer Club Registration Policy

## Club Purpose

The goal of our Club is to provide a safe and productive environment that enables children to learn and apply the principles of teamwork, discipline, dedication, and sportsmanship. We facilitate the development of strength and character in every child that participates. Participation in our club is open to all boys and girls 4 years of age or older. We are sustained by the efforts of volunteers who display an extraordinary amount of commitment and hard work, ensuring that our Club is a positive influence in the lives of our children. We also strive to provide a service to our community by providing a healthy outlet for children, opportunities for the community to gather, and endless hours of entertainment.

## Registration

Registration for the Rosemont Soccer Club (RSC) is conducted online ONLY. Instructions, dates and fees for each season's registration period will be available on the Club's website (<http://rosemontsoccer.org>), as well as distributed through flyers and electronic media. Priority registration begins early April to May 31st. Returning players are encouraged to register during this time, to secure their spot on last season's team. Late fees will be applied to all registrations after June 1<sup>st</sup> (see Late Registrations and Reimbursements below). Registration will remain open until August 31st.

## Late Registrations

1. Late registration is defined as any registration AFTER the posted registration deadline of June 1st. Late registrations will be date-stamped upon receipt by the registrar, and team placement will be subject to first come first served priority. Late registrations will be placed on an age appropriate team with space available and may not receive any team preference accommodation. **Please note, late registrations lose their return rights to their previous season's team, unless there is still space available.**
2. The late registration fee for this season will be **\$30** and takes effect on **June 1st**. This late fee is in addition to the regular registration fees.
3. Exceptions to the late fee *may be* granted at the sole discretion of the RSC Board. Requests for waiver of the fee must be made in writing and should be submitted to [registrar@rosemontsoccer.org](mailto:registrar@rosemontsoccer.org). 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 documentation, if any.

## Refunds

1. Standard registration fees will be refunded based on the following schedule:

- Requests made before June 1, Full refund (subject to a \$10 processing fee)
- Requests made June 1 - July 31, 50% refund (minus \$10 processing fee and late fee paid)
- Requests made on or after August 1, No refund, no exceptions.

All refund checks will be mailed the first week of September. Please be aware that not getting the team, coach, or teammates you requested does not entitle you to a full refund after June 1st. The above refund schedule applies to any player who we are able to place on a team. Any player who we are not able to place on a team will automatically receive a full refund.

**Late registrations (submitted after June 1) are subject to an additional \$30 late fee per player in addition to standard registration fees. *This late fee is non-refundable.***

All refund requests must be made via email at [registrar@rosemontsoccer.org](mailto:registrar@rosemontsoccer.org). Refund requests must be initiated by the player's parent or guardian. Do NOT make refund requests through your child's coach or other Board Members. Refund checks will be issued to the player's parent/guardian only, NO EXCEPTIONS.

If you have any questions regarding this refund policy, please contact the RSC Registrar via email [registrar@rosemontsoccer.org](mailto:registrar@rosemontsoccer.org).

### **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 to the River City Youth Soccer League (RCYSL) policies for assigning players to teams.

Teams are formed by the following criteria:

1. New and returning players who register by the May 31st deadline;
2. Requests made by a completed, on-time registration application that is "age pure";
3. As needed to balance the number of players on each team within the age group, as determined by the League.

Registration age policies are set by the RCYSL and California Youth Soccer Association (CYSA). The Rosemont Soccer Club may use their discretion to ensure there are parent-coaching volunteers for each team. Please refer to the the "Age Matrix" on [rosemontsoccer.org](http://rosemontsoccer.org) to determine which age group your child falls under.

1. All registrations must be complete **BEFORE** a player may be assigned to a team. For an application to be considered complete:

- a. The application must be completely filled out online;
- b. Any supporting documents (i.e birth doc) uploaded;
- c. A new photo uploaded to registration system
- d. All fees must be paid in full at time of registration or payment plan completed with a zero balance by July 5th.

2. In addition to the previous listed requirements; All returning players (those who played on a team last year and registered by May 31st) shall secure their place on the previous season's team, unless:

- a. The returning player is requesting to change teams, OR
- b. The returning player is no longer in the same age group as the previous season's team.

*If a player skipped a year -- i.e. did not register or play with the club in the immediately preceding year -- he/she is considered a new player. 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:

- a. There is space on the preferred team AND
- b. His/her presence on the team would not keep an age-appropriate player from the team, AND
- c. A "PLAY-UP" request 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, if available. 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 their age group shall meet the standards and policies identified in the Play-Up Policy.

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

### **Team Size Requirements**

All teams must meet the RCYSL team size requirement 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 CYSA and RCYSL Board to ensure teams are viable and all players play at least half of each game.

### **Special Request to Play above Age Group (“Play Up”)**

Per RCYSL policy, Clubs shall not assign children to play in an older age group when an appropriate age team exists unless certain specific conditions and/or criteria are satisfied.

A Club MAY allow, at its discretion, a qualified younger player to play on a team **no more than ONE year older, when the parent as completed and acknowledged the “Request to Play Up” on the registration application,** and one or more of the following conditions exist:

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;
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 Club, Coach, and parents believe the younger child will not be harmed;
  - c. The child’s age appropriate team will have sufficient players to field a viable team without the player.
3. The player is the child of the team’s Head Coach ONLY.

Parent convenience and/or friendships are not valid reasons for a player to play above their 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”.**