



# **Lakewood Soccer Association, Inc.**

## ***LONG TERM PARTICIPATION POLICY***

**Effective Date: October 01, 2019**

LSA is focused on long term participation.

Supporting documentation that highlights focus on long-term participation:

**LSA Mission Statement:** Provide a quality soccer program for player and coach development.

**LSA Vision Statement:** Create a fun environment for players to learn the game of soccer.

### **Lakewood Values**

- Provide a positive sport experience for all players and coaches with the emphasis on fundamental skill development.
- Strive to be open and honest in all of our interactions.

Lakewood Soccer organizes mini and youth soccer in and including the following areas: Brevoort Park, Briarwood, College Park, East College Park, Lakeridge, Lakeview, Lakewood, Rosewood, SE Development Area, and Wildwood. As well as Clavet/Blackstrap/Rural: East of the city, South of highway 5 and South of the city East of highway 11.

LSA is a proud member and supporter of the current SYSI Indoor and Outdoor Seasonal leagues.

LSA offers programs for all ages and all skill levels through various different means. We are also currently expanding programs to be able to promote and engage at younger ages through our community associations. As well, we are currently planning expanded services and more offerings for our older ages through transitions to adult soccer leagues and more opportunities between this gap.

### ***LSA Mini Program:***

Currently U7 and U9 Development program with additional training opportunities and qualified and excellent coaching resources where the players are a focus along with mentoring of the coaches and volunteers.

Expanding to be able to better support the community associations with qualified mentoring of coaches and volunteers to include the U5, U7 and U9 community programs. Also to be added would be administrative support of community associations in need.

***LSA Youth Program:***

Currently U11 to U15 program which offers a performance program for players who want more opportunities in an environment of learning and development focused, as well as the league participation in grassroots and competitive environments. Players are also offered another environment through optional development training which includes league activity and weekly opportunities to train with qualified technical staff.

U17 and U19 are currently offered a program which incorporates league activity as well as further options in order to be able to maintain participation of this age group through to the adult transition.

LSA has also offered travel programs to many destinations afar to train in other environments and under highly qualified coaches through partnerships with other certified and valued clubs and associations in the hopes of building more responsible youth and later adults with experiences that can only be gained by adventure and cultural exchange.

LSA also provides encouragement and opportunities for all of its players to continue their soccer experience by providing opportunities for all players to give back and become coaches, referees, volunteers and technical staff.

For players wanting even more, LSA has built relationships and partnerships with other entities within the province and outside the province where players can expand their playing of the game in educational environments. Future opportunities to play the game and get an education are at the forefront of LSA expectations for players who may wish to pursue this path.