



Summary of Executive Director's Report 2025 Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.

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Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. (SYSI) continues to elevate the game in Saskatoon, delivering stronger programs, greater accessibility, and more opportunities than ever before for players, coaches, and families. With a dedicated full-time staff team now five strong, SYSI has significantly enhanced league operations, communications, technical development, and participant support, resulting in a smoother, more consistent, and more enjoyable experience across all levels of play.

Our leadership structure remains solid, guided by an engaged Board of Directors and supported by committees focused on finance, governance, and long-term planning. The Advisory Committee, featuring representatives from all zones, continues to unite our soccer community, helping to streamline decisions and ensure alignment across leagues, rules, and player pathways.

Participation across our programs is thriving. Outdoor 2025 welcomed over **5,000 players citywide**, while Indoor 2025-26 reached a **20-year high of 4,152 participants**. Our two-pathway model, City Recreational and Alliance, gives families meaningful choice and development opportunities, with two-thirds of our U11-U19 teams competing in the competitive Alliance League. Grassroots soccer continues to grow as well, with **25 community associations** entering mini teams this past year.

Operational improvements are delivering real impact. Centralized discipline management has heightened fairness and efficiency, while SYSI's in-house referee assignment for U11-U13 has improved scheduling flexibility and strengthened mentorship for developing officials. Our balanced use of turf, grass, and community facilities ensures high-quality playing environments for all participants.

Development programming is reaching new heights. The Alliance Academy remains a premier development stream, and the launch of the SYSI Futsal Academy in 2025 has created exciting new opportunities for players to grow their skills. Saskatoon Alliance PSL teams continue to shine on the provincial and national stage, earning multiple medals—including **both gold and silver in 2024** and **silver in 2025** at Club Nationals. Coach education also remains a major priority, with hundreds of NCCP and Safe Sport certifications completed annually.

SYSI is proud to operate several impactful community programs that increase access and inclusion. Kids in the Park delivered free soccer to **47 neighbourhoods**, the Parent-Tot Program continues to expand, and our All-Abilities Program is creating a welcoming and supportive environment for athletes with disabilities. These initiatives are not only enriching lives, they are strengthening our soccer community.

Festivals such as Mini SISCO and Mini FOS continue to engage hundreds of young players each season, while Saskatoon teams remain competitive provincially, capturing medals and Fair Play awards at both indoor and outdoor championships.

The organization remains financially steady, continuing to support zones through Alliance Academy honorariums and athlete funding. The SYSI Athlete Fund, powered by community generosity and committee efforts, has raised over **\$110,000** and distributed nearly **\$82,000** to help reduce financial barriers for Saskatoon families since 2021.

SYSI and all five zones proudly maintain various levels of Canada Soccer Association Club Licensing status (Quality Soccer Provider, MA Level 1, and MA Level 2), and significant strides have been made toward SYSI achieving the National Youth Club License, an important milestone in elevating soccer standards across the city.

With strong partnerships, a growing player base, and a clear vision for the future, SYSI is well-positioned to continue leading and inspiring the development of youth soccer in Saskatoon for years to come.