

2025 AGM Report

The past year has been a big one for Hollandia which has seen many changes which will continue to strengthen the club.

Club Structure & Technical

One of the largest - over the past year Percy Hoff has been working with Hollandia to transition the club through his retirement. This began with the implementation of Technical Leads at each age group. These positions were filled by experienced coaches in order to enhance the technical development of players, ensure players were receiving consistent coaching regardless of tier, and to provide opportunities for coaches to learn and grow as well. Coaches filling these rolls in the 2024-25 seasons included:

- Percy Hoff
- Char Adamus
- Wamith Gorges
- Andrew Lockwood

Feedback from coaches and players has been positive for the most part. As with any change there was initial hesitation from some coaches but that appears to be diminishing. With Percy's official retirement the new structure has been completed with the development of the following roles beginning in spring/summer 2025:

- Technical Lead (Male) – Austin Boryski
- Technical Lead (Female) – Wamith Gorges
- Coach Development Lead – Char Adamus

The Technical Leads each oversee a team of skilled coaches who assist in delivering consistent, high-quality programming across each age group (U11+). This structure provides clarity for coaches, supports Hollandia's goals and vision, as well as providing consistency and alignment for players throughout their entire pathway. Current technical coaches include Allison Berge, Migen Masha, Sean Collins, Javier Reyes, Caydence Holowaty, and Anna Nguyen.

Our U7-U11 programs continue to be led by Alison Berge (U7) and Austin Boryski (U9-U11). Since structuring our development league programs in this manner, we have seen (and continue to see) a high level of development in technical ability, confidence, and enjoyment within our younger players. We have seen approximately 15 U9 players move up to U11 to ensure continued development challenges are made available. The impact of this focus on technical excellence will continue to be seen as players move along their youth soccer path.

Hollandia also continues to see high participation at the U17/19 levels compared to other clubs, and had one team transition to Adult Soccer under the lead of Kevin Brown. It is great to see these players continue enjoying soccer and we appreciate the dedication of Kevin to guide them through this phase and for his continued support.

Hollandia made the development of a goalkeeper training program a priority in 2024-25 and will continue to expand on this going forward. For 2025-26 we have added two additional goalkeeper coaches to further the development opportunities for our players.

Coach Development

I am currently working toward becoming a Certified Coach Facilitator. We continue to face (along with other zones) limited access to coach certification sessions as in prior years. This will enable us to certify our coaches in-house, reinforce our values and development methods, and make coach certification more accessible for coaches. We are continuing to support our coach development, with a focus on female and youth coach recruitment and development. We look forward to transitioning more players into coaching roles to ensure the Hollandia way continues to be passed on to our players. We have had three coaches obtain their c-license in the past year, and overhauled our coach remuneration and appreciated policy. This included a return to coach appreciation nights starting after the conclusion of our 2024-25 indoor season.

Facilities

2024-25 saw the opening of the new Martensville facility. Utilizing this has allowed us to increase practice length and improve scheduling for teams. It has been a good option to address the limited turf availability, and we have continued to book there for 2025-26. This has also reduced the number of practices needing to be held in gyms or Henk Ruys. In 2025-26 SYSL is beginning to look at longer-term solutions to the turf shortage in Saskatoon which will be appreciated.

Summary

None of this would be possible without the incredible work of our Club Administrator, Alison, and the board, volunteers, tournament committee, coaches, technical leads, and players. Thank you for making Hollandia a club we are all proud of.

Thanks,

Char Adamus

Coach Development Lead