



**SASKATCHEWAN**  
SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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# ABOUT SASKATCHEWAN SOCCER ASSOCIATION



The Saskatchewan Soccer Association is the Provincial Governing Sport Body responsible for the governance and promotion of the game of soccer in Saskatchewan. A member association of Canada Soccer, Saskatchewan Soccer represents member organization clubs and academies that operate in the province.

**Vision** Soccer enriches people’s lives and builds strong relationships in Saskatchewan.

**Mission** To develop great people and connect healthy communities in Saskatchewan through lifelong participation in soccer.

**Values** Our values guide the daily behaviors of our staff and board in pursuit of our strategic goals and in pursuit of operational excellence.

**Integrity** We believe that sport should be a safe, welcoming, and positive experience for all.

**Inclusivity** We work intentionally to build an equitable system that represents everyone in Saskatchewan.

**Innovation** We seek to find new and creative approaches to the development of soccer throughout Saskatchewan.

# MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

Dear Members and supporters,



**Lisa Bagonluri**  
President

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with pride for all that the Saskatchewan soccer community has accomplished together. From grassroots programming to national team representation, 2025 has been a year defined by growth, excellence, and momentum.

One of the most inspiring highlights has been the success of our Saskatchewan athletes on the national futsal stage. We proudly celebrate Erica Hindmarsh, Jade Houmphanh, and Jady Steinhauer for their outstanding achievements representing Canada at the highest level of futsal at the 2025 Futsal Women's World Cup. Their dedication, resilience, and skill continue to inspire young athletes across our province. We also extend our congratulations to Jerson Barandica-Hamilton, whose leadership and expertise with Canada's National Futsal Team reflect the strength of coaching development here in Saskatchewan. Seeing our athletes and coaches excel nationally reinforces the capability of the individuals we have in our province.



**Steven Porter**  
Executive Director

This year's participation in the Canada Games was a powerful reflection of the growing talent across the country. Beyond results, the Games provided our athletes with invaluable experience competing against the top talent in the country while representing Saskatchewan with pride and professionalism. The preparation process — from talent identification to centralized training environments — demonstrated the growing alignment between our technical leadership, coaches, and member organizations. The Canada Games continue to serve as a benchmark for excellence and a catalyst for long-term athlete development in our province.

# MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

We would like to thank Prince Albert Youth Soccer Association for their support in hosting Soccer Day in Saskatchewan in Prince Albert. This event showcased the passion and unity of our soccer community, bringing together participants of all ages and abilities to celebrate the beautiful game. Moments like these remind us that soccer is more than competition — it is connection.

We would also like to acknowledge FC Regina for hosting the Futsal Canadian Championships in Regina. Welcoming a national championship event to Saskatchewan highlights our province's growing reputation as a capable and enthusiastic host. Events like these not only elevate our profile nationally but also leave a lasting legacy for local athletes who can see high-level competition firsthand.

This year, we partnered the Edwards School of Business to introduce a collaborative learning opportunity with the Technical Leadership Diploma, a program designed to develop thoughtful leaders of the game. Through this initiative participants engaged in collaborative learning that emphasized communication, shared problem-solving, and collective growth. Through shared learning and mutual support, our organizations demonstrated that healthy competition and meaningful cooperation can coexist and is essential for raising standards across the entire system. We will continue to offer this initiative in 2026 with focus on tailoring the education to the learning needs of membership.

Domestically, the continued development of the Prairies Premier League marks an important step forward in strengthening high-performance competition within our region. Building meaningful competition opportunities at home is critical to advancing the game and providing clear pathways for players, coaches, and match officials. We are grateful for the collaboration with Manitoba Soccer Association to provide this competition and are excited for the inaugural season to kickoff in May with QC United, Forza Soccer Academy, and the Saskatchewan EXCEL Program entering teams in Saskatchewan.

# MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

As we look ahead, 2026 represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity. With the FIFA World Cup coming to Canada, excitement for the game will reach unprecedented levels. A home World Cup year will inspire young players across Saskatchewan to dream bigger and aim higher. The Saskatchewan Soccer Association is ready to seize this moment.

Over the past several years, SSA has worked diligently to position itself strongly from a financial perspective. Because of this stability, we are now prepared to invest further in the growth of the game.

The year ahead is about building on our momentum. Together, we will continue to create opportunities, elevate standards, and ensure that soccer in Saskatchewan thrives at every level.

Thank you to our athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, volunteers, partners, and supporters. Your commitment fuels our success. The future of soccer in Saskatchewan is bright, and the best is yet to come.

Board & Staff

# Board of Directors



**Lisa Bagonluri**  
President



**Andrew Kitchen**  
Vice President



**Moses Anjorin**



**Dave Mysko**



**Brandon Forbister**



**Janelle Layton**



**Amanda Stith**



**Olivia Mensah**



**Nicole Tryhorn**



**Gord Quinlan**



**Jakub Rogowski**



**Glen Schuler**

## Governance Committee

- Chair, Amanda Stith
- Brandon Forbister
- Dave Mysko
- Andrew Kitchen
- Janelle Layton
- Nicole Tryhorn
- Moses Anjorin
- Aneke Kenechukwu - External
- Lisa Bagonluri - Ex-Officio

## Audit & Finance Committee

- Chair, Jakub Rogowski
- Amanda Stith
- Brandon Forbister
- Nicole Tryhorn
- Kristi Baxter - External
- Jeannette Kuc - External
- Andrew Kitchen - Ex-Officio

## Risk Management Committee

- Chair, Janelle Layton
- Gord Quinlan
- Glen Schuler
- Nicole Tryhorn
- Olivia Mensah
- Lisa Bagonluri - Ex-Officio

## Nominations Committee

- Chair, Olivia Mensah
- Gord Quinlan
- Moses Anjorin
- Dave Mysko
- Nathan Morrison - External
- Andrew Kitchen - Ex-Officio

## Membership Committee

- Chair, Andrew Kitchen
- Janelle Layton
- Jakub Rogowski
- Glen Schuler
- Lisa Bagonluri - Ex-Officio

# MEMBER ORGANIZATION LIST

## New

- Indian Head Soccer Club

## Regular

- Town of Allan
- Arborfield Soccer Club
- Assiniboia Soccer Association
- ASTRA Soccer Academy
- Battleford & District Senior Soccer
- Battleford Youth Soccer Inc.
- Big Island Lake Football Club
- Canora Soccer Club
- Carievale Minor Sports
- Choiceland Soccer Club
- Eatonia Soccer Club
- Esterhazy Youth Soccer
- Estevan Adult Soccer Association
- Estevan Youth Soccer
- Foam Lake Soccer Club
- FC Regina
- Forza Academy
- Goodsoil
- Humboldt & District Soccer Association
- JJ Soccer
- Kamsack Youth Soccer
- Kindersley Soccer Association
- Kipling Soccer Club
- Lac La Ronge Tri Community Soccer Association
- Lanigan & District Soccer
- Lloydminster & District Senior Soccer
- Luseland Minor Soccer
- Meadow Lake & District Youth Soccer
- Meadow Lake Adult Co-Ed Soccer
- Melfort Youth Soccer Association
- Meridian Youth Soccer Association

- Montmartre & District Soccer Club
- Moose Mountain Soccer
- Moosomin United Soccer Association
- Nipawin Youth Soccer
- Phantom Lake Soccer Club
- Prince Albert Senior Soccer Association
- Prince Albert Youth Soccer Association
- Qu'Appelle Valley Soccer Association
- Queen City United Soccer Club
- Redvers Soccer Association
- Rocanville Soccer Association
- Saskatoon Adult Soccer
- Saskatoon Futsal Association
- Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.
- Shaunavon Soccer Association
- Springside Minor Soccer
- Stoughton Soccer Club
- St. Walburg Youth Soccer
- Swift Current Soccer Association
- TD Soccer Futsal Academy
- Tisdale Soccer Club
- United Soccer Organization (Langenburg)
- Valley Soccer Association
- Vibank Soccer
- Watrous and District Association
- Wawota Soccer
- Weyburn Soccer Association
- Wilton Soccer Club
- Whitewood Soccer
- Wolseley Soccer Club
- Wynyard Soccer Club
- Yorkton United FC

## Associate

- Regina Soccer Referees Association
- Saskatoon & District Referees Soccer Association
- University of Regina
- University of Saskatchewan
- Sask. Polytech

## Canada Soccer Club License Holders

### NYCL

- ASTRA Soccer Academy
- FC Regina
- Queen City United

### MA2

- Eastside Youth Soccer Club
- Hollandia Soccer Club

### MA1

- Aurora Youth Soccer Club
- FORZA Academy
- Prince Albert Youth Soccer Association
- Saskatoon United Soccer Club
- Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.
- Valley Soccer Association
- Yorkton United FC

### QSP

- Battleford Youth Soccer Inc.
- Choiceland Soccer Club
- Esterhazy Youth Soccer
- Lac La Ronge Tri Community Association
- Lanigan and District Soccer Association
- Kindersley Soccer Association
- Meridian Youth Soccer Association
- Nipawin Youth Soccer
- Phantom Lake Soccer Club
- Redvers Soccer Association
- Stoughton Soccer Club
- Swift Current Soccer Association
- TDsoccer Futsal Academy
- Weyburn Soccer Association

# CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY

## Life Members

- Doug Knott
- Dale Perry
- S. W. Magill
- Bob Rohachuk
- Allen Bibby
- John Leyshon
- Henk Koopman
- Cedric Gillott
- David Greyeyes
- Klaas Post
- Andy Sharpe
- Ed Horn
- Jim Nicholson
- Percy Hoff
- Esther Dupperon
- Bob Maltman
- Henk Ruys
- Bruce Cowan
- Al Day
- Ross Wilson
- Bill Kerr
- Brett Mario
- Raymond Jones
- Rob Newman
- Dave Herbert
- Jeannette Kuc
- Don Story
- James Huber
- Don Findlay
- Leslie Blyth
- Udo Baecker
- Len Chelack
- Hung Duoug
- Joan McEachern

## David Newsham Award Winners

- 1985 Henk Ruys
- 1986 Doug Knott
- 1987 Cedric Gillott
- 1988 Raymond Jones
- 1989 Henk Koopman
- 1990 Bill Kerr
- 1991 Not awarded
- 1992 Ross Wilson
- 1993 Klass Post
- 1994 Paul Caves
- 1995 David Hebert
- 1996 Ken Billows
- 1997 Andy Sharpe
- 1998 Ed Horn
- 1999 David Jenkins
- 2000 Tom Wiclawski
- 2001 Al Day
- 2002 Bob Maltman
- 2003 Dale Perry
- 2004 Percy Hoff
- 2005 Bob Rohachuk
- 2006 Jim Nicholson
- 2007 Esther Dupperon
- 2008 Bruce Cowan
- 2009 John Leyshon
- 2010 Rob Newman
- 2011 Brett Mario
- 2012 Huw Morris
- 2013 David Jenkinsn
- 2014 Jeannette Kuc
- 2015 Don Findlay
- 2016 Mark Lord
- 2017 Rob Kroeker
- 2018 Gord Quinlan
- 2019 Hung Duong
- 2020 Leslie Blyth
- 2021 Len Lewko
- 2022 Len Chelack
- 2023 Kathy Chisolm
- 2024 Dena Clark

## SSA Volunteer of the Year Award

- 2004 Huw Morris
- 2005 Steve Boodram
- 2006 John Myrah
- 2007 Kathy Chisholm
- 2008 Blair Kardash
- 2009 Dena Clark
- 2010 Scott Benning
- 2011 Lorelee Marin
- 2012 Norma Ursulan & Ed Halyk
- 2013 Eldon Bassett
- 2014 Norma Ursulan
- 2015 Leslie Blyth
- 2016 Darin Wildman
- 2017 Kevin Brown
- 2018 Erin Clark
- 2019 Tyler Hillstead
- 2020 Chad Striker
- 2021 Jamie Drader
- 2022 Jason Roy
- 2023 Eileen Zagiel
- 2024 Michele Mason

## Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame

- David Greyeyes
- John Hayes
- Kevin Holness
- Kaylyn Kyle
- Kelly Parker
- Henk Ruys
- Norman Sheldon
- Prince Albert City Football Club (1907 and 1939)
- Joan McEachern

## Presidents Award

- Steve Boodram
- Dale Perry
- Dave Taylor, Mark Millard, Jodi Blackwell (Saskatoon Legacy Project)



# 2024 RECOGNITION AWARDS CELEBRATION

The 2024 SSA Recognition Awards Celebration provided an opportunity for community members to come together and celebrate the achievements of players, teams, coaches, referees, and volunteers across Saskatchewan.

The Technical Awards were determined through a nomination process, where individuals from the entire SSA community put forward names of those who had made significant contributions in 2024. These nominations were carefully reviewed by the Technical Committee, leading to the selection and announcement of winners and nominees.

Two of the most esteemed awards, Volunteer of the Year and the David Newsham Award, were presented by the Saskatchewan Soccer Association. The nominations for these awards were thoroughly examined, and the winners were chosen by the Board of Directors. It was a moment of great excitement as we expressed our gratitude to the recipients and other members of the soccer community for their invaluable contributions to soccer in our province.

## **Adult Coach of the Year**

Jerson Barandica-Hamilton, University of Saskatchewan

## **Adult Team of the Year**

Saskatoon Green and White

## **Adult Player of the Year**

Jade Houmphanh, Saskatoon Adult Soccer

## **Coaching Dedication Award**

Kayce Payne, JJ Soccer

## **Community Referee of the Year**

Ella Kupser  
Scott Malek

## **Referee of the Year**

Miguel Carrillo  
Chantal Boudreau

## **Youth Player of the Year**

Folawe Balogun, SSA EXCEL Program  
Calla Zimmer, Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.

## **Futsal Player of the Year**

Annika Cook  
Griffin Striker

## **Youth Coach of the Year**

Jeff Freyling, ASTRA Soccer Academy

## **Youth Team of the Year**

U17 Boys Alliance Blue  
U15 Girls Alliance Black

## **David Newsham Award**

Dena Clark

## **Volunteer of the Year**

Michele Mason

## **Member Organization of the Year**

QC United



# 2025 PROVINCIAL SOCCER LEAGUE

**Champions** - U15 Girls Saskatoon Alliance Blue, U15 Boys Saskatoon Alliance Black, U17 Girls FC Regina, U17 Boys Saskatoon Alliance Black

**Golden Boot Award Winners** - U15 Girls Parker Sauer, FC Regina & Kanis Manivong, Saskatoon Alliance Blue, U15 Boys Oudai Alhamami, QC United, U17 Girls Neko Michell, FC Regina, U17 Boys Ronnie Gibson, Forge FC & Giorgio Artunduaga, Saskatoon Alliance Black

## Teams

U13B	4 Teams	102 Participants	70 Players	32 Staff
U13G	5 Teams	118 Participants	90 Players	28 Staff
U15B	7 Teams	188 Participants	145 Players	43 Staff
U15G	6 Teams	157 Participants	112 Players	45 Staff
U17B	6 Teams	166 Participants	121 Players	45 Staff
U17G	3 Teams	75 Participants	51 Players	24 Staff

**U13 Boys** – 4 teams – FCR Bluestars, Forge FC, QC United, ASTRA

**U13 Girls** – 5 teams – QC United, Aurora Rangers, FCR Bluestars, Forge FC, ASTRA

**U15 Boys** – 7 teams - Saskatoon Alliance Blue, Saskatoon Alliance Black, ASTRA, Prince Albert Celtic, Forge FC, FCR Bluestars, QC United

**Finals** – Saskatoon Alliance Black over Saskatoon Alliance Blue

**U15 Girls** – 6 teams - Saskatoon Alliance Blue, Saskatoon Alliance Black, Forza Soccer Academy, ASTRA, Prince Albert Celtic, FCR Bluestars.

**Finals** – Saskatoon Alliance Blue over FCR Bluestars

**U17 Boys** – 5 teams - Saskatoon Alliance Blue, Saskatoon Alliance Black, ASTRA, Forge FC, QC United, FCR Bluestars

**Finals** – Saskatoon Alliance Black over FCR Bluestars

**U17 Girls** – 3 Teams - Saskatoon Alliance, FCR Bluestars, QC United

**Finals** – FCR Bluestars over Saskatoon Alliance





# PRAIRIES PREMIER LEAGUE

In 2025, foundational work began toward the official launch of the Prairies Premier League (PPL), with full league operations targeted for the 2026 season. Engagement, club alignment discussions, and registration processes commenced in 2025 to ensure a structured and sustainable rollout.

## Vision and Purpose

The PPL was established with the vision of creating a high-performance competitive platform in the Prairie region, providing a structured pathway between youth, amateur, and post-secondary/professional environments. The league is designed to elevate standards, increase meaningful competition, and strengthen regional collaboration across the Prairies.

## 2025 Engagement Phase

Throughout 2025:

- Formal engagement with clubs and stakeholders across the Prairie provinces was initiated.
- Registration and expressions of interest were opened.
- Governance structure, competition standards, and operational frameworks were developed.
- Strategic partnerships and sponsorship conversations began.

This phased approach ensured that the league launch in 2026 would be built on strong organizational alignment and shared vision.

## Importance to Soccer in the Prairies

The launch of the PPL represents a significant advancement for soccer in the Prairie region by:

- Providing a higher-level competitive environment within the region.
- Reducing the need for athletes to leave the Prairies to access elite competition.
- Increasing visibility for Prairie-based players.
- Strengthening collaboration among provincial soccer organizations.
- Creating commercial and sponsorship opportunities tied directly to regional soccer growth.

## Strategic Impact

The PPL aligns with long-term strategic objectives of strengthening the player pathway, improving competitive standards, and elevating the profile of Prairie soccer nationally. With engagement and registration launched in 2025 and competition set to begin in 2026, the Prairie Premier League marks a major milestone in the continued growth and professionalization of soccer across the Prairies.

# SASKATCHEWAN EXCEL PROGRAMS

## Female Next Level Advancements National Development Identification

- U17 NDC in Montreal - Emily Pegg, Audrey Hanson, Elizabeth Hanson (all 3 were placed on Stand-by position for the U17 National Team). Elizabeth Hanson placed on the Provisional top 60 quad.
- U16 NDC in Montreal - Maelle Lamothe and Alice Turnbull

## Academy & Professional Club Opportunities

- Elizabeth Hanson attended VWFC Evaluation camp
- Elizabeth Hanson invited to The Rise Academy in a full-time residency position.

## Next Level Commitments

- Navy Louma – U of Calgary – U Sport - Fall 2026
- Elly Mitchell – Acadia University – U Sport - Fall 2026
- Sophie Loughran – Carleton University- U Sport - Fall 2026
- Taliah Evans – University of Manitoba – U Sport - Fall 2026
- Emily Pegg – University of South Dakota NCAA Div 1 - Fall 2027

## Male Next Level Advancements National Development Identification

- Two U15 athletes were identified and selected into the Top 60 National Player Pool for national team consideration:
- David Gbenle (SUSC)
- Oudai Alhamami (QC United)

## Academy & Professional Club Opportunities

- Duc Pham attended the Vancouver Whitecaps FC Academy Centre Evaluation Camp.
- Johan Soria signed with Pumas UNAM.
- Coen LaClare joined the Victoria Highlanders Residency Program.
- Cavan Fernandes completed a trial with the Victoria Highlanders Residency Program.
- Cavan Fernandes, Coen LaClare, and Bayo Balogun completed trials with North York Academy.

## International & Independent Training Opportunities

- Bayo Balogun attended an exclusive training trip to Belgium.
- Mumin Eldebcan and Bayo Balogun participated in international training experiences in Spain and Belgium.

## Next Level Opportunities

- Ifeoluwa Adelakun committed to the Saskatchewan Huskies – Fall 2025

## Next Level Opportunities

- Zach Kim committed to Macewen University – Fall 2026
- Xavier Thode committed to Trinity Western – Fall 2026
- Landon Bagonluri committed to Memorial University – Fall 2026
- Luke Mrazek committed to the Saskatchewan Huskies – Fall 2026



# SASKATCHEWAN EXCEL PROGRAMS

## EXCEL Girls Pathway

Hosted an average of 25 full-time players from Saskatoon, Swift Current, Prince Albert & Regina together to compete across a variety of different competitions, showcases & trials.

The program brought in 7 new players, joining from a pool of 57 identified athletes that were scouted from various events.

Hosted 141 in-person training sessions:

- 30x 11-aside games
- 37 strength and conditioning sessions
- 6 mental performance sessions
- 4 nutrition sessions
- 5 university education Presentations
- 5 sport science presentations
- 4 inspiration/role model presentations
- 6 technical video sessions
- 3 individual assessment meetings
- 4 physical testing sessions

Travel & Competition

- VWFC Combine (Vancouver) – April
- BTB competition – Edmonton - April
- SK Showcase (Saskatoon) - May
- SK Western Shield (Saskatoon) – May-June
- Prairie Exhibition Series Vs Manitoba (Saskatoon) – November
- SYSI Alliance Academy league – Nov to March 2026
- SAS Futsal League – Nov to March

## EXCEL Boys Pathway

Hosted an average of 25 full-time players from Saskatoon, Yorkton & Regina together to compete across a variety of different competitions, showcases & trials.

The Program brought in 5 new players, joining a pool of 9 identified athletes that were scouted from PSL & League competitions.

Hosted 139 in-person training sessions

- 29 x 11-aside games
- 37 strength and conditioning sessions
- 6 mental performance sessions
- 4 nutrition sessions
- 3 university education Presentations,
- 5 sport science presentations,
- 4 inspiration/role model presentations,
- 6 technical video sessions.
- 3 individual assessment meetings
- 4 physical testing sessions

Travel & Competition

- Futsal Provincials - March
- VWFC Combine (Vancouver) – April
- BTB competition – Edmonton - April
- SK Showcase (Saskatoon) - May
- SK Western Shield (Saskatoon) – May-June
- Prairie Exhibition Series Vs Manitoba (Saskatoon) – November 2026
- SYSI Alliance Academy league – Jan to March 2025
- SAS Futsal League – Nov to March 2026



# SASKATCHEWAN EXCEL PROGRAMS

## SK x MB Men's Integration Camp

March 18th–21st, Manitoba hosted the SK x MB Canadian Men's Integration Camp, aimed at identifying players from Saskatchewan and Manitoba for the U15 Canadian National Team pathway.

The camp brought together athletes from both provinces and was supported by a strong collaborative staff group. A total of 13 staff members were in attendance, including 9 from Manitoba, 2 from Saskatchewan, and 2 representatives from Canada Soccer.

The camp was led by Shane Lammie (Canada Soccer U-17 Head Coach and Talent ID Manager), with co-lead support from Alessandro Salvoni, representing Canada Soccer.

Over the three days, players were exposed to a high-performance national team environment focused on talent identification, tactical understanding, training intensity, and overall professionalism aligned with the Canadian Youth National Team standards.



Eight (8) athletes participated in the Saskatchewan / Manitoba Integration Camp:

- Oudai Alhamami (QC United)
- Jayden Ott (QC United)
- David Gbenle (SUSC)
- Onyedika Oghenetega (Eastside)
- Kipton Krushelniski (Lakewood)
- Rhemzy Ajavon (FCR)
- Duc Pham (SASK EXCEL)
- Praise Otasanya (SASK EXCEL)



# HIGH PERFORMANCE SHOWCASE

The 2025 High Performance Showcase was delivered during a Canada Summer Games year, increasing the importance of competition and player evaluation. A dedicated Canada Games Division was created for both male and female teams. This created a strong evaluation opportunity ahead of final roster decisions and reflected the competitive intensity expectations of Canada Games. Players were actively scouted by post-secondary programs and the format maximized athlete visibility over multiple matches.

## Participating Teams

- Sask EXCEL
- ASTRA
- FC Regina
- QC United
- Saskatoon Alliance
- BTB
- Saskatchewan Canada Games Teams
- Manitoba Canada Games Teams



# REGISTRAR'S REPORT

## Registration By Members

Membership Totals	2025 Combined					Outdoor					Indoor			
Regular Members	2025	2024	+/-	%		2025	2024	+/-	%		2025	2024	+/-	%
Town of Allan	12	0	12			12	0	12			0	0	0	
Arborfield Soccer	0	13	-13	-100%		0	13	-13	-100%		0	0		
Assiniboia Soccer Association	87	132	-45	-34%		32	66	-34	-52%		55	66	-14	-16.70%
Astra Academy	1478	1959	-481	-25%		776	1252	-476	-38%		702	707	-64	-0.70%
Battleford & District Senior Soccer	72	0	72			72	0	72			0	0	0	
Battleford Youth Soccer Inc	1088	1127	-39	-3%		710	735	-25	-3%		378	392	-61	-3.60%
BILFC Little Kodiak	13	0	13			0	0	0			13	0		
Canora Soccer Club	70	63	7	11%		70	63	7	11%		0	0	0	
Carievale Minor Sports	51	75	-24	-32%		51	75	-24	-32%		0	0		
Choiceland Soccer Club	49	56	-7	-13%		49	56	-7	-13%		0	0	0	
Eatonia Soccer Club	53	50	3	6%		53	50	3	6%		0	0	0	
Esterhazy Soccer	186	186	0	0%		186	186	0	0%		0	0	0	
Estevan Senior Soccer Association	53	55	-2	-4%		53	55	-2	-4%		0	0	0	
Estevan Youth & Mini Soccer Association	401	376	25	7%		401	376	25	7%		0	0	0	
Foam Lake	84	46	38	83%		84	46	38	83%		0	0	0	

# REGISTRAR'S REPORT

## Registration By Members

Membership Totals	2025 Combined					Outdoor					Indoor			
Regular Members	2025	2024	+/-	%		2025	2024	+/-	%		2025	2024	+/-	%
FORZA Soccer Academy	420	272	148	54%		224	111	113	102%		196	161	72	21.70%
Humboldt and District Soccer Association	533	520	13	3%		355	332	23	7%		178	188	-3	-5.30%
Indian Head	101	0	101			101		101			0			
JJ Soccer	508	516	-8	-2%		310	363	-53	-15%		198	153	10	29.40%
Kamsack Soccer Club	89	76	13	17%		89	76	13	17%		0	0	0	
Kindersley Soccer Inc.	256	353	-97	-27%		155	225	-70	-31%		101	128	23	-21.10%
Kipling Soccer Club	76	56	20	36%		76	56	20	36%		0	0	0	
Lac La Ronge Tri Community Soccer Association	128	127	1	1%		128	127	1	1%		0	0	0	
Lanigan & District Soccer	207	168	39	23%		177	168	9	5%		30	0	0	
Lloydminster & District Senior Soccer	352	340	12	4%		91	117	-26	-22%		261	223	77	17.00%
Luseland Minor Soccer	22	44	-22	-50%		22	44	-22	-50%		0	0	0	
Meadow Lake & District Youth Soccer	219	149	70	47%		182	149	33	22%		37	0	0	
Meadow Lake Senior	27	21	6	29%		0	0	0			27	21	-3	28.60%
Melfort Youth Soccer Association	262	251	11	4%		212	187	25	13%		50	64	-43	-21.90%
Meridian Youth Soccer Association	975	1129	-154	-14%		615	731	-116	-16%		360	398	6	-9.50%

# REGISTRAR'S REPORT

## Registration By Members

Membership Totals	2025 Combined					Outdoor					Indoor			
Regular Members	2025	2024	+/-	%		2025	2024	+/-	%		2025	2024	+/-	%
Montmartre & District Soccer	0	41	-41	-100%		0	41	-41	-100%		0	0	0	
Moose Mountain Soccer	119	97	22	23%		119	97	22	23%		0	0	0	
Moosomin Soccer Association	129	184	-55	-30%		129	184	-55	-30%		0	0	0	
Nipawin Youth Soccer	373	334	39	12%		258	244	14	6%		115	90	12	27.80%
Phantom Lake Soccer	358	421	-63	-15%		327	365	-38	-10%		31	56	11	-44.60%
Prince Albert Senior Soccer Association	80	97	-17	-18%		0	0	0			80	97	82	-17.50%
Prince Albert Youth Soccer Association	1955	1716	239	14%		1021	883	138	16%		934	833	-74	12.10%
Queen City United Soccer Club	1587	1395	192	14%		803	652	151	23%		784	743	8	5.50%
Qu'Appelle Valley Soccer Association	638	696	-58	-8%		611	682	-71	-10%		27	14	14	92.90%
Redvers Soccer Association	111	109	2	2%		111	109	2	2%		0	0	0	
FC Regina	4488	4539	-51	-1%		1912	1906	6	0%		2576	2633	150	-2.20%
Rocanville Soccer Club	99	95	4	4%		99	95	4	4%		0	0	0	
Saskatoon Adult Soccer	5368	5421	-53	-1%		2626	2339	287	12%		2742	3082	254	-11.00%
Saskatoon Futsal League	370	126	244	194%		0	0	0			370	126	-88	193.70%
Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc	10125	9795	330	3%		5604	5445	159	3%		4521	4350	133	3.90%

# REGISTRAR'S REPORT

## Registration By Members

Membership Totals	2025 Combined					Outdoor					Indoor			
Regular Members	2025	2024	+/-	%		2025	2024	+/-	%		2025	2024	+/-	%
Springside Soccer Club	35	35	0	0%		35	35	0	0%		0	0	0	
St. Walburg Soccer	31	35	-4	-11%		31	35	-4	-11%		0	0	0	
Stoughton Soccer Club	159	144	15	10%		159	144	15	10%		0	0	0	
Swift Current Soccer Association	1110	1129	-19	-2%		757	773	-16	-2%		353	356	-27	-0.80%
TD Soccer	0	132	-132	-100%		0	0	0			0	132	16	-100.00%
Tisdale Soccer Club	170	162	8	5%		102	93	9	10%		68	69	19	-1.40%
United Soccer Organization (Langenburg)	254	223	31	14%		250	223	27	12%		4	0		
Valley Soccer Association	3395	2855	540	19%		2562	2298	264	11%		833	557	160	49.60%
Vibank Soccer (Quad Town)	99	85	14	16%		99	85	14	16%		0	0	0	
Watrous and District Soccer Association	92	88	4	5%		92	88	4	5%		0	0	0	
Wawota Minor Soccer	90	80	10	13%		90	80	10	13%		0	0	0	
Weyburn Soccer Assoc	897	1002	-105	-10%		467	580	-113	-19%		430	422	-16	1.90%
Whitewood Soccer Assoc	64	39	25	64%		64	39	25	64%		0	0	0	
Wilton	142	65	77	118%		119	65	54	83%		23	0		
Wolseley	53	69	-16	-23%		53	69	-16	-23%		0	0	0	

# REGISTRAR'S REPORT

## Registration By Members

Membership Totals	2025 Combined					Outdoor					Indoor			
	2025	2024	+/-	%		2025	2024	+/-	%		2025	2024	+/-	%
<b>Wynyard Soccer Club</b>	112	135	-23	-17%		112	135	-23	-17%		0	0	0	
<b>Yorkton United</b>	854	772	82	11%		527	497	30	6%		327	275	-95	18.90%
<b>Regular Members Totals</b>	41233	40752	481	1.20%		24425	24151	274	1%		16808	16601	207	1%
<b>% Total Membership</b>	97%	96%				95%	93%				100%	100%		
<b>% Change from Previous Year</b>	1%	3%				1.10%	3.30%				1.20%	3.30%		
<b>FSIN, NAIG, FNSG</b>	1116	1464	-348	-23.77%		1116	1464	-348	-23.77%		0	0		
<b>FSIN, NAIG, FNSG % Total Membership</b>	3%	3%				4%	6%				0%	0%		
<b>Associate Members</b>	2025	2024	+/-	%		2025	2024	+/-			2025	2024	+/-	
<b>Regina Soccer Referees Association</b>	108	78	30	38%		108	78	-7	-8%		0	0	0	
<b>Saskatoon &amp; Districts Soccer Refs. Assoc.</b>	118	117	1	1%		118	117	37	46%		0	0	0	
<b>Other</b>	109	86	23	27%		47	41	-12	-23%		62	45	-63	-58%
<b>Associate Members Totals</b>	335	281	54	19%		273	236	18	8%		62	45	-63	38%

# REGISTRAR'S REPORT

## 6-Year Registration Comparison

Outdoor	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 25v24	6 Year Avg	High	Low	CAGR
Mini	814	6970	10171	10376	10227	9406	-8.00%	7994	10376	814	1.90%
Youth	1365	4070	6012	7154	7696	8229	6.90%	5754	8229	1365	1.90%
Adult	1037	2193	3563	3559	3740	4220	12.80%	3052	4220	1037	-2.30%
Coaches	177	1251	1864	2061	1676	1741	3.90%	1462	2061	177	-4.00%
FSIN (All Ages)	0	0	1712	1819	1464	1116	-19.50%	1019	1819	0	-11.30%
Referees	138	200	343	454	475	537	4.60%	358	537	138	-4.20%
<b>Outdoor Total</b>	<b>3531</b>	<b>14684</b>	<b>23665</b>	<b>25423</b>	<b>25278</b>	<b>25249</b>	<b>-0.60%</b>	<b>19736</b>	<b>25837</b>	<b>3531</b>	<b>-0.40%</b>
Net Change	-22306	11153	8981	1758	-145	-29					
% Change	-86.30%	315.90%	61.20%	7.40%	-0.60%	-0.10%					
Indoor	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 25v24	6 Year Avg	High	Low	CAGR
Mini	1944	3004	4353	4490	3934	3763	-4.30%	3581	4490	1944	14.10%
Youth	2972	3341	4488	5503	5951	6108	2.60%	4727	6108	2972	15.50%
Adult	3141	3642	4899	4820	5110	5456	6.80%	4511	5456	3141	11.70%
Coaches	719	884	1249	1358	1158	1037	-10.40%	1068	1358	719	7.60%
FSIN (All Ages)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
<b>Indoor Total</b>	<b>8776</b>	<b>10871</b>	<b>14989</b>	<b>16171</b>	<b>16153</b>	<b>16364</b>	<b>-0.10%</b>	<b>13439</b>	<b>16171</b>	<b>8776</b>	<b>3.40%</b>
Net Change	-4898	2095	4118	1182	-18	211					
% Change	-35.80%	15.30%	37.90%	7.90%	-0.10%	1.30%					
Combined	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 24v23	6 Year Avg	High	Low	CAGR
<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>12307</b>	<b>25555</b>	<b>38654</b>	<b>41594</b>	<b>41431</b>	<b>41613</b>	<b>0.40%</b>	<b>33526</b>	<b>41613</b>	<b>12307</b>	<b>1.00%</b>
Mini	2758	9974	14524	14866	14161	13169	-7.00%	11575	14866	2758	3.00%
Youth	4337	7411	10500	12657	13647	14337	5.10%	10482	14337	4337	4.20%
Adult	4178	5835	8462	8379	8850	9676	9.30%	7563	9676	4178	-2.00%
Coaches	896	2135	3113	3419	2834	2778	-2.00%	2529	3419	896	-2.10%
FSIN (All Ages)	0	0	1712	1819	1464	1116	-23.80%	1019	1819	0	-11.30%
Referees	138	200	343	454	475	537	13.10%	358	537	138	-4.20%

Red - Lowest total in 6 year period

Green - Highest total in the 6-year period

# FINANCIALS

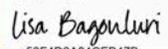
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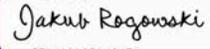
**Saskatchewan Soccer Association Inc.**  
**Statement of Financial Position**

*As at December 31, 2025, with comparative information for 2024*

<b>Assets</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 70,188	\$ 77,773
Accounts receivable	82,270	96,220
Investments (Note 4)	1,885,507	1,744,415
Prepaid expenses	66,857	79,593
	<b>2,104,822</b>	<b>1,998,001</b>
<b>Invested in Sport Legacy Fund (Note 5)</b>	<b>3,828</b>	<b>3,556</b>
<b>Tangible capital assets (Note 6)</b>	<b>22,519</b>	<b>32,115</b>
	<b>\$ 2,131,169</b>	<b>\$ 2,033,672</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 207,843	\$ 206,408
Government remittances payable	2,320	11,434
Deferred revenue (Note 7)	86,458	126,639
	<b>296,621</b>	<b>344,481</b>
<b>Deferred Sport Legacy Fund (Note 5)</b>	<b>3,828</b>	<b>3,556</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
<b>Invested in tangible capital assets</b>	<b>22,519</b>	<b>32,115</b>
<b>Internally restricted surplus (Note 8)</b>	<b>1,808,201</b>	<b>1,653,520</b>
	<b>1,830,720</b>	<b>1,685,635</b>
	<b>\$ 2,131,169</b>	<b>\$ 2,033,672</b>

Approved on behalf of the board:

  
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 Director

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# FINANCIALS

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## Saskatchewan Soccer Association Inc.

### Statement of Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2025, with comparative information for 2024

	2025	2024
<b>Revenue</b>		
Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund - Sport Division (Schedule 1)	\$ 847,728	\$ 794,300
Self Help (Schedule 2)	2,184,838	2,155,809
	<b>3,032,566</b>	<b>2,950,109</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Administration (Schedule 3)	319,968	334,175
Capacity / Interaction (Schedule 4)	484,111	493,129
Participation (Schedule 5)	666,336	590,238
Excellence (Schedule 6)	845,199	759,362
Categorical Grants (Schedule 7)	571,867	557,113
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	1,945
	<b>2,887,481</b>	<b>2,735,962</b>
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses</b>	<b>\$ 145,085</b>	<b>\$ 214,147</b>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

# PLAYER HIGHLIGHTS

## Canada Summer Games

### St. Johns, Newfoundland August 8-24

Saskatchewan Soccer fielded both a Men's and Women's Soccer Team at the 2025 Canada Summer Games, competing against 12 provincial teams in each division.

The **Men's Team** completed round-robin and placement matches and finished the tournament in **10th place overall**.

The **Women's Team** competed through the preliminary and placement rounds and finished in **9th place overall**.

In addition to final standings, the Games provided national exposure for athletes. Multiple players from both teams drew attention from post-secondary coaches, resulting in several university and college soccer signings following the tournament.



## Competitions

### Canada Soccer Futsal National Championships:

- Sk Impact FC (Female) captured the Gold Medal
- Yorkton United FC (Male) finished 6th

### Men's Masters National Championship:

- YXE FC took home gold

### Women's Masters National Championship:

- YXE FC Finished 6th

All four divisions were once again represented at the **Canada Soccer Club National Championships in October 2025**

### Canada Soccer 2025 Boys U17 Cup:

- Saskatoon Alliance Black took home the silver medal.

### Canada Soccer 2025 Girls U17 Cup:

- FC Regina finished 11th

### Canada Soccer 2025 Boys U15 Cup:

- Saskatoon Alliance Black finished 6th

### Canada Soccer 2025 Girls U15 Cup:

- Saskatoon Alliance Blue Finished 7th



# PLAYER HIGHLIGHTS

## Historic Year for Saskatchewan Futsal Players

2025 marked a defining moment for Saskatchewan Soccer as three athletes from our province were named to the Canada Soccer Women's Futsal National Team.

Erica Hindmarsh, Jade Houmphanh, and Jady Steinhauer proudly represented Canada at the CONCACAF Women's Futsal Championship, where Team Canada delivered a championship performance to be crowned CONCACAF Champions.

Their victory secured qualification for the inaugural FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup in the Philippines — a historic first for the women's futsal game on the global stage.

All three Saskatchewan athletes suited up for Canada at both the CONCACAF Championship and the World Cup, representing our province and country with pride, determination, and excellence.

Saskatchewan has firmly established itself as a futsal powerhouse within the Canada Soccer ecosystem. The presence of three athletes from one province on the international stage underscores the strength of our development pathway, the commitment of our coaches and clubs, and the growing culture of excellence surrounding futsal in Saskatchewan. This historic year is more than a moment — it is a statement. Saskatchewan futsal has arrived, and the future is bright.



# PLAYER HIGHLIGHTS

The 2025 SaskTel Soccer for Life Youth Sask Cup and Adult Futsal Championships were pleased to have 176 registered teams with over 3,500 participating athletes and team personnel.

## Sask Cup Indoor in Regina

- Skill Centre: 6 teams
- U15 Boys Gold: Aurora Celtics Silver: QC United Fairplay: Battlefords United MVP: Bradley McEachern – Battlefords United
- U15 Girls Gold: FCR Rise Silver: QC United Fairplay: Hollandia Adamus MVP - Hailey Markos – Prince Albert Celtics
- U17 Boys (6-a-side) Gold: FCR Girona Silver: FCR Leverkusen Fairplay: FCR Leverkusen MVP: Billie-Jo Smallchild
- U17 Boys Gold: QC United Silver: FCR Alianza Fairplay: FCR Atalanta MVP: Maximo Alvarado
- U17 Girls Gold: Saskatoon Alliance Silver: QC United Fairplay: Hollandia Lockwood MVP: Neko Michell – FCR Bluestars
- U19 Boys Gold: FCR Bluestars Silver: Forza Soccer Academy Fairplay: Forza Soccer Academy MVP: Ethan Sentes – FCR Bluestars
- U19 Girls Gold: Aurora Concordes Silver: PA Celtic Fairplay: Prince Albert Celtics MVP: Sienna Nimubona – PA Celtics

## Sask Cup Futsal in Yorkton, Sk

- Skills Centre: 10 Teams
- U14 Boys Gold: Yorkton United FC Silver: QC United MVP: Declan Mannix - Excelsior FC Fair Play Award: Excelsior FC
- U14 Girls Gold: TD Soccer Futsal Samba Silver: TD Soccer Futsal Salsa MVP: Kaeli Presniak - Forza Soccer Academy Fair Play Award: TD Soccer Futsal Salsa
- U16 Boys Gold: Excelsior FC Silver: QC United MVP: Jomi Olaleye - Excelsior FC Fair Play Award: Excelsior FC
- U16 Girls Gold: QC United Silver: TD Soccer Futsal MVP: Isabella Selk - TD Soccer Futsal Fair Play Award: Swift Current United
- U18 Boys Gold: QC United Silver: Excelsior FC MVP: Jean-Francois Mendes - Excelsior FC Fair Play Award: Excelsior FC
- Adult Male Gold: Yorkton United FC Silver: FC Regina MVP: Landon Bagonluri - SK Villains Fair Play Award: Yorkton United
- Adult Female Gold: Saskatoon SK Impact Silver: Saskatoon G & W MVP: Erica Hindmarsh - Huskie Alumni Fair Play Award: Regina Green and Gold



# PLAYER HIGHLIGHTS

## Sask Cup Rural in Humboldt

- Skill Centre: 31 teams
- U15 Boys Gold: Humboldt Hurricanes Silver: Lanigan Lightning MVP: Yaroslav Ostapenko - Nipawin FC Fairplay Award Winer: BUFC Bull
- U19 Girls Gold Lanigan Lightning Silver: East Central Soccer Academy MVP: Emily Hertlein - East Central Soccer Academy Fairplay Award Winer: East Central Soccer Academy
- U19 Boys Gold: Humboldt Hurricanes Silver: East Central Soccer Academy MVP: Liam Zimmerman - Humboldt Hurricanes Fairplay Award Winer: Lanigan Lightning

## Sask Cup 11-a-side

- Skill Centre: 42 Teams
- U15 Boys Gold: Lakewood Leipzig Silver: Battlefords United MVP: Danny Carlson - Battlefords United Fairplay: FCR Legion
- U15 Girls Gold: Swift Current United Silver: Eastside Man City MVP: Hailey Langager - Swift Current United Fairplay: Swift Current United
- U17 Boys Gold: FCR Adamantium Silver: Excelsior FC MVP: Daniel Oni - FCR Adamantium Fairplay: Estevan FC
- U17 Girls Gold: FCR Selects Silver: Mooseton MVP: Brylee Night - Battlefords United Fairplay: Weyburn Red Devils

- U19 Boys Champion: Forza Soccer Academy Finalist: SUSC Crewe MVP: Gavin LaBrash - Forza Soccer Academy Fairplay: Forza Soccer Academy

## Sask Cup Power Chair

1st annual event held in Saskatoon with the FC Regina Rangers defeating the Saskatoon Rolling Thunder.

## Sask Cup Masters and Open

- Masters Men Gold: YXE FC Silver: FC Regina
- Open Men Gold: LAFC Silver: ASTRA Soccer Academy



# COACH HIGHLIGHTS

## C Diploma

2024-2025 Cohorts Wrapped up

	Cohort #1	Cohort #2	Totals
<b>Total Completed Training</b>	25	18	43
<b>Certified</b>	16	12	28
<b>Completing Action Plans to become Certified</b>	4	3	7
<b>Deferred Evaluation</b>	2	2	4
<b>Not Pursuing Certification</b>	4	0	4

2025-2026 C Diploma cohort has started with 25 coaches pursuing certification.

## Grassroots Coach Education

Course	Online Total	In Person Total
<b>Coaching Soccer in Canada</b>	635	
<b>Active Start</b>	84	63
<b>FUNdamentals</b>	257	158
<b>Learn 2 Train</b>	217	156
<b>Soccer 4 Life</b>	158	141
<b>Introduction to Futsal</b>	17	N/A

## Coach Workshops

### Jesse Marsch Coach Presentation

Jesse Marsch travelled across the country hosting coaching workshops for provincial coaches in Canada, including a stop in Saskatoon in January 2025. The goal of the events was to give local coaches opportunities to learn, share knowledge and network within the sport. Marsch provided grassroots associations and their coaches with information on his game model with the Men's National Team, his philosophies of football, and details on experiences from his career coaching at the top level of the sport in Europe and North America.

### In Person Coach Developer Workshop

Facilitator: Mike Whyatt, Canada Soccer + Ashlyn Therens  
A two day event that was a combination of classroom and on-field that focused on how to be an effective coach developer and give meaningful feedback to coaches that are beginning their journey.

### C + B Diploma Intensive

Facilitator: Mike Whyatt, Canada Soccer + Ashlyn Therens  
This four day workshop focused on the CONCACAF C and B Diplomas and provided technical leaders in the province the chance to gain familiarity with the updated frameworks in the courses and understand what is being taught to their coaches as they go through the courses. Additionally, technical leaders delivered on-field sessions and received feedback on their coaching and were shown alternate ways to complete internal coach education.



# COACH HIGHLIGHTS

## Technical Leadership Diploma

The Technical Leadership Diploma in collaboration with the Edwards School of Business.

The program included 24 participants from member organizations across the province, representing club Technical Directors, senior coaches, and emerging soccer leaders.

The diploma program was designed to strengthen leadership and operational capacity within member organizations. Core focus areas included:

- Organizational alignment
- Leadership
- Emotional intelligence
- Communication and stakeholder engagement

## Strategic Impact

This initiative directly aligns with SSA's Strategic Plan objective of supporting and strengthening member organization leadership. Equipping Technical Directors and club leaders with formal business and management education builds stronger governance structures, clearer technical direction, and improved operational sustainability across the province.

The program represents a key investment in long-term organizational excellence and leadership development within Saskatchewan soccer.

## Technical Tuesday Speaker Series

Beginning in fall 2025, we launched the monthly Technical Tuesday Speaker Series which brings experts in their subject matter from in province and across the country to provide content specific information in an easily accessible manor to all members of the Saskatchewan Soccer Community. 2025 speakers included Matthew Hnatiw (SSA), Mike Ayyash (Vancouver Whitecaps FC Academy), and Paul Thompson (Vancouver Whitecaps FC).



# COACH HIGHLIGHTS

## Telus She Can Coach

Saskatchewan will be taking part in this program in 2026. Clubs and participants have been selected and dates are set for training. TELUS She CAN Coach is a flagship initiative within Canada Soccer's Women and Girls strategic plan, which aims to remove barriers, create equitable pathways, and increase representation for women in all areas of the game. The program's focus on intentional, women-led development environments directly supports the plan's long-term vision to see more women leading on the field, on the sidelines, and in leadership roles across Canadian soccer.

## National Team Representation – 2025 Milestone Achievement

In 2025, former SSA staff member Adam Miller reached a significant professional milestone with his appointment as First Assistant Coach of Canada's U17 Men's National Team for the FIFA U17 World Cup in Qatar. This achievement reflects a long-term development investment that began in 2021, when SSA strategically supported Adam's involvement with Canada Soccer national team staff programming. The objective was to provide him with exposure, mentorship, and meaningful experience within the national team environment. That investment contributed directly to strengthening his standing within the national team structure and ultimately to his appointment as First Assistant Coach for the U17 Men's National Team at the World Cup.

Although Adam departed SSA in 2024, this milestone remains a reflection of the organization's commitment to developing high-level technical leaders and intentionally investing in coach advancement pathways.

In addition, Markus Reinkens (FCR) has continued to represent Saskatchewan at the national level, serving as Canada Soccer national team staff with both the male and female U15 and U17 programs in roles including Assistant Coach and Operations Manager. His involvement has included multiple international competitions, highlighted by participation with the U17 Men's National Team at the World Cup in Qatar.

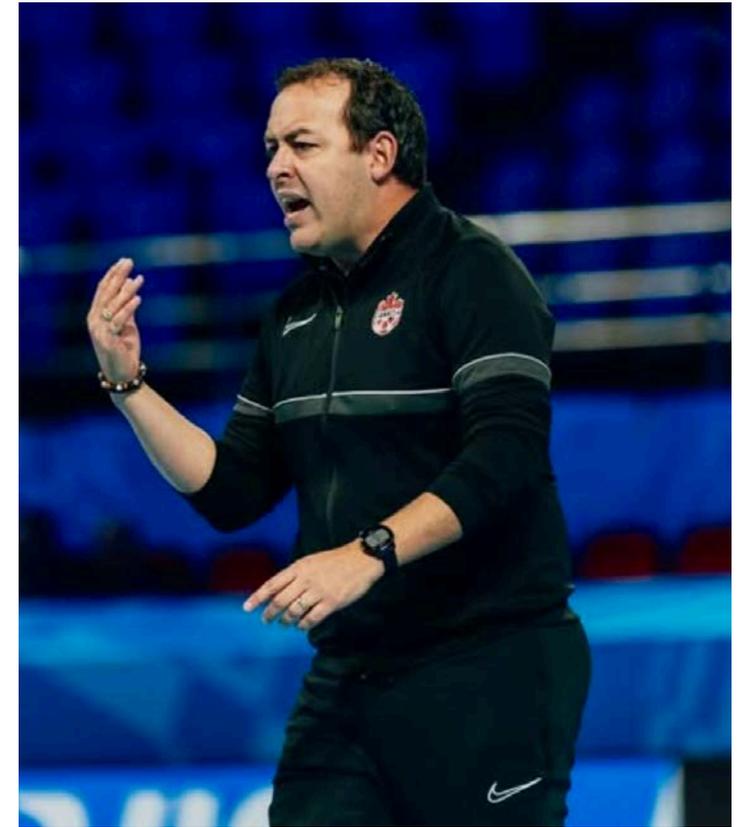


# COACH HIGHLIGHTS

Further demonstrating Saskatchewan's growing national presence, Jerson Barandica-Hamilton has served as Assistant Coach with the Canada Soccer Women's Futsal National Team. His involvement at the national level reflects both his technical expertise and the expanding recognition of Saskatchewan-based coaches within emerging high-performance environments.

Participation in the women's futsal national team program represents another important pathway in Canada's evolving soccer landscape and further underscores the impact of sustained investment in coach development.

Collectively, these appointments demonstrate the growing national recognition of Saskatchewan-based technical leaders and underscore the long-term impact of strategic investment in coach development and national team integration.



# REFEREE HIGHLIGHTS

## Referee Registration

2025 showed an increase in registration numbers compared with 2024 (588 vs 475).

## Referee Initiatives

The Green Whistle campaign has been launched across Saskatchewan through the Entry Level Clinics. This campaign is meant to protect the most vulnerable participants in the game - Young Match Officials. The initiative centers into bringing awareness of the way young referees are often spoken to. It hopes to create an additional “check” and reminder about the importance of an Abuse Free Environment.

Over 90% of the new participants were under the age of 18, highlighting the importance of such initiatives in creating and maintaining a positive Game Time Environment.

This initiative complements the 2024 project launched by Saskatchewan Soccer in partnership with the University of Ottawa, BC Soccer and Ontario Soccer to conduct a Safe Sport Research Program under a broader scope of Mental Health. First-year results indicated that 94% of Saskatchewan soccer referees have experienced verbal abuse.

By investing in Safe Sport research, we aim to maintain and enhance the understanding of behaviours that require reinforcement or prevention and to assess the impact of the Abuse-Free Sport program and initiatives.

The Saskatchewan Soccer Association Member Sessions in November explored the topic of Game Culture. Leaders of Saskatchewan soccer MOs were engaged in a presentation on current professional game culture, its impact on participant behaviour and the negative connections with the experiences of Match Officials.

Chantal Boudreau, Nicole Rapin and Shukwia Tajik held a Female Referee Development Session with 22 participants.

## Referee Professional Appointments

Daniel Boudreau has received 15 appointments at National Level (CPL and CanChamp) while Shukwia Tajik has received 12 NSL appointments in the first year of the league, in addition to 4 appointments at the Dallas CUP.

## Access to Major Competitions

11 nominated referees have received 69 appointments over several National Championships such as Futsal National Championships, Masters National Championships, Canada summer Games, PDP Championships, U17 National Championships and CCAA National Championships. Theo Diederichsen has been appointed to the Gold Medal Game at PDP National Championships as well as CCAA National Championships. Nicole Rapin was the referee for the Masters Women National Championships, supported by Ella Kupser as an AR1. Shukwia Tajik has been the AR at the Canada Summer Games Final Game while Miguel Carrillo was the Semifinal Referee and the Final Game Fourth Official at the Male Canada Summer Games.

## Referee Education

### SERP/Candidates Program

- SERP/Candidates Program 38 unique participants met over 19 Sessions.

### Futsal Education Sessions

- Futsal education sessions consisted of 2 sessions with 26 unique participants. Additionally, 1 Entry Level Clinic resulted in 24 newly accredited Futsal Officials from 6 member organizations across SK.

### Community Referee Refreshers

- Community Referee Refreshers were offered as a benefit to registered SSA referees – 4 online sessions with 105

# REFEREE HIGHLIGHTS

## Leadership Development

Community Refresher Sessions were taught by 4 new up and coming instructors, current members of SERP (SK Elite Referee Program). Chantal Boudreau, Nicole Rapin and Shukwia Tajik led the Female Referee Development Session.

1 new Instructor led 4 Entry Level Courses, graduating from an apprentice instructor to a full-fledged instructor – Shaun Augustin. SSA Instructors have been confirmed on the CSA National List of instructors – Len Chelack (17th year) and Octavian Iliuta (4th year).

## Active Developers (Instructors/ Assessors)

A total of 21 clinicians (19 male and 2 female) with 14 Assessors (13 male and 1 female) were accredited in 2025 and 480 assessments provided throughout the season.

## Referee Courses

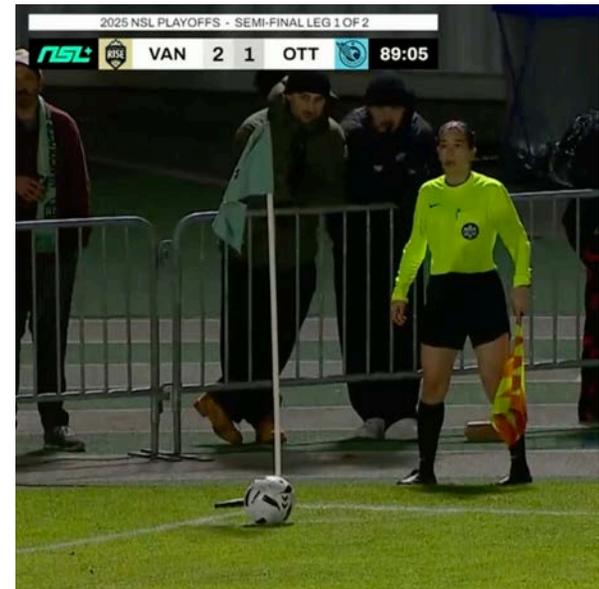
Canada Soccer Smarter U Module implementation went smoothly for the second consecutive year. 12 Entry Level Courses resulted in the addition of 233 officials. 1 Futsal Entry Level course resulted in certification of 24 new Futsal officials.

Two SERP officials successfully gained Provincial accreditation. 6/9 officials were promoted from District to Regional classification.

## Referee Development Grant

Enabled 35 officials to pursue higher levels of officiating for a total of \$5,500.

4 SK referees have also been funded with \$2300 for out of province appointment opportunities.



# MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

## Soccer Jam

With the support of a grant from the Community Initiatives Fund SSA staff prioritized membership engagement in 12 rural communities. Classroom sessions focused on connecting and sharing relevant information to bridge the gap between MO and SSA and offer support where required. Afternoon gym sessions saw facilitators lead walking soccer, adaptive soccer and futsal to support MO's looking for ways to increase their soccer offerings.

## Female Development Network

MISSION: To increase, support, and retain women in soccer through empowerment, inclusion, and education.

### VALUES

- Inclusion: We strive to create an inclusive and diverse community
- Connection: We aim to create impactful and meaningful relationships
- Empowerment: We come together to empower ourselves and each other
- Authenticity: We are here as ourselves to be ourselves
- The FDN 2024- 25 wrapped up after the AGM with an in person brunch. Many new and existing relationships and mentorships continue to be developed. Monthly education, empowerment and putting goals into action were the main themes this year
- The 2025-26 co-hort of FDN has 24 participants

## Athlete Assistance

A total of \$41,495 was distributed via 29 payments to support athletes in pursuing high-performance training opportunities.

## Member Assistance Program (MAP) Grant

- 32 Member Organizations received a total of \$172,659.80 from the MAP Grant Population Based Funding (PBF) stream.
- Areas of development included Coaching Development, Referee Development, Adult Soccer Development and Organizational Development.
- 18 Member Organizations did not apply for PBF funding or did not complete their follow-up and therefore did not receive funding.
- 19 Member Organizations received a total of \$89,597.87 through the Special Projects Funding (SPF) program steam.
- \$262,257.00 was allocated to Member Organizations through the 2025 Member Assistance Program (MAP) Grant.



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## November Member Session- November 8-9/202

This year Saskatchewan Soccer Association's November Member Session focused on the landscape of soccer in the province and the strategies of Everyone's Game.

Friday – Technical Sessions had speakers talk about and work with Technical leaders from across the province

SSA Ecosystem - Hassan Mowgli, Building a technical plan, the WHY behind the what - Dave Nutt, Game Culture - Octavian Iliuta, Sports AI - Tarik Agday , and EXCEL training - Matthew Hnatiw.

## Saturday - Everyone's Game Conference

Boundaries - Ashley Breland, Upstander and Allyship Strategies - Olivia Mensah, Together for Change - Marvin Okello, IDEA panel - Vanessa Rodriguez, Ed Bettin, and Issa Dawoud, Club+ - Sara McConaghy

## Sunday - Aboriginal Coaching Module

Knowledge Keeper Chuck Thomas and Sask Sport delivered this module to 9 staff, board and coaches.

## Lunch & Learns

Established monthly sessions scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of each month from January to September providing information to membership on a variety of topics supporting the Everyone's game strategies.

## Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) continued to operate as a key collaborative leadership group within Saskatchewan Soccer in 2025. The committee consists of club Technical Directors (TDs) from across the province and meets with the Director of Soccer approximately once every six weeks.

### The TAC provides a structured forum to:

- Ensure member organizations are actively involved in provincial technical development initiatives
- Align club programming with provincial standards and long-term player development priorities
- Share best practices and address technical challenges collectively
- Communicate updates and directives from Canada Soccer

Through consistent engagement, the TAC strengthens alignment between SSA and its member organizations. The committee ensures that technical decisions are informed by club input, promotes province-wide consistency in development standards, and supports the implementation of national policies and programming at the grassroots and performance levels.

The TAC remains an essential mechanism for collaboration, transparency, and continuous technical improvement across Saskatchewan soccer.

# ORGANIZATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

## Financial Management

- In 2025 SSA managed the budget to a surplus of \$145,085. The fourth year of the investment strategy yielded \$99,216 between interest and unrealized gain. This positions SSA well to invest in the game in 2026 to coincide with what will surely be an important time in soccer in Canada with a home World Cup.

## IDEA Funding

- SSA received a 3 year grant funding commitment from Sask Sport allowing for a full time staff position to focus on inclusivity initiatives. 2025 was year 2 of this grant.

## AGM – March 21/21 in Dakota Dunes

- Hosted RAMP Interactive Come & Go Social with opportunity for Director Candidates to meet and greet membership
- Annual General Meeting took place with 67 individuals in attendance. Andrew Kitchen – Vice President, as well as Directors Janelle Layton and Dave Mysko were re-elected. Moses Anjorin, Brandon Forbister, and Olivia Mensah were newly elected.
- Following the AGM Satori Surveys gave a presentation on year 3 of the survey strategy and results.

## Everyone's Game Strategy

- We will continue to educate, bring awareness and provide opportunities to equity deserving groups and the membership to further the strategies of Everyone's Game.

## Partnerships and Collaborations –

We have renewed a yearly partnership with Special Olympics Saskatchewan to support programming and coach education. IDEA Coordinator was a part of the Planning committee for the 2025 Adapted Physical Activity Symposium in Sask.



# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

## Soccer Day in Saskatchewan - July 19th Prince Albert

- SDIS was held in Prince Albert on July 19th. While smoke forced the event to move indoors, we were still able to deliver a fun filled day with 124 players participating. Kid's camps, all abilities camps, 3v3 games and futsal camps highlighted the day. SSA would like to thank athletes from the EXCEL Program, as well as Women's Futsal National Team players Erica Hindmarsh, Jade Houmphanh, and Jadyn Steinhauer for helping facilitate throughout the day and Prince Albert Youth Soccer for assisting in hosting.

## Adaptive Soccer

- Adaptive Soccer - Saskatoon Youth Soccer, Saskatoon Adult Soccer and , FC Regina have added Adaptive Soccer programs to their program offerings.

## Canada Soccer - Club+

- Club+ is a new Canada Soccer platform built to support community soccer clubs across Canada with tools, templates, and strategies to grow the game. SSA currently has 25 clubs participating in the program and continue to promote this resource for more club involvement.

## Girls only Programming

- Partnered with Girls Forward foundation to provide a session in North Battleford for 70 youth to participate in classroom and on field sessions that were run by female coaches and mentors from the community and FDN program.

## New To Canada Community Development Grant

- 2 micro-grants were handed out to Forza Soccer Academy and Ubuntu FC. These micro-grants were used to support the number of participants and ensure continued participation in soccer by reducing barriers to participation in soccer in Saskatchewan. Member organizations partnered with local community groups and engaged with them to plan and participating in events



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## SSA Futsal in Schools

### Key Initiatives & Outcomes

#### 1. Saskatoon Futsal Day Camp

- Engaged 8 elementary schools in a full-day futsal experience
- Delivered structured skill sessions and game play
- Provided each school with:
  - 8 futsal balls

#### Strategic Alignment:

- Builds grassroots participation
- Creates sustainable school-based programming
- Ensures long-term equipment access

#### 2. Rural Outreach: Wadena and Creighton School camps

- Delivered a futsal camp using the same engagement model
- Supplied futsal balls and essential equipment to support local programming

#### Strategic Alignment:

- Expands equitable access in rural communities
- Reduces geographic participation barriers
- Supports long-term regional development

#### 3. Province-Wide Soccer Jam Engagement

Through community visits across Saskatchewan, SSA delivered:

- Futsal education sessions for players and coaches
- Mini futsal demonstrations
- Education on how futsal supports long-term player development

#### Strategic Alignment:

- Promotes futsal as a climate-smart solution
- Maximizes use of existing indoor facilities
- Reinforces alignment with long-term athlete development principles

#### 2025 Impact Summary

- 8 schools directly engaged in Saskatoon
- 2 rural community activation (Wadena and Creighton)
- Equipment legacy distributed to schools and communities
- Province-wide education and awareness through Soccer Jam

#### Strategic Outcome

The 2025 Futsal in Schools initiative strengthened SSA's commitment to:

- Grassroots growth
- School partnerships
- Rural inclusion
- Sustainable programming
- Long-term player development



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