

EMDSL Outdoor Registration 2026

Please review the notes below and ensure your application along with the required fees are submitted by the required deadline of March 29, 2026, for Tier 1 and 2 teams and April 12, 2026, for Tier 3 teams. Late applications will only be accepted if there is a need to complete a division.

All registrations must be made using the excel team form also available on the website. Due to the number of teams, handwritten applications are no longer accepted.

Excel format registrations should be emailed to admin@emdsl.ca. Fees can be e-transferred to payment@emdsl.ca or dropped off at the BMO Centre, 295 Rectory Street, London, N5Z 0A3 by the respective deadline. Cheques should be made payable to the Elgin Middlesex District Soccer League.

The EMDSL will be offering the following Divisions in 2026 for both genders. Note that where the minimum number of teams are not registered to form a division, age groups or Tiers may be combined to form a division.

5v5 Divisions Recreational or Development only, no tiers

U8 Teams for players born in 2018

U9 Teams for players born in 2017

7v7 Divisions All Tiers

U10 Teams for players born in 2016

U11 Teams for players born in 2015

9v9 Divisions All Tiers

U12 Teams for players born in 2014

U13 Teams for players born in 2013

11v11 Divisions Tier 1 and 2

Single age divisions from U14 to U18 inclusive

11v11 Divisions Tier 3

U15, U17 and U18 aged divisions (double age cohort divisions at U15 and U17)

Game Nights

League recommended game days are posted on the League website. Due to field availability some teams may need to play off of the regular game night. If you need to deviate, please include this in the Game

Start time section of the team's application form. The admin will attempt to place the off-night games in the initial schedule run. Due to the number of teams in a particular division, this may not be possible until the draft schedule is completed. Club representatives are asked to advise the Scheduler of any changes required once the draft schedule is published.

Festivals U8 to U11 & Tournament U12&U13

For 2026 the Festivals for all Tiers and will be held at 1 Password Park in St Thomas. The weekend of July 4–5 will be the Youth Festival U8/9 & U12 Tournament and the weekend July 18–19 will be the Youth Festival U10/U11 & U13 Tournament (All Tiers Participate).

Teams may opt out of this Festival on their team registration forms. Teams not opting out are required to participate. The League will provide a final opt out date after which teams withdrawing or not attending will be assessed fines or fee.

District Cup U14 and older Teams All Tiers

The District Cup is an additional tournament offered by the league over and above the regular season schedule. Teams are drawn at random prior to league play. It is not a league playoff.

Teams reaching the semifinals or finals must be available for the finals weekend, August 15 and 16, 2026 games to be played at North London Fields, Windermere and Stoneybrook.

There is an opt-out provision in the Rules and Regulations for teams that do not wish to participate in the District Cup. Please ensure that you are aware of these deadlines if you are opting out so as not to be charged with a forfeit.

League Questions and Correspondence

All general questions and correspondence should first go to the respective club representative.

Any questions or correspondence that the club representative cannot answer should be forwarded by the club representative to the League Admin. The League Admin will then forward this to the appropriate Board member for reply.

Any questions regarding a specific age division that cannot be answered by the club representative can be directed to the appropriate director:

U13 and younger teams: **Ken Resendes**

U14 and older teams: **Joe Rossi**

Any discipline or complaint matters must follow the policy and procedures outlined on the league website, under the 'About' tab.

The League will not respond to communications directly from those other than club representatives. It is the club's responsibility to ensure that their club contact information is up to date with the League.

Note that this does not apply to discipline or complaint matters which follow the policies and procedures of the discipline and complaint process as outlined on the league website.

Registration Instructions

Please enter the year of birth of the oldest player registered to each respective team. This will determine the league division you are eligible to register with. For Grassroots teams, U13 and younger, the year of birth of all team members must match the division requested. Teams cannot play up or down. The only exception is for players who have an approved fast track form through the district to register one year up, but they are then considered to be registered to the older division for the season.

For U14 and older teams, the year of birth of the oldest player on each respective team determines the youngest division you can register for. You can, however, also elect to register to an older division if you wish to do so for competitive reasons.

For Tier 3 teams, U14 and older, the league only provides double cohort divisions at U15 and U17. U18 will run as a standalone division if a suitable number of teams are registered. Teams need to register to the applicable cohort based on the year of birth of the oldest player on the team.

Players registered to a Tier 2 or higher-level team cannot register, be permitted, or called up to play on any Tier 3 team. Tier 3 is for Tier 3 players only.

Examples:

Grassroots: A U9 team is made up of players born in 2017 and may only register in the 2017-aged league division. Fast Track players born in 2018 may participate if approved by the District.

Tier 1 or Tier 2 (U14 and older): A U15 team is typically made up of players born in 2011, with some players born in 2012. The team would normally register in the U15 division but may request to register in the U17 division if desired.

If you have any questions about the eligibility of your players, or if you need a dispensation due to smaller club or enrollment issues, please ensure these approvals are in place with your district prior to registering your team. Any questions with respect to league registration can be answered by the league but not questions with respect to fast track or dispensation decisions.