

MHSA - School Soccer

FAQ

When will the season run?

- The league will run in the months of May and June but be finished before exams.

How do I register?

- Registrations and fees will be accepted at the school. If your school is not listed or you require funding, please register in the office.
- Schools will be handing out registration forms, collecting fees and creating a roster list.

Is this a school league or a MHSA league?

- It is important to understand that this is a sanctioned league operated by the MHSA. We have partnered with the schools to engage more players by forming teams by school attending.

Will the teams have jerseys?

- Jerseys will be provided by the association and worked into the fees for registration. Note: these must be returned at the end of the season.

How will the league be run?

- As of right now we are unsure of numbers so what the league, teams, games, etc. will look like will have to be determined after registration. Ultimately we would love to have a boys and girls team from each of the high schools. If needed we could move to a 7 v7 format. Our goal would be to not have co-ed groupings at this age. This would be a last resort. We can also combine age groups between U17 and U19 players.
- Players would have to play for their respective High School unless they are full at which time they would have the possibility to join another school's team with low numbers. In the past a community team has also been formed if there are enough players.

Can a player in grade 6 who is within the age group for junior high play?

- Initially, no. However depending on numbers, skill, size, etc., this will be decided on a case by case basis.

How much does this league cost?

- Regular community registration is \$180. This includes a jersey (must return), ASA insurance, fields, refs, etc.

Will the coaches be staff members or volunteers from the community?

- Naturally Coaches within the school are always the best option, however community coaches may be used as well. The Association can help recruit coaches if necessary.

What fields will the games be played on?

- We are hoping to use school field to play. Only concerns would be St. Mary's, Alexandra, Roy Wilson and MHHS – not having fields for soccer. If we modify the fields to 7 a-side all games could be at the Leisure Centre fields.

What schools will be involved?

Junior High (U16 ish)

Notre Dame
St. Mary's
Roy Wilson
Alexandra
CHHS
Parkside

High Schools (U19 ish)

McCoy
MHHS
CHHS
Eagle Butte
Brooks? (St. Josephs)

2.2 High School Program – **DRAFT**

The MHSAA High School League is a soccer league designed to encourage camaraderie, sportsmanship and high school spirit under the guidance of the MHSAA with cooperation from the various high schools in Medicine Hat and its surrounding area. It is the goal of the MHSAA to form each team from eligible students within each school from grades 10, 11, and 12. The following are the criteria by which a player may participate as part of the High School League:

- 2.2.1 The athlete must be a bona fide student of the School they are competing for. A student becomes a bona fide student of a school on the first day of classes beginning the term or semester in the school in which he/she is registered.
- 2.2.2 The student must register in a minimum of 800 instructional minutes (i.e. 10 credits or two full time courses) per week during the time of participation in that activity for which Alberta Learning credits are granted. Distance education courses can be considered as regular instructional minutes.
- 2.2.3 A student who turns 19 on or after September 1st shall remain eligible to play. A student who turns 19 years of age before September 1st would be ineligible for high school participation.
- 2.2.4 Students shall be eligible for three (3) consecutive years after registering in grade 10. The first year in grade 10 is considered the first year of eligibility.
- 2.2.5 Any student who is, or has been, registered and in attendance at a post-secondary institution shall not be eligible for a high school soccer team.
- 2.2.6 Home schooled students shall tryout for the High School they would attend based on their geographic area of residence.
- 2.2.7 All eligible grade 10 students must try out for the high school that they are registered in.
 - 2.2.7.1 If a student does not make the team roster, the student may play for another high school team if that high school team has an insufficient number of Grade 10, 11, and 12 players to form a team.
- 2.2.8 The athlete must have the approval of the high school administration to represent their high school.
- 2.2.9 Grade 9 students are only eligible for athletic participation on their applicable high school team if:
 - 2.2.9.1 the applicable high school team does not have enough players to form a team, and has given first opportunity to any Grade 10, 11, or 12 players cut from other high school teams.

- 2.2.9.2 the high school team has less than eleven players for a MHSA sanctioned game

- 2.2.10 A grade 9 student cannot be used to replace any grade 10, 11, or 12 player on the high school team.

- 2.2.11 If a student plays for their High School team while in Grade 9, they are still eligible to play in Grades 10, 11, and 12, to a maximum of four years after which they must enter a Senior Program.

- 12.2.3 In order to participate in the MHSA High School League, International/Foreign Exchange students must meet all eligibility requirements as listed above. In addition, they must not have graduated from high school or its equivalent before enrolling in their high school of choice in Alberta.

- 2.2.13 All members of the MHSA High School League must pay “soccer fees” to their respective soccer association before playing in the league.