

RULES & PROCEDURES

Saskatoon United Soccer Club U13 Cup Outdoor Soccer Tournament

June 14-16, 2024 Newsham Fields, Saskatoon, SK

Tournament Venues:

- Newsham Fields, 31st St W & Edmonton Ave, Saskatoon, SK
- Morris T. Cherneski Fields, Bowl Cr, Saskatoon, SK

Tournament Entrance: Gates will be unlocked ½ hour prior to the first game each morning.

Admission: \$5/weekend for All Spectators over age 18

AGE CATEGORIES AND DIVISIONS

- Under 13 Boys - Born in 2011 and Under: Division 1 (premier), Division 2 & Division 3
- Under 13 Girls – Born in 2011 and Under: Division 1 (premier), Division 2 & Division 3

FORMAT

- U13 All Divisions will play 9 v 9 on modified half field with a size 5 ball.

TEAM ROSTER

Rosters must be entered when registering your team.

- Roster lock will be June 7th at 10pm. All Player's First & Last Names and Birthdates MUST be entered to be eligible.
- Teams can register and dress up to 18 players.
- All participants must be registered and in good standing with their District, Provincial, State and/or National Soccer Association.
- Players can only be registered and play with one team for the tournament. Late roster changes or additions after June 7th may be considered for an administrative fee at the sole discretion of the Tournament Organizing committee.

For players out of the scope of Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc, please ensure players have player I.D. cards or Photo ID which includes a photo and birthdate. They may be requested at HQ prior to your first game or at a game by a referee.

TEAM PERSONNEL

- Saskatchewan team personnel MUST have completed the MINIMUM SAFE SPORT ROSTER REQUIREMENTS of SSA.
- Saskatchewan team personnel listed as coach or assistant coach MUST have completed the FULL SAFE SPORT ROSTER REQUIREMENTS OF SSA.
- Team Personnel from outside of Saskatchewan must be listed on the team's approved Travel Permit.
- Only those registered as team personnel will be allowed in Team Areas unless extenuating circumstances exist and at the discretion of the tournament committee.
- Photo ID should be brought onto the bench for games as it may be requested by a referee or a member of the tournament committee.

GUEST PLAYERS

- Teams are permitted up to 5 Guest Players without exceeding the max roster of 18.
- Lateral Permit Players from the same club/academy, same age group, and same division are not considered Guest Players.
- All Guest Players must be identified on the roster (GP) at the time of registration.
- Players are not permitted to 'play down' into a different age group or division. For example, a U13 Division 1 or Alliance A player cannot be guest player on U13 division 2 tournament team. Any player participating as a guest player must submit a completed and signed Guest Player Form.
- [Download Guest Player Form](#)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

A. General

- a) Field Marshals will be on site to monitor spectators.
- b) Game sheets will be at Tournament Headquarters. They must be reviewed and signed by a team personnel at least 30 minutes prior to each game.
- c) At the conclusion of each Round Robin game, Team Personnel of each team shall select a player of the game from their own team to award the Player of the Game pin.
- d) All updates, schedules, standings, and other important information can be found at www.susc.ca or on the Standings Board outside of Newsham Clubhouse.
- e) IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COACHING STAFF TO MAKE THEMSELVES FAMILIAR WITH THE RULES FOR THIS FACILITY AND THIS TOURNAMENT.
- f) NO DOGS are allowed at Newsham Field. As a patron of the City of Saskatoon, SUSC will be respecting and enforcing this bylaw.
- g) Spectators and parents/guardians/caregivers must also:
 - i. Encourage athletes to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
 - ii. Never ridicule a participant for making a mistake during a performance or practice
 - iii. Provide positive comments that motivate and encourage participants' continued effort.
 - iv. Respect the decisions and judgments of match officials and encourage athletes to do the same.
 - v. Respect and show appreciation to all competitors, and to the team personnel, match officials, and other volunteers who give their time to the sport.
 - vi. Refrain from entering the training or competition areas and from interfering with any activities.
 - vii. Behave responsibly and respectfully on social media and in electronic communications.

B. Game Play

- a) Except as otherwise provided here, the FIFA 'Laws of the Game' shall apply to any and all competition.
- b) Except as otherwise provided here, the tournament rules shall be the Saskatoon Youth Soccer "U11-U19 Outdoor Rules".
- c) Home teams must supply two game balls. Teams should bring their own balls for on field warmup. Warm up time will be limited and is at the discretion of the referee.
- d) Home teams must be prepared to change jerseys if there is a color conflict.
- e) All divisions will play two 25-minute halves.
- f) A team without the required minimum six (6) players, on the field at 10 minutes past the scheduled game time will default.
- g) The offside rule is in effect from the half-line of the field.
- h) Substitutions ALL DIVISIONS: Unlimited within 2 meters of the center line, on the fly, limit two players at a time.
- i) Balls out of bounds will be restarted by goal kick, corner kick or throw-in from the sideline.

C. Pools

Each team is guaranteed three (3) games.

- a) U13 – League Format: Round robin play with 1st & 2nd medal placing.
 - i. Age divisions with three (3) teams will play one (1) game against each team within its pool. The top team after round robin will advance to the Final. The remaining two (2) teams will play a semi-final game, with the winner advancing to the Final.
 - ii. Age divisions with four (4) teams will play one (1) game against each team within its pool. The top teams after round-robin will advance to the Final.
 - iii. Age divisions with five (5) teams will play one (1) game against each team within its pool. **No final match will be played.** The first and second overall will be awarded gold and silver medals respectively.
 - iv. Age divisions with six (6) teams will be split into two (2) pools of three (3). Each team in Pool A will play each team in Pool B. The top two (2) teams overall after round-robin will advance to the Final.
 - v. Age divisions with seven (7) teams will be split into two (2) pools. Teams in Pool A cross over to play teams in Pool B. The two best teams will advance to the finals, regardless of the pool. ** The teams in Pool B will play four (4) games. The game against the last place team in Pool A will not count towards the standings.
 - vi. Age divisions with eight (8) teams will be divided into two (2) pools. Each Pool will play one game against each team within its pool. The top team in Pool A and the top team in Pool B after round robin play will advance to the Final.

D. Group Ranking U13

Ranking: 3 points for a win; 1 point for a tie; 0 points for a loss.

The team successful in the Penalty Kick Round of a Round Robin game will be awarded 1 point.

In the event of a default, the game shall be awarded to the team defaulted against. If two or more teams have an equal number of points, the following rules, in the following order, shall be used to determine final standings.

- a) Previous match results - the winner of the match between two teams tied in points shall be awarded the higher position.
- b) Goal Difference - subtract total goals allowed from total goals scored. In calculating the goal difference, a maximum difference of five will be allowed for any one game.
- c) Least Goals Against - the team with the least goals against shall be awarded the higher position.
- d) Penalty Shots - If two or more teams are still tied under criteria (a) through (c), then the higher standing shall be decided by kicks taken from the penalty mark as per SYSI Indoor Rules. The Tournament Committee shall decide on a suitable time, date, and place for the taking of kicks from the penalty mark.

E. Overtime Periods U13

- a) In the event of a tie during group competition, no overtime will be played. Each team will be awarded 1 point for a tie.
- b) In the event of a tie during semi-final competition, no overtime shall be played. The game shall go directly to penalty kicks to determine a winner.
- c) There will be TWO five (5) minute overtime GOLDEN GOAL halves played in any final game. The first team to score will be awarded the win. If still tied, the game shall go to penalty kicks.

F. Playoff Procedures U13

- a) The top team or top two teams in each group (depending on the pool as indicated above) will advance to the championship side of playoff.
- b) It is the responsibility of the team officials to determine if the team advances to the playoffs. Information will be available at Tournament Headquarters and www.susc.ca.

G. Discipline

- a) Discipline matters will be dealt with at the SUSC Tournament Headquarters. Any player involved in a discipline matter will be required to report to Tournament Headquarters within one hour of completion of the game. Failure to appear will result in suspension from the tournament.
- b) Discipline matters are as follows:
 - i. Ejection from a game (one red or two yellow cards) results in an automatic one game suspension and a hearing.
 - ii. A second yellow card during the tournament is subject to review and may be subject to a hearing.
 - iii. Three (3) yellow cards in the tournament will result in an automatic one (1) game suspension and a hearing.
 - iv. A report by a tournament official. A misconduct report will be filled out by the referee, so the player in question must report to the Tournament Headquarters for a Disciplinary Hearing.
 - v. At the best effort of the tournament committee Hearings will take place within one hour of completion of the game.

~NO SPITTING~

- vi. Spitting on turf or sports court is not allowed. Players disregarding this rule can/will be "dismissed" (verbally, without showing a red card) by the referee.
- vii. "Dismissed" player will have to leave the field/premises just like an ejection (red card). The team will have the possibility of replacing the player "dismissed" without playing shorthanded.

FOUL AND ABUSIVE LANGUAGE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

Reports of such behavior by players, parents or team officials will be dealt with severely. Carding offenses involving foul and abusive language will result in the offending player being ejected from the tournament.

H. Players Equipment

- a) Equipment shall consist of a numbered shirt, shorts, socks, shin pads and footwear designed for indoor use.
- b) All players on the same team shall wear the same-coloured shirts and shall not have identical numbers.
- c) Players must not wear equipment or anything which endangers themselves or other players including any kind of jewelry.
- d) Goalkeepers shall wear colours which are distinguishable from all other players and referees.
- e) Any player wearing a hard cast will not be permitted to participate, even if it is wrapped. Soft casts are permitted at the referee's discretion.

I. The Referee

- a) A middle referee and assistant referee shall be appointed to officiate in each round robin game. A middle referee and two linesmen shall be appointed to officiate in each final game.
- b) The referees' authority shall commence as soon as the referee enters the playing facility and shall extend to offences committed when the game is in progress or when the game is over and the referee has left the facility. The referees' decision on points of fact connected with play shall be final. The powers and duties of the referee are as per the FIFA "Laws of the Game".
- c) Appropriate equipment and inappropriate jewellery will be at the discretion of the referee.

J. Protests

- a) No protests will be heard on any judgment calls by the referee, including red card ejections.
- b) Protests will be allowed on eligibility or other technical matters. All decisions by the referee are final.
- c) Protests or complaints will be dealt with provided they are in writing and submitted to the Tournament Committee within 15 minutes of the completion of the game in question. The protest must be accompanied by a \$125 fee. If the protest is upheld the \$125 will be refunded.

K. Saskatchewan Laws

- a) All players eligible to play in the SUSC tournament are “minors” in the Province of Saskatchewan. Possession or use of alcohol by “minors” is illegal. Any report of use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will result in expulsion from the tournament.
- b) Any person who defaces, destroys, steals from, or otherwise abuses the facilities of the SUSC U13 Cup or the property of SUSC, the City of Saskatoon or the neighboring residents shall be suspended from the tournament and ejected from the facility.

L. REFUND AND CANCELLATION POLICY

- > If your team must cancel, please email operations@susc.ca immediately.
- > During the early bird online registration period (Opening date-May 6): 100% of registration will be refunded.
- > During the final weeks of registration (May 6 - 20): 50% of registration will be refunded.
- > After registration closes: No refund will be issued.
- > If SUSC cancels the tournament there will be a full refund.