



## 2022-23 Indoor Arsenal Newsletter

Here is our newsletter for the Indoor season. Please read as it contains some very important information regarding our upcoming season

### **1) Program changes**

#### ***Junior Arsenal (U5-7)***

We have made some changes to the Junior Arsenal Program (U5-U7). We ran our festival-style play program as set out by Alberta Soccer for the last indoor season and outdoor season. With many registrations, we are trying to address concerns and suggestions about finding coaches teams while on the field. We will be implementing coaching teams. Each coaching team will wear a different colored coach's shirt with the coach written on the back. The registration numbers will be split into four groups and the number of coaches in the coaching team will be determined by a 1-coach to 6-player ratio.

Coaching team U5- #1 Blue Shirts  
#2 Black shirts  
#3 White shirts  
#4 Red shirts

Coaching teams U7- #1 Blue Shirts  
#2 Black shirts  
#3 White shirts  
#4 Red shirts

Each player will receive a red ATC warm-up shirt with the Arsenal logo on the upper left side. These are the players to keep at the end of the season and are included in the price of your fees. If the player wishes for an extra \$10 they are welcome to take the shirt to Winner's way to have the name put on the back of the shirt. We are hoping to talk to other communities who have had success with festival-style play to make improvements to our program. We are also writing up coach manuals for this age group for first-time coaches, in hopes to make their coaching experience a successful one.

#### ***Arsenal (U9-19)***

The EMSA league has implemented some changes to its U9-19 program and its tiering system.

- Premier will be Tier 1 and Tier 2
- Competitive will be Tier 3 and 4
- The community will be Tier 5, Tier 6, and tier 7

The top two teams in the EMSA league in each tier in both premier and competitive will move directly on to provincials. Top teams in Community will participate in City Finals. Premier games will be played 9v9 and will be boardless. The competitive and community games will be boarded soccer.

## **2) Fundraising**

**1st fundraiser** is the Raffle box 50/50 Raffle! Buy some 50/50 tickets and have a chance to win a cash prize! We are hoping to max this raffle off at \$ 20,000. The draw for the 50/50 is October 3, 2022. We are asking you to share the link with your family and friends! <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ftsasksoccer>

**2nd fundraiser** is the fundraiser that your fundraising fee will go towards. We will be selling Buster's Pizza coupon books. In this coupon book, there will be a coupon for every month. These are not inclusive of just pizza. There will be coupons, for donairs, pasta dishes, etc. This is brand new to Buster's Pizza as well as us and we will be the only non for profit this season with this fundraiser. There are 18 Buster's Pizza across the Edmonton area, including one in Fort Saskatchewan. Buster's pizza also generously sponsored an Arsenal Soccer team this year as well. Each family will be required to sell 10 books.

**3rd fundraiser:** is the bottle drive on September 10, 2022. We will need 50- 60 volunteers. We will run the fundraiser from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. To sign up go to our website [Fort Saskatchewan Soccer : Website by RAMP InterActive \(fortsasksoccer.ca\)](https://www.fortsasksoccer.ca)

**4th fundraiser**-is for the 1st quarter of 2023, we are slotted for a casino in Camrose. We will be looking for volunteers for the casino once the dates have been set by AGLC.

**5th Fundraiser** - We have a great opportunity to partner with Cobbs Bread, when you go into Cobbs Bread Fort Saskatchewan just mention you are with Fort Saskatchewan soccer and 5% of your purchase goes back to Fort Saskatchewan soccer

### **What are we raising money for**

This year we are raising money for equipment. In the last two years due to COVID, we have only been able to purchase things that were absolutely necessary, leaving our soccer balls (all sizes), goalie gloves, and youth pinnies in fairly bad shape. This will need to be replaced and in order to do that fundraising is absolutely necessary.

## **3) Sponsorships**

We would like to thank our new sponsors listed below.

They have sponsored a team for the next two years for \$1500 a team. In return the sponsors will receive their company logo on a new Arsenal Jersey, they will get a Jersey to hang in their office, and a sponsorship picture of the team seasonally. We have also put a link to their website on our sponsorship page. The business will also be associated with any social media coverage of the team that is put out by Fort Saskatchewan Soccer! If you or your business is interested in sponsoring a team please contact [vicepresident@fortsasksoccer.ca](mailto:vicepresident@fortsasksoccer.ca)

The following new sponsors are:

1. Fort Saskatchewan McDonalds have renewed their sponsorship of Wally Mc Bally and with that sponsorship money, we will purchase 4 new sets of jerseys.
2. Buster's Pizza purchased a team sponsorship
3. Nutrien purchased a Team sponsorship, We thank Nutrien for their continued support.

#### **4) Volunteer Program**

We have implemented a new volunteer policy for the Indoor season. This was to ensure the volunteer jobs were fair to everyone across the organization. We are a non for profit where we keep costs low by volunteers. Within the organization, we have 1 paid part-time administrator and 10 executive Committee members, not to mention countless coaches, assistant coaches, and team managers that help keep the organization running.

The volunteer commitment is 5 hours per family not per player. If you volunteer for a Fort Sask Soccer volunteer job, the commitment is 5 hours. We have developed the good neighbor program to give families an option to volunteer elsewhere and receive their deposit back. If an FSS family cannot sign up for any FSS volunteer opportunities, they can volunteer 10 hours at another non for profit organization at the end of the current season. After completing the 10 volunteer hours, the family will be responsible for submitting a signed letter on the organization's letterhead indicating their completion of the volunteer hours. Once the letter is submitted to FSS, the volunteer deposit will be refunded.

The non for profit organization must be approved by the FSS president prior to the volunteer work starting. Acceptable non for profits would include food banks, Rotary Club, and Lions club. Little Minions Foundation, Families First, Boys and Girls Club, or any local animal shelters. Chamber of Commerce city-wide events, city-run events such as July 1st festivities, legacy park fun festival, fall festival, etc. Volunteering on other sports teams or Arts based non for profit will not be included in the program.

Hours of Opportunity	Volunteer Refund
1-2	25%
2-3	50%
3-4	75%
4 plus	100%

#### **5) Executive Committee Positions-**

We need a full executive committee to allow for things to run smoothly and to give the very best program we can. Most executive committee positions are 5-10 hours a month given the time of year. We have once-a-month board meetings that we attend. For a description of the roles go to this link [Fort Saskatchewan Soccer : Website by RAMP InterActive \(fortsasksoccer.ca\)](http://fortsasksoccer.ca) and click on the role name. Here are the following board positions open:

- **Sponsorship Director**
- **Treasurer**
- **U3- U9 program director**

We are also looking for support positions for the Junior Arsenal program. These positions will get 25% off on one registration per season. This is a support-committee position and therefore is a non-voting position.

- **U5 age level coordinator**
- **U7 age level coordinator**

These positions will be responsible for getting coaches and players organized on the field each and every practice. They will be responsible for reporting to the U3- U9 program director and adhering to the ASA's

festival-style play. People in these positions are encouraged to get the proper age-level coaches training (Which FSS will pay for).

If you are willing to volunteer for any other those positions, please check out the roles on the website and then fill out an executive member application. [Fort Saskatchewan Soccer : Website by RAMP InterActive \(fortsasksoccer.ca\)](http://fortsasksoccer.ca)

## **6) Shorts and Socks**

This year for ages U9- U19 shorts and socks are included in the price of your registration. At the time of registration, parents were asked about shorts and sock sizes. You can collect the sizes you selected for shorts and socks from your coach.

## **7) Junior Arsenal Shirts**

The Junior Arsenal coaching team will also be handing out red Junior Arsenal t-shirts to their players. These shirts are included in your fees and are the U5- U7 players to Keep. You will receive a new shirt each season. Winners Way will put a name on the back of these shirts for \$10.00 if you wish.

## **8) Technical Training**

We are in talks with Lonestar Institute to come out and run our technical training this year. Osmo Bimba has run technical sessions for us in the past but was contracted through Soccer is Everything. He has since branched out on his own and started his own business. We are very excited to have Lonestar Institute come out and work with our players and coaches. Osmo or (Ozzy) and Briony Buchanan work at the JD Bracco Junior high running their Soccer Academy.

We are hoping for Ozzy and Briony to come out twice a month to work with our coaches and players on our premier and competitive teams. We also will be looking at drop-in Technical sessions once a month for our Community teams. This drop-in session is for players who are looking for a more competitive experience but need some work on the technical side of things. This will run only with 30 committed players per time slot. The cost of these sessions is \$15.00 per session

## **9) Coaches and Team Selection**

Our goal is to try and keep as many players playing as possible. The player moves up forms and special requests will be honored if possible. When we consider these types of requests, we look to see if the request is possible and if it still allows the current age group or team you are moving from to be operational.

All coach applications are considered but, it is not certain this early in the season, who will coach your child's team until teams have been formed, once that happens the coaches will receive their roster and they will contact you. We still need volunteer coaches and Team Managers at all age levels for the Indoor Soccer season.

## **10) Testimonial Game**

We will be holding our annual Testimonial game Saturday, January 21, 2023. We will hold our opening ceremony at 5:00 pm. U9-U11- the game will be 5:30 pm- 6:45 pm and U13- U19 will be from 6:45 pm- 8:00 pm. Again this year there will be door prizes, giveaways, and 2-50/50 Raffles. The games will be a 10-minute warm-up, two 25 minute halves, and a 10 minute halves. At half of each game, the 50/50 raffle will be called for this age group. Players from each team will be selected by their coaches to represent their team based on new skills, existing skills, coachability and team player. This is a fun, great celebration of soccer and we encourage everyone to come out and support their teammates and the organization. The night's events are paid for by the 50/50 raffle and donations.

## **11) Executive Committee Members**

I would like to introduce and thank our executive committee members who spend hours on the Arsenal.

Elishia Doyle - Fundraising Director

Amanda Shand - Registrar

Spencer Hall - Equipment Director

Jessy Smith - U11- U19 Program Director

Robert Hall - Vice President

Kelly Yanch - President

Ashwini D'Mello - Communications Director

April Ror - Team Manager Director