



Happy Holidays from all of us at the Saskatchewan Soccer Association. Our offices will be closed from December 23 -January 2, 2024.



Nominations for the 2024 SSA Recognition Awards are now open

Is there someone in your soccer community that goes above and beyond on or off the field? Saskatchewan Soccer is accepting nominations for our Annual Recognition Awards. Nominate players, teams, coaches, referees, and volunteers from your club that exemplify our mission, vision, and values. Award nominees and winners will be celebrated during the recognition celebration on March 23, 2024. The deadline to submit nominations is January 15, 2024.

Nominate

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Satori Soccer survey data available now to Member Organizations

As part of our 2023-26 Strategic Plan, Everyone's Game, Everyone's Responsibility, Saskatchewan

Soccer committed to working with Member Organizations on the collection of timely and accurate data to ensure the long-term health of the game.

In support of this, on October 10, Saskatchewan Soccer's data partner Satori Soccer distributed the first surveys to all registrant contacts (adult players and primary contacts of youth participants) across the province to assess the overall satisfaction of the soccer community.

Satori will be present at the 2024 Saskatchewan Soccer Annual General Meeting to provide an overview of the overall provincial satisfaction rates and to outline the ongoing data gathering plans heading into the 2024 playing season and beyond.

Member Organization Access

Member Organizations can take advantage of white glove service from Satori Soccer to gain access to four, 30-minute 1on1 sessions with Satori to review survey data, where Member Organizations can get access to their club level data in a Power BI instance, learn how to interpret the specific club-level information and identify action items to improve participant experience locally.

Organizations wishing to receive access to their club specific survey data within Power BI will have the opportunity to receive access to the tool for two years (2023 and 2024) for \$100.00 USD. The fee covers Power BI subscription and administration costs.

Each organization can alternately be provided with the raw data related to their specific club's responses for the 2023 season at no cost.

Contact e.senger@sasksoccer.com to get started today.

Member Organization Survey Overview

As part of their work, Satori Soccer also surveyed Member Organizations on their overall satisfaction with Saskatchewan Soccer as a governing body. Respondents were asked to provide a score from 1-5 on their overall impression and understanding of the SSA Strategic Plan, the future opportunities for the game in Saskatchewan, services offered by the organization, interactions with staff and staff relations, and overall satisfaction with the governing body. With a response rate of 53% below outlines the overall satisfaction results:



Manager, Coach & Player Development Markus Reinkens set to depart SSA on Dec 31

Saskatchewan Soccer has announced that its Manager, Coach & Player Development Markus Reinkens will depart the organization on December 31. Reinkens, who joined Saskatchewan Soccer from FC Regina in 2018, now returns to the organization as their Director of Coaching and Sport Development. Reinkens was previously the head of Player Development and Soccer Science at BC Soccer before moving to Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan Soccer is seeking qualified candidates for its Manager, Coach & Player Development role responsible for the progress of the grassroots, community, and competitive streams of participation for players and coaches. Qualified candidates should email their resume, cover letter, and salary expectations to ea@sasksoccer.com with the subject: Manager, Coach & Player Education Application by COB December 20, 2023.



Registration for the updated Sask Cup 6-a-side, 9-a-side, and Futsal competitions as well as the associated SaskTel *Be Kind Online* Skill Centre and Futsal festivals taking place in February and March 2024 is now open. Teams must register by January 15, 2024 to participate.





Applications for team staff at the 2024 Sask Summer Games now open

The 2024 Saskatchewan Summer Games will take place July 21-27, 2024 in Lloydminster, SK.

Saskatchewan Soccer is accepting applications for team staff of the nine district boys and girls teams that will participate in soccer at Lloydminster 2024. Head Coach, Assistant Coach, and Team Manager volunteer applications can be made via Saskatchewan Soccer's <u>Coach and Team Manager Application</u> before January 15, 2024.

If you or someone you know is interested in a position, please complete the online application or email ea@sasksoccer.com with questions.



Canada Soccer to update its entrylevel referee training program in 2024

Canada Soccer has announced it will launch an online, entry-level referee course in early 2024, replacing the SSA Google Classroom approach and aligning entry-level coach and referee development at the National level.

While currently scheduled referee courses in Swift Current and Prince Albert will not be impacted, all future entrylevel referee course participants will complete online training via Canada Soccer's SmarterU platform before

moving forward with a seven-hour in-person session to complete referee certification. Rmeinder that participants must be a minimum of 14 years old to complete referee training.

For more information on referee courses or to schedule a practical session in your community, please contact Octavian Iliuta – Manager of Referee Development @ <u>o.iliuta@sasksoccer.com</u>.

Reminder from the Registrar

Outdoor 2024 RAMP Season – Opens December 1

RAMP Registration for Outdoor 2024 Season and 2024 Referee Season will be available December 1.

REMINDER: The season will not be active until the Member Organization activates it under the season settings. To learn more visit: <u>http://www.sasksoccer.com/content/RAMP-Sports-Management-System</u>

Indoor Registration Deadline – December 15

The next reporting deadline for the indoor season will be on December 15. If you have had *any* registrations since November 1 these will be to be reported and all associated fees sent in by the deadline, after which late fees may be applied. The registrar form can be found on <u>our website</u> ready to download, fill out, and send in.

Registration Fee – Outdoor 2024

Effective Outdoor 2024, player registration fees will increase by \$2.00/player. The resulting fee structure for soccer and futsal participants starting in Outdoor 2024 and going forward will be:

• Mini Player: \$18.00 per season

• Youth & Adult Player: \$34.00 per season

If you have any questions or require assistance contact: registrar@sasksoccer.com

Registrar's Fun Fact

During Christmas 1914 on the front lines of the First World War, there was an unofficial and unsanctioned truce between the armies on both sides of the conflict. During this short peace both sides crossed the trenches to share food, souvenirs, and conversation. Contemporary accounts even describe soccer games breaking out between regiments and in some cases, between soldiers on opposing sides of the war! Throughout the war soldiers often played soccer to increase morale. The picture below depicts soldiers from the British Empire playing soccer together during the Battle of the Somme.

FSQ Club Operating System

Are you tired of juggling endless tasks in your soccer organization? Ready to revolutionize your club's management and unlock its true potential? Look no further! FSQ's Club Operating System, an easily accessible, streamlined approach to member engagement.



Learn more about this innovative system here: <u>https://www.sasksoccer.com/content/Club-</u> <u>Operating-System</u>





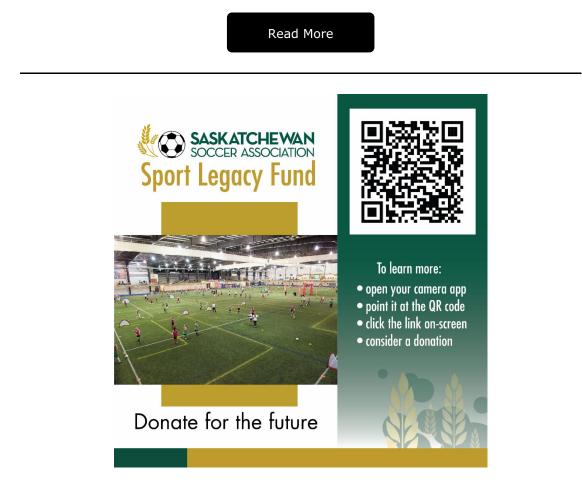


Year in Review

Posted by Canadian Women & Sport

Looking back at the moments and milestones that made 2023 an unforgettable year for girls, women and genderdiverse people in sport. And while there is still much work to be done, let's pause and celebrate the hard work and accomplishments that are changing the game!

Here are a few of their favorite moments from 2023:



SSA Calendar of Events & Deadlines

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