



THE HEARTBEAT OF Lakewood

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Welcome to our mid-summer issue of the Heartbeat. We are in the middle of drop-in soccer, summer camps and indoor season registration. All while getting plans in place for the indoor season.

We have said goodbye to our longtime General Manager Lewis Oteruelo, whose last day with Lakewood Soccer was July 05.

This finished with a going away celebration at Sports on Tap on the evening of July 05 while we watched Canada play Venezuela in the Copa America tournament. I want to personally thank Lewis for the last several years with Lakewood Soccer as we went through numerous



programming changes including forming the SYSI Alliance program with the other 4 youth clubs in Saskatoon.

Becky Kirkham has stepped in to cover soccer programming for the months of July and August, planning and organizing the summer camps and getting ready for indoor

season evaluations. Becky has been a huge help for Lakewood Soccer to help keep our programming moving forward on an interim basis.

Lakewood has started the process of hiring a new Director, Soccer Operations. The position will be somewhat modified from the former General Manager position. We received numerous applications for the position and have conducted preliminary interviews with several candidates before selecting a few candidates for second interviews. We expect to have the interviews completed this week and work towards having the new person in place by the third week of August.

Lakewood Treasurer

Lakewood Soccer is looking for a new treasurer effective December 2024. We would like to have a new person sign up over the next few weeks to have a good overlap with our outgoing treasurer Mike Poth. If you are interested or need more information before deciding, contact Leonard at president@lakewoodsoccer.com

Wednesday August 7 Super Drop-in!! 6pm-7pm

Lakewood Soccer's July drop-ins have been so successful, we are doing one more!

Let's beat the drop-in record of 51 kids! Boys and Girls of all ages welcome! Sid Buckwold



Indoor Registration now open!

Lakewood Soccer announces the opening of registration for the 2024-25 indoor season. From October to March, young soccer stars aged U7 to U19 will have the opportunity to showcase their skills and passion for the beautiful game. What's more, kids of all skill levels and abilities are warmly welcomed to join the Lakewood Soccer family!!

As of July 31, 351 boys and girls have registered, which is up from 283 kids at this time last year. Registering early allows Lakewood Soccer staff and volunteers more time to plan player assessments.

And, did you know that SYSI requires all zones to submit the number of teams in each division by the end of August? So it really helps Lakewood planning if all of the families are registered by then!!

Register by Sept 3, 2024 for early bird discounts!!

Be sure not to miss out on this fantastic chance to be part of Lakewood Soccer's indoor season. Head over to the website to secure your spot.

With the early bird savings, you won't want to wait! Get ready to kick off the 2024-25 indoor season with a bang and make life-long memories on the field!!

Age	Register by Sept 3 for Early Bird Fees	Register after Sept 3 for Regular Fees
U7	\$425	\$475
U9*	\$550	\$600
U11	\$800	\$850
U13	\$800	\$850
U15	\$850	\$900
U17/U19	\$850	\$900
City	\$575	\$625

*U9 Fees include automatic entry into the Lakewood Tournament.

Lakewood Soccer Player Assessment Process

Lakewood Soccer does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, national origin or religious affiliation. We seek to place athletes, with similar desires and objectively assessed abilities, together to maximize their enjoyment and development.

All players will be invited to a minimum of 2 assessments with other players in the same age group and gender. After the 1st assessment a preliminary sorting will be done so that the 2nd assessment session will have players with similar abilities.

The players are randomly placed on teams for the assessment. Each assessment session will be led by the Lakewood Technical Team. Although evaluators may be allowed to assess players in the same age group as their child, they are not allowed to assess their child or participate in discussions about the performance of their child. Each evaluator will independently fill out an assessment of each player. Before the end of the session the group of evaluators will reach a consensus on the rating for each player with the Technical Team Lead holding the deciding vote if necessary.

After the session has been completed, the results will be compiled by the Technical Director for the next assessment session or for final team selection.

Lakewood Soccer Player Assessment Categories

- Technical (movement, passing, ball control, shooting)
- Tactical (positional play, awareness, game understanding)
- Physical (agility, balance, coordination, speed, fitness)
- Overall Ranking will be a combination of the above 3 categories

It is the goal of Lakewood Soccer to form teams and place players in the best fit possible primarily for the individual player. The best fit includes where that player might experience the best opportunity to be successful at his stage of development and be most comfortable in order to enjoy the game as much as possible.



Lakewood Player Assessments

Lakewood uses TeamLinkt as our communication platform. Make sure you turn on notifications! Please watch for information to come out via TeamLinkt OR RAMP for player assignments for the second round of assessments. Grouping Assignments will be posted 1 week prior to the first round of assessments (August 19). Please arrive 15-30 minutes prior to your evaluation time to check in
Assessment Requirements: Shin guards and cleats or runners; Water bottle; Appropriate attire for the weather (shorts and jersey, or long sleeved shirt)

Monday August 26, 2024

5:00-6:00pm

U11 Boys Group 1 U11 Girls Group 1

6:00-7:00pm

U11 Boys Group 2 U11 Girls Group 2

Tuesday August 27, 2024

5:00-6:00pm

U11 Boys Group 3 U13 Boys Group 1

6:00-7:00pm

U11 Boys Group 4 U13 Boys Group 2

Wednesday August 28, 2024

5:00-6:00pm

U13 Girls Group 1 U13 Boys Group 3

6:00-7:00pm

U13 Girls Group 2 U15 Boys Group 1

Thursday August 29, 2024

5:00-6:00pm

U15 Girls Group 1

6:00-7:00pm

U15 Boys Group 2 U15 Girls Group 2

Tuesday September 3, 2024 (2nd round)

5:00-6:00pm

U11 Boys Group A U11 Boys Group B

6:00-7:00pm

U13 Boys Group A U13 Boys Group B

Wednesday Sept 4, 2024 (2nd round)

5:00-6:00pm

U11 Girls Group A U13 Girls Group A

6:00-7:00pm

U11 Girls Group B U13 Girls Group B

Thursday September 5, 2024 (2nd round)

5:00-6:00pm

U15 Boys Group A U15 Girls Group A

6:00-7:00pm

U15 Boys Group B U15 Girls Group B

Friday September 6, 2024 (2nd round)

5:00-6:00pm

U17 Boys U17 Girls

6:00-7:00pm

U19 Boys U17 Boys

Saturday September 7, 2024

10:00-11:00am

U11 Boys Group A U11 Boys Group B

11:00am-12:00pm

U11 Girls Group A U7D Boys & Girls

12:00-1:00pm

U11 Boys Group C U9D Girls

1:30-2:30pm

U11 Girls Group C U9D Boys

2:30-3:30pm

U11 Boys City U11 Girls City

3:30-4:30pm

U15 Boys Group A U15 Boys Group B

Sunday September 8, 2024

10:00-11:00am

U13 Boys Group A U13 Boys Group B

11:00am-12:00pm

U13 Girls Group A U7D Boys & Girls

12:00-1:00pm

U13 Boys Group C U9D Girls

1:30-2:30pm

U13 Girls Group C U9D Boys

2:30-3:30pm

U13 Boys City U15 Boys City

3:30-4:30pm

U15 Girls Group A U15 Girls Group B

All Indoor Season player assessments will take place at Sidney L. Buckwold Park. Players must attend their assigned time. Players need to be registered to attend assessments.



Evaluation Prep Camps

FUN Soccer Camp (U7-U17)

Every day at camp, participants will engage in a variety of mini games designed to be both fun and competitive. These small-sided games not only keep the excitement high but also help players improve their skills in a dynamic and engaging way. From 3v3 matches to “World Cup” and “Jail” contests, there’s something for everyone!

Our coaching philosophy centers around learning through play. We believe that the best way to develop soccer skills is through enjoyable and interactive activities. Drills are cleverly disguised as games, ensuring that every child is learning while having a blast.

Dates: August 12, 13, 14

U7 and U9 Players (Indoor 2024-25 Season Divisions for players born 2016-2019):

Time: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM each day

Place: Sidney L. Buckwold Park Soccer Fields

U11 and Older Players (Indoor 2024-25 Season Divisions for players born 2008-2015):

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM each day

Place: Sidney L. Buckwold Park Soccer Fields

Pre-Season Prep Camp (U7-U9)

Lakewood’s Pre-Season Prep Camp will be focused on technical skill development. This camp is designed to lay a solid foundation of soccer skills for young players ahead of the indoor season. Each session focuses on fundamental techniques such as dribbling, passing, shooting, and ball control. Through engaging drills and activities, players will improve their technical abilities in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Dates: August 19, 20, 21, 22

U7 and U9 Players (Indoor 2024-25 age Divisions for players born 2016-2019):

Time: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM each day

Place: Sidney L. Buckwold Park Soccer Fields

Evaluation Prep Camp (U11-U17)

Lakewood Soccer’s Evaluation Prep Camp will be focused on technical skill development, emphasizing fundamental soccer skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting, and ball control. Our qualified coaches provide personalized instruction to refine technique and improve consistency.

Dates: August 19, 20, 21, 22

U11 and Older Players (Indoor 2024-25 age Divisions for players born 2008-2015):

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM each day

Place: Sidney L. Buckwold Park Soccer Fields

Register here:

<https://www.rampregistrations.com/login?v3=67e59bbbedf>



Saskatchewan Summer Games



Several Lakewood girls and boys made the Saskatchewan Summer Games team in their region. This is part of a series of features that will spotlight these players!

Lakewood Soccer is immensely proud of Walker Boyes and his exceptional accomplishments. Walker played with the Lakewood Revolution U15 Boys team last winter and earned a spot on the Alliance U15 Boys Black team in the Provincial Soccer League.

This summer, Walker played as a Centre Back for Team Saskatoon, contributing significantly to their victory at the Saskatchewan Summer Games. His hard work and commitment paid off, as he shone on the field and helped lead his team to triumph in the finals.

Having just graduated from St. Bernard, Walker is now preparing to enter Grade 9 at Holy Cross High School. He loved playing in front of larger crowds at the Summer Games, embodying his motto, "Hard work pays off!"

Congratulations, Walker, on your remarkable success. Lakewood Soccer celebrates your achievements and looks forward to your continued growth and excellence in the sport.



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Lakewood Soccer is incredibly proud of Declan Wall's outstanding achievement. As a key player for the Saskatoon team, Declan showcased his skills and dedication, contributing to their victorious performance at the Saskatchewan Summer Games.

Declan, who plays Fullback for both Lakewood Galaxy (indoor) U15 A and Saskatoon Alliance for PSL, took on the role of Defensive Mid (position 6) for the Summer Games. His hard work and talent were evident throughout the tournament, helping lead his team to victory.

Off the field, Declan is a dedicated student at St. Augustine, where he is currently in Grade 8. He not only loved playing the games but also staying in the dorms and meeting new people, adding to the enriching experience of the Summer Games.

Congratulations, Declan, on this remarkable accomplishment!



New Coaches Wanted!!



Hey soccer aficionados and lovers of orange slices! Lakewood Soccer is on the hunt for some brave souls willing to herd cats—er, coach our amazing kids. With around 500 future soccer stars and 50 teams of energetic boys and girls ranging from U7 to U19, we've got a small village of mini Messis and Sinclair strikers needing your guidance. If you've got a passion for the beautiful game and a knack for keeping kids from chasing butterflies on the field, we need you!

Why should you consider this noble quest? Well, for starters, coaching at Lakewood Soccer is like a golden ticket to the best workout you didn't know you needed. Forget the gym—try corralling a group of U7s into formation! It's not just about soccer; it's about giving back to the community, one missed high-five and celebratory dance at a time. Plus, you'll get to build a network of fellow coaches who can share in the triumphs and tribulations of managing a team. New to coaching? Fear not! We've got training and support to turn you



into a soccer sage in no time.

And let's not forget the perks: you'll develop super-hero-like skills in leadership, communication, and patience (think Yoda but with a whistle). Imagine the thrill of seeing your players transform from timid tots to confident champions, all thanks to your expert guidance. If you love soccer and enjoy the smell of fresh-cut grass mixed with the



occasional whiff of sweaty shin guards, then Lakewood Soccer is the place for you. Join us, and let's make this season a fun, heartwarming, and unforgettable adventure on the pitch!

To learn more, please contact: President@lakewood-soccer.com





Blue Thunder wins Summerfest

Lakewood Blue Thunder U13G

Lakewood Blue Thunder finished off their season in Regina at the FC Regina SummerFest Tournament. The Blues tied their first two games against tough Swift Current and Winnipeg teams. They defeated FCR which advanced them to the final. The gold medal game, against Winnipeg again, was level at 1-1 after regular time so a Golden Boot extra period was added. The girls scored the winner with only a minute before the shootout! This was the second trophy for the team this outdoor season!!

After the final, the girls headed to Mosaic Stadium to watch the Saskatchewan Roughriders home opener. This included a pre-game media tour with TSN's Glen Sutor, an onfield meeting with Riders Head Coach Cory Mace, some player autographs and a Roughrider win. The girls had their team windup pool party a few nights later (thanks to the Lapsiuk's for hosting). It was a great end to the U13 girls season!!





Need To Know...

Aug 12	Fun Soccer Camps begin	Sid Buckwold
Aug 19	Evaluation Prep Camps begin	Sid Buckwold
Aug 26	U11 and older player evaluations begin	Sid Buckwold
Sept 3	Early bird registration for indoor season ends	
Sept 7	U7 and U9 training sessions begin	Sid Buckwold



Lakewood Team Sponsors

Lakewood Celtic U13 Boys:

- Lingard + Dreger
- NuTech Industries

Lakewood Dynamo U13 Boys:

- Cloverdale Paint

Lakewood Galaxy U15 Boys:

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- Wellington-Altus Private Wealth

Lakewood Blue Thunder U13 Girls:

- Rivercity Technology Services
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Lakewood Pumas U11 Girls:

- The Cave
- Select Roses
- Boulevard Dental Centre
- '87 Morrison Realty
- Wallace Construction
- Centennial Plumbing, Heating and Electrical

Lakewood Revolution U15 Boys:

- Blue Collar Construction
- Korre Mechanical
- Morrison Realty '87
- Oxbow Architecture
- Professional Computer Services
- The Cave
- Titan Marketing Solutions
- Walkers Drug Store
- Wallace Construction Specialties

Lakewood Soccer would like to thank the Lakewood Team Sponsors for their contributions.

The funds help offset the cost of tournament fees, travel, clothing and team building activities. Thank You!!

Coaches, managers: if we missed any sponsors, email heartbeat@lakewoodsoccer.com and we will list in next issue.

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The Heartbeat of Lakewood stays onside every other Thursday during the season.

Want your team featured? Drop us a line!

Coaches, managers and/or parents: please email team updates and photos to: heartbeat@lakewoodsoccer.com



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Clip 'n Climb Saskatoon is proud to support numerous not-for-profit organizations in our city, especially those helping kids and promoting youth sport. We wish all Lakewood Soccer players, their families, and all Lakewood staff and volunteers a fantastic indoor season!

How are we doing?

If you have ideas, suggestions or comments about The Heartbeat of Lakewood, let us know at: heartbeat@lakewoodsoccer.com

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2024 DROP-IN SOCCER PROGRAM

WHAT: FREE Drop-in Soccer for any age, ability, and gender.

WHERE: Brevoort Park ~ Brevoort Park, Paddling Pool, 3 Webb Cres

Mon 2:45 PM—3:45 PM (Jul 8, 15, 22, 29; Aug 12, 19)

Briarwood ~ Briarwood Park, Spray Pad, 602 Briarwood Rd

Tues 1:00 PM—2:00 PM (Jul 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Aug 6, 13, 20)

Eastview ~ James Anderson Park, Paddling Pool, 1140 East Centre

Thurs 4:00 PM—5:00 PM (Jul 4, 11, 18, 25; Aug 1, 8, 15)

Greystone Heights ~ Greystone Heights Park, Paddling Pool, 2711 Main Street

Mon 1:00 PM—2:00 PM (Jul 8, 15, 22, 29; Aug 12, 19)

Holliston ~ Holliston Park, Spray Pad, 3rd Street E & Sommerfeld Ave

Mon 4:00 PM—5:00 PM (Jul 8, 15, 22, 29; Aug 12, 19)

Lakeridge ~ Lakeridge School, Spray Pad, 305 Waterbury Rd

Tues 4:00 PM—5:00 PM (Jul 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Aug 6, 13, 20)

Lakeview ~ St Bernard School, Spray Pad, 203 Whiteshore Cres

Tues 10:30 AM—11:30 AM (Jul 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Aug 6, 13, 20)

Wed 4:00 PM—5:00 PM (Jul 10, 24; Aug 7, 21)

Rosewood ~ St Therese of Lieaux School, Spray Pad, 205 Olson Lane West

Tues 2:45 PM—3:45 PM (Jul 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Aug 6, 13, 20)

South Nutana Park ~ Harold Tatler South Park, Paddling Pool, 2520 Jarvis Dr

Thurs 2:45 PM—3:45 PM (Jul 4, 11, 18, 25; Aug 1, 8, 15)

Wildwood ~ Wildwood School, Paddling Pool, 203 Rosedale Rd

Tues 11:45 AM—12:45 PM (Jul 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Aug 6, 13, 20)



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