



2024 Season and Registration FAQs

How much is registration and what does it include?

See cost breakout and all fees on the Shakopee Lacrosse website on both the home page and registration page.
[Registration Link](#)

When does registration close?

Registration will close on March 17th for 8U and above. Registration requests after March 17th cannot be guaranteed to ensure all players receive uniforms. 6U registration will close on April 1st.

How many practices per week will each level have? And what days will the practices be on?

Below are the # of practices we would expect at each level, but cannot be guaranteed until we receive confirmation from the city in early April which days/times and fields we will have access to.

Level of play	# Practices	Duration
6U Co-Ed	1	1 hour
8U Girls	2	1 hour
8U Boys	2	1 hour
10U Girls	2	1 hour
10U Boys	2	1 hour
12U Girls	3	1.5 hours
12U Boys	3	1.5 hours
14U Girls	3	1.5 hours
14U Boys	3	1.5 hours

Days each level will practice will be shared at the parent meeting in April. Please note for 10U and older, games will begin in June and those are not set each week so some weeks you will have more games and less practice, if games fall on practice days.

How long is the season?

Below is an approximate time frame for each level of play. All information will be finalized and communicated at the parent meeting in April. It is important that you attend the parent meeting so you receive all the season information.

Level of play	Season Length
8U Girls	May 1 st – July 21 st
8U Boys	May 1 st – July 21 st
10U Girls	May 1 st – July 21 st
10U Boys	May 1 st – July 21 st
12U Girls	May 1 st – July 28 th
12U Boys	May 1 st – July 28 th
14U Girls	May 1 st – July 28 th
14U Boys	May 1 st – July 28 th

What are the age guidelines for each level?

Level	Birth Date range
6U	9/1/2017 - 8/31/2019
8U	9/1/2015 - 8/31/2017
10U	9/1/2013 - 8/31/2015
12U	9/1/2011 - 8/31/2013
14U	6/1/2009 - 8/31/2011

Please note both girls and boys use same levels and birth date ranges. Current 9th graders are not allowed to play on a 14U team per league rules.

Will there be a 6U program again this year?

To engage our youngest of athletes (ages 5 & 6), YLM/MSLAX have created a 6U division, which will be a great introduction to the sport of lacrosse. Players will only use a stick, gloves, and a mouthguard.

SYLA is providing sticks for our 6U athletes.

Soft lacrosse balls will be utilized for play and we are aiming at one practice per week, along with double header games and a year-end jamboree (part of the 8U/10U Jamboree).

Can I get a waiver for my son/daughter to play down with their peers?

You can request a waiver for your son or daughter to play down with their peers, if his/her birthdate is within 6 months of the cut-off. Please contact Ryan Thorman, ryan.thorman@shakopeelacrosse.org to officially request a waiver. All requests must be received by April 5th to be considered and you will be notified on April 8th of approval or denial. You should register your player at the correct age level and we will make the adjustment once the decision to grant the waiver is approved. There will be no refunds if a waiver is not granted and your player decides not to play for SYLA.

Can I get a waiver for my son/daughter to play up an age level?

Players will not be allowed to play up age levels to ensure they are focused on skill improvement, unless recommended by the youth director and coach. Additional, adjustments will be made if numbers at certain age levels are also not met, but this will be at the discretion of the board.

My player's US Lacrosse member number is not found when trying to register, what can I do?

Please ensure the information entered when signing up for your lacrosse membership is exactly the same as what is entered into the form for Shakopee Lacrosse registration. Here are some things to look for; middle initial missing, incorrect address (i.e. Road vs Rd), exactly last name spelling, incorrect birthdate. If you have verified that all are equal, we can reach out to US Lacrosse. Please email Jeff Bjorklund, jeff.bjorklund@shakopeelacrosse.org if you have other issues.

Why do I have to pay for a US Lacrosse membership?

US Lacrosse memberships are required so that if a player is injured on the field during an event they are covered by the US Lacrosse insurance through RPS Bollinger.

Will I have to purchase a new uniform every year?

The association will try to maintain the same jersey for 3 consecutive years, unless a manufacturer discontinues the style. We redesigned uniforms for the 2023 season, so you will not be required to purchase a new uniform this year if you bought one last year. If your player is new to Shakopee Lacrosse this year, or is moving up from 6U to 8U, you will need to purchase a uniform set.

What is required to purchase for uniforms this year?

Uniforms can be purchased through our Team Apparel site.

How much is the uniform going to cost?

The required 3 piece uniform package is \$96. There is an optional shooter shirt available for purchase for \$24.

When do I need to order my uniform?

April 1, 2024 is the uniform order deadline. Ordering after that risks not having uniforms here in time for practices and games.

What does the uniform look like?

Uniform style is posted on shakopeelacrosse.org website and will be shown at the parent meeting in April.

How do I get a scholarship for registration fees?

Criteria – qualifies for free or reduced lunch program through the school

Process:

1. Fill out the Financial Assistance Application on our website, www.shakopeelacrosse.org under the registration tab.
2. Association contacts the applicant to let them know what type of assistance they are getting.
3. Applicant registers on-line and enters discount code at checkout. The discount for lacrosse will be 50% of registration fees. Uniform and Fundraising fees are not covered. If additional payment plan is needed please reach out to the registrar listed in the registration.

Are there going to be paid coaches at all divisions and levels?

We are working on having paid coaches for all levels for 6U and above with 2 high school student coaches.

When and where are tournaments scheduled for travel teams?

All boys & girls teams 8U and up will play in the Shakopee Annual River Valley Rumble tournament held on June 7-9, 2024. Each of these teams will then participate in one or two additional weekend tournaments, which will be shared at the parent meeting in April. There are also state tournaments and end of the year jamborees that the players will participate in, please review the calendar on the Shakopee Lacrosse website.

Will volunteer hours be required this year?

All SYLA families will be required to provide a refundable \$700 volunteer deposit check at the parent meeting in April. You can choose to opt-out of volunteering by paying \$600 at registration. 6-8 hours will be required of all families. The final hour determination will be set as we get closer to the start of the season. Hours and activities will be available via DIBS throughout the season. If you are currently working on a committee, those DIBS hours will be loaded soon for you to claim. Please note your player will not be able to participate in tryouts until the volunteer check is received.

Upon verification of the required volunteer hours being completed, deposit checks are destroyed. If all volunteer hours are not completed, SYLA will cash your deposit checks in lieu of hours not worked.

Note: Head coaches and assistant coaches are not required to complete volunteer hours.

What types of jobs will be available for DIBS?

Home tournament will be our priority for volunteer hours. More information on DIBS will be communicated at the parent meeting.

What equipment is needed for my first-time lacrosse player? Boy vs girl? U6? U8? U10? Etc.

Girls and Boys playing in-house will need a stick only.

BOYS LACROSSE EQUIPMENT – Boys Travel teams Required equipment includes:

- Legal lacrosse stick
- Lacrosse Helmet
- Lacrosse shoulder pads – NOCSAE Certified (no hockey or football pads)
- Lacrosse Elbow Pads (no hockey pads)
- Lacrosse Gloves (no hockey gloves)
- Protective cup and supporter (same as hockey or football)
- Colored mouth guard (same as hockey and football)
- Field cleats (lacrosse or football, NO baseball cleats)

GIRLS LACROSSE EQUIPMENT – Girls Travel teams Required

Equipment includes:

- Legal girls lacrosse sticks and heads
- Girls Lacrosse Eye mask\Eye Goggles (approved list line: <https://www.uslacrosse.org/safety/equipment/approved-eyewear-list>) -
- Colored Mouth guard (same as hockey and other sports)
- Field cleats (lacrosse or soccer, NO softball spikes)

Can I rent equipment?

We do not currently have a rental program for Shakopee Lacrosse, but we are working on creating an overall equipment program within the next couple years with grants and fundraising money.

At what age can my child use a longer D pole?

You can use a defensive pole at 12U and above

My child likes to play goalie, does the association provide equipment?

Yes

What is the process for evaluating players and team placement (A vs B)?

Please see the evaluation page for detailed information.

What will be the fundraiser this year?

There will be a fundraiser, selling Butter Braids again this year. We will also be doing a bunch of smaller fundraisers throughout the year (Bowlingo, Red Savoy's Pizza night, charity bingo, etc). Please keep an eye on the fundraiser page and association emails for more info as those become available.