



President's Report 2025 Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.

It has been a privilege to be part of SYSI and to serve as President over the past year. The beginning of my term marked several historic firsts for female leadership within Saskatoon — our first female mayor, the first female Zone Technical Director (Saskatoon United Soccer Club), the first female SYSI President, and the first time our entire executive team has been all female. Thank you to the SYSI Board of Directors, SYSI staff, and especially to Amanda Probe, our Executive Director, for her leadership and unwavering support.

Soccer continues to grow across the zones and community associations in both indoor and outdoor seasons. This past year, SYSI introduced two new programs. In November 2024, we launched the All-Abilities Soccer program, which has already seen tremendous success with strong attendance, dedicated one-on-one volunteer support, and positive feedback from parents and coaches. This fall, we launched the SYSI Futsal Academy for Under-11 to Under-18 athletes in collaboration with TDsoccer, and we have also integrated TDsoccer-supported futsal training into the SYSI Alliance Academy for our Under-11 and Under-13 age groups.

The Sustainability Committee continues its impactful work raising funds to support athletes across the zones and community associations. To date, the committee has raised \$110,000 and allocated \$58,000 to youth athletes facing financial barriers.

Congratulations to Saskatoon Alliance for sending three provincial champion teams to Club Nationals, with one earning a silver medal. We also celebrated an all-Alliance provincial final this year.

Another notable achievement this year is Mark Millard's induction into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame. Mark has coached soccer with the Lakewood Soccer Association for 20 years and has served on the SYSI Board for 11 years, including seven years as President. He chairs the SYSI Sustainability Committee and plays a key leadership role in the Sports Legacy Project, a vital initiative dedicated to preserving the historical artifacts and stories that celebrate our community's rich soccer heritage.

Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. (SSCI) completed the installation of new turf and LED lighting on the outdoor field. Thank you to SSCI and their service teams for continuing to provide excellent facilities for our players.

We also continue to strengthen our partnership with Saskatoon Adult Soccer as we explore ways to support athletes transitioning from youth soccer into the adult league.

As the number of youth players in Saskatoon continues to grow, SYSI remains committed to providing a fun, positive, and inclusive environment, one that truly reflects our mission: *"To create the culture and opportunity for every participant to enjoy youth soccer."*

Thank you to all the volunteers, parents, and players involved with SYSI. Your dedication is the foundation of soccer in Saskatoon, and we could not do this without you.

Sincerely,
Rachelle Lockwood
President Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.