



## President's Report 2019

### Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.

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For the last two years it has been an honour and privilege to serve as President of Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. (SYSI). Whilst never forgetting that we are here to serve the youth of Saskatoon in furthering their development and enjoyment of the “beautiful game”. I would like to thank the SYSI Directors, our zone board members, the committees and all the dedicated volunteers who make soccer in Saskatoon a fun, safe and thriving environment for our youth. A huge thanks to the SYSI staff and in particular Amanda Probe our Executive Director for her leadership, tireless efforts and support.

In 2019, we continued to implement the recommendations of one of the most in-depth organizational reviews of SYSI in its history by Praxis Consulting. The office with the request of the zones will also be releasing a zone boundary study the scope of which includes detailed population and economic demographics. The information contained in the study will be an invaluable tool to all zones in developing and marketing strategies to continue the increase in youth soccer participation we have experienced over the last two years. A big thank you to our Executive Director for this.

On behalf of SYSI, I would like to thank the zones for their on-going support in sending their liaisons to attend SYSI board meetings as this practice has bettered our organization and provided openness, enhanced communication and transparency.

This year a new opportunity for enhancing our organization status as well as our member zone organization status emerged with Canada Soccer Association's (CSA) Club Licensing program. [“The Canada Soccer Club Licensing Program is designed to guide member organizations throughout the country toward best principles for organizational development both on and off the field. Member organizations play an essential role in the development of players, coaches, and officials and provide both the daily playing environment and primary contact for participants. By raising the standards of member organizations, both the daily playing environment and participant experience are enhanced; thereby improving the overall soccer system in Canada.”](#)

SYSI as well as all five member zones are well underway in the process of achieving Canada Soccer's Club Licensing program requirements. SYSI was successful in supporting our zones with the development of required documentation for the Quality Soccer Provider application. SYSI and all zones submitted required materials for the Quality Soccer Provider application on October 1, 2019 to Sask Soccer (SSA). The SSA should be done their review of the SYSI and each of the zones' applications including any requests for supporting documentation from applicants by December 1 with results of successful applicants communicated to everyone by December 15, 2019.

Moving forward, our member zones' next step will be in developing any requirements necessary for the Provincial/Territorial Youth Club License (PTSO) Level 1 or 2 application of Club Licensing which has a declaration of interest deadline of August 31, 2020 and application submission deadline of October 1, 2020. This level of Club Licensing acquisition is very important to our member zones to achieve because the SSA has determined that any organizations wishing to have their teams partake in Provincial Soccer League (PSL), Club Nationals, and 9v9 Indoor Provincials will be required to have Club Licensing PTSO Level 1 or 2 to be eligible come 2021.

This year we say farewell to two of our board members, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Meric Osman and Dave Taylor. Thank you for your years of volunteering and dedication to Saskatoon Youth Soccer,

you have made us a better organization. Meric served us for six years the last two as Vice President. Dave Taylor was with us for eleven years four of those as President. You will be missed.

As we close off 2019 we look forward to the tasks of 2020. The new year will see opportunities for our membership with the continuation of Club Licensing as presented by the Canadian Soccer Association and with the continuation of 'Parent Tot' and 'Kids in the Park' initiatives and the leadership of the zones at the community level, our numbers will continue to grow in both indoor and outdoor registrations.

Change is a constant within all organizations and together we can surmount any and all tasks and go on to achieve wonderful things. SYSI's soccer community is in good hands and will continue to provide a fun, active and socially positive environment that continues to align with our mission for the youth of Saskatoon.

Sincerely,

Mark Millard  
President