



## LVU 2024-2025 Player Registration Package U9-U18 Boys & Girls

### WELCOME

Congratulations on being selected to play for Lehigh Valley United during the 2024-2025 soccer year.

Our Mission Statement:

***The Lehigh Valley United soccer club has a philosophy of developing high quality soccer players who love the game, have respect for fellow players, and have an appreciation for world class performances. Winning attitudes are encouraged in an atmosphere of fair play and hard work; all within the governing rules and the spirit of the game.***

### GENERAL INFORMATION

You will begin to receive emails from your coach with information regarding team schedules and activities. Please go to our website [www.lehighvalleyunited.com](http://www.lehighvalleyunited.com) to learn more about the club.

### Team Volunteer Positions

Each team is asked to provide volunteers in the following Ed areas as liaisons between their team and the club.

There will be a meeting at the beginning of the year to review all responsibilities:

- Team Manager
- Team Uniforms
- Team Website
- Team Registrar (team rosters and passes)

### DESCRIPTION OF FEES AND FINANCIAL POLICIES

#### Costs Included In 11 Month Annual Player Fees (August-June):

- LVU Club Fees
- Administrative Fees, Insurances, and Rosters
- Team Coaching Fees & Technical Director Support
- Coach Travel Expenses
- EPYSA Registration and/or US Club Registration
- 2024/2025 League & Fees (Acela, ECNL-RL, EDP, ICSL)
- Tournament Fees
- Training and Game Fields (2-3 Weekly Trainings per Season)
- Referee Fees: League and State Cup
- Winter Field Usage (2 Weekly Training Sessions)
- Lehigh Valley Health Network Trainer – Consultation and Preferential Affiliation

#### Costs NOT Included Annual Player Fees:

- Uniform/Training Kits/Warm-Ups
- Player Travel Expenses
- Optional Indoor Leagues/Events (Costs Out of Pocket)
- Tournaments Exceeding Club Allocations (Costs Out of Pocket)

- Annual Tryout Fee

**Yearly Team Fees:**

**Team size:**

- **11v11- 2875.00**
- **9v9- 2800.00**
- **7v7- 2650.00**

**Mid-Season roster additions/transfers:**

Fees for players added/transferred in during a season will be assessed as follows:

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| Nov/Dec addition | 60% of annual per player fee |
| Jan/Feb          | 50% of annual per player fee |
| Mar and beyond   | 40% of annual per player fee |

**For Teams Sitting out High School Season:**

Fees for Players on High School Age teams that sit out during the HS season:

Rosters must be established before November 1st.

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| Jan/Feb addition | 80% of annual per player fee |
| March addition   | 70% of annual per player fee |
| April addition   | 50% of annual per player fee |

**Injured Players:**

A Player injured for three (3) months or more may receive a reduction in the player fee provided they apply to the club for a reduction and provide a doctor’s report on the condition of the player, the probable duration of the injury and any recommended physical therapy. The player should state in the application whether they intend to remain on the roster after recovering from the injury and completing any rehabilitation period. The minimum relief granted will be 15% of the annual fee; the maximum relief granted for extreme circumstances will be 30% of the annual fee. The Board of Directors will establish a committee to review any application for fee reduction and determine whether to grant a reduction and, if so, in what amount.

**Financial Aid:**

LVU has a limited amount of funds each year available for our members. **Lehigh Valley United Financial Aid is intended for families at, or below, the poverty line. If your income is not at, or below the poverty line your application will still be considered but you will not likely receive any aid.** A committee established by the Board of Directors, whose decisions are final, reviews the application. Please go to our website [www.lehighvalleyunited.com](http://www.lehighvalleyunited.com) to download the application. Please note that COMPLETE applications for assistance are due within 10 days of acceptance of an offer to join an LVU Team.

**You are required to pay your deposit even though you may be applying for financial aid. Financial aid WILL NOT be awarded to anyone who has not paid their deposit.**

**Payment Schedule:**

To accept a roster spot on an LVU team, a player must register for the club with an initial deposit **NON REFUNDABLE** 400.00 deposit. This amount will be applied toward your total player fee, with monthly team payments beginning on **July 1<sup>st</sup>**.

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| Deposit | Upon Acceptance of roster spot | Remaining Team Balance/6 Payments |
| Balance | July 1st                       | As Outlined Above                 |

**Automatic Charge Payment Plan #1: Remaining Annual Player Fee after 400.00 deposit divided by 6 payments\***. After the initial payment is made, the remaining balance **MUST** be paid in 6 installments via credit card using automatic monthly debiting.

Each payment is debited on the following dates:

- #1 July 1<sup>st</sup>
- #2 August 1<sup>st</sup>
- #3 September 1<sup>st</sup>
- #4 October 1<sup>st</sup>
- #5 November 1<sup>st</sup>
- #6 December 1<sup>st</sup>

**Immediate Charge Payment Plan #1: Annual Player fee paid in full upon acceptance to the roster.** This option grants a 3% discount to the team payment plan. You select the option for this plan when accepting a roster spot. Full payment is due immediately to receive the 3% discount. If you wish to pay the full balance by check, mail to the following address:

**Lehigh Valley United  
1344 North Sherman Street  
Allentown, PA, 18109**

**\*\*\*\*\*Payment in EZ Facility Online System\*\*\*\*\***

**It is your responsibility to ensure your payments are processed in a timely manner.** Payments may be made automatically through monthly credit card transactions or managed through our Self-Service Payment Portal. Each player will be required to use our online Self-Service Payment Portal to monitor their balance and keep payments up to date. If you have not already registered a Self-Service Payment account, please visit [www.lehighvalleyunited.com/contact](http://www.lehighvalleyunited.com/contact) and select the "Self Service Registration" option in the members area on the left. In the event that payments are not made within 30 days of the payment due date, the club will take the following actions:

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| 31 days late: | Notify the Director of Coaching and Coach of balance due and that member is not in good standing. Player will receive a warning that if payment is not made within 30 days, the Director of Coaching will be notified and appropriate actions will be recommended to the Board of Directors (including but not limited to: suspension from games, suspension from practice and games, suspension from club, etc) |
| 61 days late: | The Director of Coaching will discuss past due balances with the Board of Directors and appropriate sanctions of player and family will take place until such time as player and family become a member in good standing.  |

**Player accounts need to be monitored monthly. Changes in credit card expiration dates, numbers, etc must be updated in the system through the online portal to keep payments up to date. The system generates notifications if your card is about to expire, or if your payment was not able to be processed. We do not receive these notifications, so we ask you to stay on top of the accounts at all times.**

**Refund Policy:**

Accepting a position on an LVU team is a commitment to the club and to the other members of the team to play for the full soccer year. In accordance with EPYSA regulations, there may be circumstances that result in a player asking to be released from a team. This refund policy applies to players who voluntarily request a release from a team prior to the completion of the year (August 1 to July 31).

LVU depends on the receipt of payments to pay for expenses during the seasonal year. As such, refunds are strongly disfavored and will be granted only in the rarest of circumstances.

### **WELCOME AND STAY IN TOUCH**

We look forward to a great soccer year! Please feel free to contact us if we can be of help to you during the year.

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