



# SUSC Indoor Tournament RULES & PROCEDURES

## February 14-17, 2025

### A. REGISTRATION

#### 1. IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- Jan 4, 2025 – Registration closes
- Jan 31, 2025 – Roster Lock in RAMP
- Jan 31, 2025 – Out-of-Province Travel Permit deadline
- Feb 7, 2025 – Guest Player Application deadline

**Your receipt is confirmation registration has been received, not of official acceptance into the tournament.** Teams will be notified of Acceptance once registration closes. Should your registration fee not be paid to the SUSC prior to the registration deadline, your registration will be considered incomplete and removed.

#### 2. AGE GROUPS, DIVISIONS, FORMATS & FEES

	ELIGIBLE PLAYERS	DIVISIONS	FORMAT	BALL SIZE	MATCH DURATION	FIELD SIZE/TYPE	FEES	MAX ROSTER
<b>U9</b> <b>2016 &amp; under</b>		BOYS/GIRLS	5v5	4	2 x 15 min	1/8 turf/tile	\$450	14
<b>U11</b> <b>2014/2015</b>		PREMIER	7v7	4	2 x 20 min	¼, turf/tile	\$550	16
		DIVISION II	7v7	4	2 x 20 min	¼, turf/tile	\$550	16
		DIVISION III	7v7	4	2 x 20 min	¼, turf/tile	\$550	16
<b>U13</b> <b>2012/2013</b>		PREMIER	9v9	5	2 x 25 min	½, TURF	\$800	18
		DIVISION II	7v7	5	2 x 25 min	¼, turf/tile	\$550	16
		DIVISION III	7v7	5	2 x 25 min	¼, turf/tile	\$550	16
<b>U15</b> <b>2010/2011</b>		PREMIER	9v9	5	2 x 25 min	½, TURF	\$800	18
		DIVISION II	9v9	5	2 x 25 min	½, TURF	\$800	18
		DIVISION III	7v7	5	2 x 25 min	¼, turf/tile	\$550	16
<b>U17</b> <b>2008/2009</b>		PREMIER	9v9	5	2 x 25 min	½, TURF	\$800	18
		DIVISION II	9v9	5	2 x 25 min	½, TURF	\$800	18
		DIVISION III	7v7	5	2 x 25 min	¼, turf/tile	\$550	16
<b>U19</b> <b>2006/2007</b>		PREMIER	9v9	5	2 x 25 min	½, TURF	\$800	18
		DIVISION II	9v9	5	2 x 25 min	½, TURF	\$800	18
		DIVISION III	7v7	5	2 x 25 min	¼, turf/tile	\$550	16

- Rosters should be entered when registering your team, including first name, last name, birthdate, and jersey number.
- Requests to alter rosters after January 31 must be submitted in writing, are not guaranteed, and are subject to an administrative fee.
- 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 over the entire tournament.



### **3. TEAM PERSONNEL**

- MIN 2, MAX 5 team personnel will be allowed on a roster/bench.
- Min one team personnel must be the same gender as the players.
- All Saskatchewan team personnel must meet SSA Safe Sport Roster requirements.
- Only those registered as team personnel will be allowed on field.

### **4. GUEST PLAYERS**

- Any player from outside of the tournament team's either club/academy, age group or division is considered a guest player and required a Guest Player form submitted to SUSC by Jan 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Max 5 guest players allowed per team. No exceptions.
- All guests must be identified on the roster form as a Guest Player (P) at the time of registration.
- No player is permitted to 'play down' into a different age group or division.

### **5. TEAM SELECTION & DIVISION ALIGNMENT**

- Teams not accepted will be refunded their registration fee. Divisions that have less than three registered teams following the registration deadline will be cancelled and teams will be advised of non-acceptance.
- Registered teams will not be made public prior to Division announcements.
- Team selection into the tournament and player eligibility is at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee. To make Divisions viable, age groups may be combined based on similar competition (for instance U13 Division 1 and U15 Division 2) at the sole discretion of the tournament committee. This is to provide playing opportunity for as many teams as possible. Should a team not be agreeable to this, they will be considered as withdrawing after the deadline and will forfeit their registration fee.
- All players/team personnel must be registered with their local District/Provincial Association.

## **B. FACILITIES**

### **1. GENERAL INFO**

- **Venue:** Saskatoon Sports Centre (150 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, SK)
- **Entrance:** Please use North entrance and park in the NW parking lot or across the street at Forest Park.
- **Start time:** Entrance will be unlocked ½ hour prior to the first game each morning and close ½ hour after last game of the day.
- **Tournament Start/End:**
  - *Teams greater than 100km from Saskatoon will not play their first games until 5:00pm Friday.*
  - *Teams within 100km from Saskatoon will play as early as 8:30am on Friday morning.*
  - *Teams can expect to play games all four days, including Monday.*
- **Astro Turf:** Trail Appliance, Kavia Autobody and Sherwood Chev Fields
- **Tile Surface:** Family Focus Field. Be sure to check your schedule carefully to ensure players have the correct footwear for the field.
- Rounded cleats or turf shoes are allowed on the Astro Turf. Flat soled shoes only allowed on Family Focus.
- Spitting on the turf or court will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion.
- Water only allowed on the pitches - no sports drinks or other beverages.
- **Only registered team players and personnel are permitted on the turf or in dressing rooms.**
- All players/coaches must stay off the Terry Fox Walking Track (except to cross from dressing room to field. It is reserved for paying patrons and is not available for use by soccer teams.
- IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COACHING STAFF TO MAKE THEMSELVES FAMILIAR WITH THE RULES FOR THIS FACILITY AND THIS TOURNAMENT.



## **2. DRESSING ROOMS**

- Obtain a key for your change room up to 30 minutes prior to your game, present a set of keys to the facility staff as a security deposit. Within 30 minutes of the conclusion of your game, dressing room keys must be returned to the kiosk and your keys will be returned to you.
- During your game, please leave your belongings in cages in the locker rooms and keep the key with you. It's also recommended to lock the door to the dressing room.
- It is the teams' responsibility to clean up the room upon leaving. Damage or soiling of dressing rooms could result in fined and loss of dressing room privileges.

## **3. PARKING & ADMISSION**

- Parking is free! Please observe signage regarding parking restrictions to avoid towing/tickets. Refer to site maps for more details.
- Attendees 19+ must purchase and wear a wristband.
  - Team Personnel: Pickup a wristband at Tournament Headquarters.
  - Spectators: Purchase a wristband at Admissions table.
    - Weekend Pass: \$20
    - Two-Day Pass: \$10

## **4. EMERGENCY SERVICES**

- There will be First-Aid, Defibrillator and CPR trained personnel on site for all games. Report all injuries to SUSC or Saskatoon Soccer Center facility staff members.

## **5. FIELD MARSHALLS & SPECTATORS**

- Field Marshals will be on site to monitor spectators. No abuse of match officials will be tolerated.
- Spectators must comply with the Saskatchewan Soccer Association's Code of Conduct or will be removed from the facility.

## **6. TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS**

- Headquarters is located on the mezzanine level of the Saskatoon Sports Center in the West Meeting Room
- ALL AGE GROUPS: Game sheets must be reviewed and signed by a team official at least 30 minutes prior to each game.
- U13 and UP: At the end of each Round Robin match, the coach of each team shall select a Player of the Game from their own team to award a pin.
- TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR:  
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## **C. TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES**

### **1. GAME PLAY**

- a. Except as otherwise provided here, the FIFA 'Laws of the Game' shall apply to all competition.
- b. Except as otherwise provided here, the tournament rules shall be SYSI "Indoor Rules."
- c. The Home Team must supply two acceptable game balls.
- d. Warm up time will be limited and is at the discretion of the referee.
- e. Home teams must be prepared to change if there is a color conflict.
- f. A team without the required minimum players: (3) for 5 v 5; (4) for 6v6; and (6) for 9v9, on the field at 10 minutes past the scheduled game time will default.
- g. Offside rules are in effect 9v9 games at the half-line as per SYSI indoor rules.
- h. Substitutions ALL DIVISIONS: Unlimited from center on the fly, within one meter of both the touchline and center line. Yellow cards may be given for incorrect substitutions.
- i. The 7v7 divisions (sport court or ¼ turf) will play with lined boundaries (non-boarded).
- j. If the ball contacts the ceiling or a ceiling attached fixture, the game will be restarted directly below the point of contact by and indirect free kick by the team that was not last have possession.
- k. U11 Div. 3 ONLY The defensive team's players must retreat to the ½ way line on all Goal Kicks.

### **2. POOLS**

- Each team is guaranteed three (3) games.
- A. **U9 – U11 – Festival Format:** No standings or Final rounds will be played as per SSA and CSA development policies.
    1. Age divisions with three (3) teams will play two (2) games against each team within its pool.
    2. Age divisions with four (4) teams will play one (1) game against each team within its pool.
    3. Age divisions with five (5) teams will play one (1) game against each team within its pool.
    4. Age divisions with six (6) teams will be split into two (2) pools of three (3). Pool A vs. Pool B.
    5. Age divisions with seven (7) teams OR MORE will be scheduled a minimum of three (3) games at the discretion of the tournament committee.
  - A. **U13 – U19 – League Format: Round robin play with 1st & 2nd medal placing.**
    1. 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.
    2. 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.
    3. Age divisions with five (5) teams will play one (1) game against each team within its pool. **No final will be played.** The first and second overall will be awarded gold and silver medals, respectively.
    4. 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.
    5. Age divisions with seven (7) teams OR MORE will be scheduled a minimum of three (3) games at the discretion of the tournament committee, in accordance with SSA's Tournament Sanctioning Policies.

### **3. GROUP RANKING – U13 TO U19**

- WIN – 3 Points    DRAW – 1 Point    LOSS – 0 Points

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 at a time scheduled by the tournament committee.

**4. OVERTIME PERIODS – U13 to U19**

- 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.

**5. DISCIPLINE MATTERS**

- 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. A hearing will be scheduled with the player.**
- Failure to appear will result in suspension from the tournament.
- The player’s provincial/state association will be notified of all infractions and suspensions.
- At the best effort of the tournament committee hearings will take place as soon possible after the Referee’s Report and CC video can be reviewed.

**A. PLAYERS who receive:**

1. Ejection from a game will receive an automatic one (1) game suspension and a hearing.
2. A second yellow card during the tournament is subject to review and may be subject to a hearing.
3. Three (3) yellow cards in the tournament will result in an automatic one (1) game suspension and a hearing.
4. 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. “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.

**B. SPECTATORS must:**

1. Encourage athletes to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
2. Never ridicule a participant for making a mistake during a performance or practice
3. Provide positive comments that motivate and encourage participants’ continued effort.
4. Respect the decisions and judgments of match officials and encourage athletes to do the same.
5. Respect and show appreciation to all competitors, and to the team personnel, match officials, and other volunteers who give their time to the sport.
6. Refrain from entering the training or competition areas and from interfering with any activities.
7. Behave responsibly and respectfully on social media and in electronic communications.

**6. PLAYERS’ EQUIPMENT**

- Equipment shall consist of a numbered shirt, shorts, socks, shin pads and footwear designed for indoor use.
- No cleats of any kind are allowed on the tile surface.
- All players on the same team shall wear the same-coloured shirts and shall not have the identical numbers.
- Goalkeepers shall wear colours which are distinguishable from all other players and referees.
- Players must not wear equipment or anything which endangers themselves or other players including any kind of jewelry.
- 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.

**7. MATCH OFFICIALS, PROTESTS & FEEDBACK**



- a) Match official(s) shall be appointed to officiate in each game. The referee's authority shall commence as soon as the referee enters the playing facility and shall extend to when the game is over, and the referee has left the facility. The referee's 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."
- b) No protests will be heard on any judgment calls by the referee. Referee feedback can be submitted ONLINE.
- c) Protests will be allowed on eligibility or other technical matters. All decisions by the referee are final.
- d) Protests or complaints will be dealt with provided they are in writing and submitted to the Tournament Committee within 30 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.

#### **8. SASKATCHEWAN LAWS**

- 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 recreational or illegal drugs will result in expulsion from the tournament.

### **D. TOURNAMENT EXTRAS**

#### **1. AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

- Award Presentations will take place on the field after the final games (time permitting) or in the Saskatoon Sports Center common area.

#### **2. SUSC's PENALTY KICK SHOWCASE**

- SUSC's Signature event for U11 players is back for a Special Anniversary Celebration!

#### **3. OTHER FEATURES:**

- PSP Photography
- Anniversary Celebration & Merchandise
- 50/50 Draws – daily
- Raffle Draws – Sunday
- Fun Extras for U9s
- Friendly Matches
- Team Photo Contest

### **E. POLICIES**

#### **1. REFUND POLICY**

- If circumstances change and your team must cancel, please email [operations@susc.ca](mailto:operations@susc.ca).
- Before Dec 1st: Full refund, less a \$25 Administrative Fee.
- Dec 1st until registration closes: 50% Refund.
- After registration closes, no refunds will be issued.
- If SUSC cancels the tournament, all teams will be refunded in full.

#### **2. INCLEMENT WEATHER**

- SUSC, its officials and the Saskatchewan Soccer Association are not responsible for any expenses incurred by any team if the tournament is cancelled in whole or in part. Teams that are delayed by weather will not be refunded.