

# ASA Provincials and Qualification

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## A. Format

1. CMSA regular season league rules shall apply to provincial rosters in addition to the ASA Provincial Championship Rules - Youth. ASA Provincial Championship Rules - Youth are applied for replacement players. Only Member Clubs who are part of District 4 (City of Calgary) may qualify for Provincial Championship. All Out-of-District Member Clubs must qualify and declare for any Provincial Championship through their own district. Out-of-District Member Clubs are not eligible for Challenge Cup.
2. Qualification for ASA Provincial Championship for Tier I, II and III shall occur through CMSA league standings and CMSA Challenge Cup.
  - a. League Champion will qualify for ASA Provincial Championship as CMSA 1.
  - b. Challenge Cup Champion will qualify for ASA Provincial Championship as CMSA 2.
  - c. Should the League Champion and Challenge Cup Champion be the same team, the League Runner-up will qualify for ASA Provincial Championship.
3. Qualification for ASA Provincial Championship for Tier IV shall occur through CMSA league standings.
  - a. League Champion and League Runner-up will qualify for ASA Provincial Championship as CMSA 1 and CMSA 2 respectively.
4. Qualification for ASA Provincial Championships for CMSA combined age group categories (ie: U15/17), shall occur through CMSA league standings between the teams of the same applicable age group category.
  - a. League Champion and League Runner-up will qualify for ASA Provincial Championship as CMSA 1 and CMSA 2 respectively.
5. In the case where the Alberta Soccer Association invites an additional team(s), the next highest ranked team in the final CMSA league standings will be notified and qualify for ASA Provincial Championship.
6. In the case where an age eligible team is participating in an age group above their eligibility, the team may challenge the Challenge Cup Champion or Challenge Cup Runner-up, as per Section XVII.A.2, of their applicable age and same tier or higher for their ASA Provincial Championship placement.
  - a. The challenge game will occur through a single-game, scheduled by CMSA.
7. Teams must declare their intent to challenge by using the application process available on the CMSA website by the published dates.
  - a. If multiple age eligible teams put in their intent to challenge, the highest ranked team in the CMSA league standings between the teams involved will proceed to the challenge game.

8. U14 and U16 league play does not lead to Provincial Championships.
9. Teams may Opt-out of ASA Provincial Championship contention via the Opt-out Form as found on the CMSA website and must do so by the published dates.
  - a. If a team chooses to opt-out of ASA Provincial Championship contention, they are not eligible for Challenge Cup.
10. ASA Provincial Championship game duration and formats are determined by the ASA and can be found in the ASA Provincial Championship Rules – Youth, as found on the ASA website.
11. Players participating in CMSA league play as Age Exempt players are not eligible for ASA Provincial Championships unless they are age eligible for that ASA Provincial Championship as outlined by the ASA Provincial Championship Rules - Youth.

## B. Team Rosters

1. All teams qualifying for ASA competitions must confirm their player roster for said competitions in writing to CMSA prior to the deadline dates set by CMSA.
2. One team official from each team involved in Provincial Championship must fulfill the coaching requirements for the appropriate level as per the chart below:

Coaching requirements expiring March 31, 2025

Competition	Coaching Requirement
U15, U17 Tier 1	C License Trained <u>OR</u> Higher
U13 Tier 1	Soccer For Life Trained <u>OR</u> Higher
U15+, Tiers 2-4	Soccer For Life Trained <u>OR</u> Higher
U13, Tiers 2-4	Learn to Train <u>OR</u> Soccer For Life <u>OR</u> Higher

Coaching requirements will be implemented April 1, 2025

Competition	Coaching Requirement
U13+ Tier 1	C License Certified <u>OR</u> Higher
U13+ Tiers 2-4	Soccer For Life Trained <u>OR</u> Higher

- a. Older licenses or licenses from another country will not be accepted. For recognition of coaching licenses from another country, a coach must apply for the Canadian Equivalency Process through CSA.
3. A player cannot play for and be registered with, more than one team in the youth ASA provincial competition.
  4. A Member Club whose team withdraws from the ASA Provincial Championship, prior to, or during the tournament for any reason (including the inability to field a team), will be subject to a financial penalty of a minimum of \$250 up to a maximum of \$1000 as determined by CMSA. ASA may also apply financial penalties in addition for withdrawal from Provincial Championship.

Timelines	Fines
1 week or less out from competition	\$1000
2 weeks or less out from competition	\$800
3 weeks or less out from competition	\$650
4 weeks or less out from competition	\$500
5 weeks or less out from competition	\$250

5. If Provincial Championship is held in Calgary, the qualifying team(s) for those competitions must supply at least one (1) volunteer for a minimum of four (4) hours to assist with the running of the event. Any team that Fails to provide a volunteer shall have a pay \$100 volunteer fee.