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Office Closure



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April 7 & April 10 for Good Friday
and Easter Monday.

MAP Grant Application Deadline – April 15

MAP grant application letters were sent out to Member Organizations last week. Application process is open until April 15, if you need assistance with your submission check out the recording for this week's webinar or review the MAP Grant Easy Guide for ideas! MAP Grant Help Page: <https://www.sasksoccer.com/content/member-assistance-program-map>

SSA Appearances

The Member Service team showcased the new SSA Strategic Plan to Physical Education professionals on Thursday at the PHE Saskatchewan, Come Back and Play conference. This gives us the chance to speak about the importance of launching a soccer-in-schools program to ensure quality soccer exposure for all children aged 5-13.



Canada Soccer Active Start Fests - Applications Now Open!

Interested in hosting a Canada Soccer's Active Start Soccer Fests, fill out our application form online now. As spots fill up quickly, we ask that you apply before May 1. Once you have held your Canada Soccer's Active Start Soccer Fests make sure to fill out the evaluation form as part of your hosting obligations.

[Apply Today!](#)

Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame 2023 Inductee Joan McEachern



Saskatchewan Soccer Association is proud to announce SSA Life Member Joan McEachern has been selected as a 2023 Inductee by the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame. Joan was born on April 12, 1963, in Leroy SK. She is a Saskatchewan soccer player who began her soccer career in Lanigan. Joan was raised on her family's farm in Sinnett, SK, where she first learned to play soccer with her brothers and cousins.

Joan would further her development as part of several provincial teams in both Saskatchewan and Alberta, including participation in collegiate level sport as part of the University of Saskatchewan soccer squad. She was part of a team who participated in the first Canada West tournament.

Joan's prowess on the pitch was undeniable. She was a main contributor to the success of her Edmonton-based team that would secure honours as three-time winners of the Jubilee Trophy, given to Canada Soccer's National Champions, in 1985, 1986 and 1988. She then helped the British-Columbia-based Coquitlam Strikers win the Jubilee Trophy in 1994.

Joan was named the Most Valuable Player at Canada Soccer's National Championships in 1985 and was also named to Team Alberta, helping them win gold at the 1987 Western Canada Summer Games, and silver (1987) and bronze (1986) at the Canada All-Star Championships,

From 1987 to 1995, Joan McEachern was an active player on the Canadian Women's National Team typically playing as a right-side midfielder. She began her career on the Canada Soccer Women's National Team in only its second year of existence. Joan played for the Canadian National team in the 1991, 1993 and 1994 CONCACAF Championships. In her final CONCACAF Championship in 1994, Joan McEachern helped Canada qualify for the Women's World Cup for the first time. She then represented Canada at the FIFA Women's World Cup in 1995.

Following her playing career, Joan fostered the development of future generations as the assistant coach for the Kwantlen Polytechnic University Women's Soccer Team from 2003 – 2015.

Reminder from the Registrar

Don't let the next Registrar Report deadline pass you by in all the excitement of a new season. The 2023 Outdoor Season is already underway with preparations, meetings, scheduling and so much more.

Mark your calendars!

June 7, 2023 – all registrations up to and including May 31 will need to be submitted to make sure you avoid late fees.

You can find the [submission form \(includes soccer, futsal, and referees\)](#) on our website, ready to download and fill in.

If you require assistance or have questions, please feel free to contact registrar@sasksoccer.com.

RAMP Admin Fee Coming in April

Look for your RAMP Admin Fee invoice coming directly to your organization in April 2023. Starting with the 2023 Outdoor season, all Member Organizations (MOs) will be required to pay the \$1.50 per participant per season RAMP admin fee. MOs will only be charged for the participants that register with their club first each season; for example, if a coach registers with one club in February for the outdoor season and with a different club in May as a player within the same season, the first club will be invoiced the \$1.50 admin fee. Invoices will be sent out to each MO quarterly (March, June, September, December). These fees are eligible for Member Assistance Program (MAP) grant Population Based Funding (PBF) under Organizational Development if required.

Coach Education



Registration for 2023 Spring C Licence Diploma Workshops

C Licence Diploma - On-Field Practical April 14,15,16 (Saskatoon)

The Practical on-field component of the C-Licence is available to Coaches who have completed the on-line theory only. This course will cover the on-field modules and will complete the training requirements for the C-Licence course.

Cost: Included with registration for online theory

*Registration is available through your member organizations RAMP registration portal.



Soft Skills of Coaching Workshop

Coaches in Regina and Saskatoon took part in our Coach Development Workshop with Matt Young from FSQ. Workshops were held in Saskatoon on March 25 and in Regina on the March 26 with the focus on the soft skills of coaching. Saskatchewan Soccer continues to provide access leading experts from across the sporting world as part of its member-driven focus, also enshrined in the newly-released Strategic Plan.



Skill Centre & Dedicated Player Program Application Open

SSA's application for recognition as a Canada Soccer Skill Centre or Dedicated Player Program is now open! The application may be completed [here](#). It must be received by May 1, 2023 to be considered for this application cycle. This is a requirement for all MA1 and MA2 license holders; failure to complete an application will have implications on current club licensing status.

We are planning a visit for Canada Soccer Master Coach Developer, Wayne Cleverly, to present on Skill Centers this summer. Stay tuned for more information! All questions regarding Skill Centres, Dedicated Player Programs, or Club Licensing can be directed to Ashlyn Therens at a.therens@sasksoccer.com



Community Referee Education Sessions

SSA will be offering Laws of the Game Refresher online education sessions (via Zoom) to all Saskatchewan Soccer referees. Sessions will be approximately 1-1.5 hours and will focus on several exciting topics spread over the course of four sessions. We will explore and learn together on challenges, offside, handball, tactical fouls, dissent, and even rare situations that may occur based on the Laws of the Game. You are welcome to attend all sessions or just the ones that fit your schedule.

Sessions take place, April 13, and April 26 with a 7:30 p.m.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested, [please register here](#). Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation email with details on how to access the session of your choice.

Referees are essential to the participant's experience and advancement of the game. They deserve our respect and a supportive, abuse-free, environment. You can make a difference; always treat them well and thank them for their contributions every game!

Competitions Corner

Best of luck to Olimpia SK FC and SK Impact who will be competing in the Men's and Women's Competitions respectively in the Canada Soccer Futsal Canadian Championship in Calgary from April 13-16.

This is the first time that a Women's competition has been held, while the Men will compete for the second consecutive year after a two-year hiatus during COVID-19.

Everyone's Game
Resource Centre

Visit **Everyone's Game Resource** Centre in our bi-weekly communication to find informational and inspirational articles, member interviews, and developmental opportunities.

Education Webinar: Help make every kid's first experience with sports a positive one! Coaching Kids of All Abilities is an online resource that helps coaches and youth activity leaders create inclusive sporting environments for kids of all abilities.



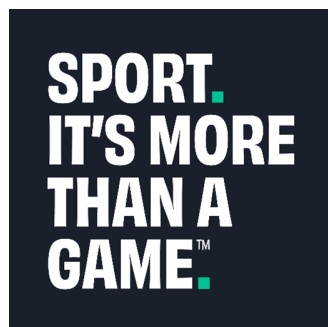
Online Resource

SSA Calendar of Events & Deadlines

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