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Re: Winter Season Return to Train

Dear SYSI coaches, players, and parents:

After cancellation of the remainder of the Fall Season on Nov 27, 2020 as per government health orders, our youth are looking forward to getting back to the pitch and honing their skills! We couldn't be more relieved to have 2020 behind us but we're not out of the pandemic woods quite yet. Current government health order restrictions are still in place preventing league play until Jan 15 and we will know early next week after the upcoming government announcement whether these restrictions shall be extended or not. To prepare for the high possibility of extended restrictions, SYSI will be commencing the Winter Season on Sat Jan 16 with training.

Scheduled Games from Jan 16-31, 2021 shall be Training Sessions: Game times will be utilized as training sessions by those groups who are already scheduled. For U11-U19, the home group will utilize one half and the away group will utilize the other half for the full one hour duration. All U7-U19 Zone practices will be handled in the same manner. There will be portable field barriers in place separating the quarter field into two playing surfaces and each group shall remain in their designated playing area and abide by the *Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan – Sports and Activities Guidelines* listed below. For U5-U9 Community games and practices as well as U7-U9 Zone games scheduled on a split field, further information will be provided as to how these field times will be shared by groups as it is not possible to have both home and away groups utilizing the same time as the field cannot be further split.

Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan - Sports and Activities Guidelines - Conditioning, Training and Individual Competition:

Athletes and performers 18 years of age and under may continue conditioning and skills training in groups of eight or fewer, abiding by the required mask use and at least three metres of physical distancing between participants at all times.

- Individual groups of eight may not share a training/rehearsal surface or space at the same time.
- Coaches/trainers are not included in the training group numbers as long as they are masked and maintain a minimum physical distance of three metres.

YSI will evaluate whether further games beyond Jan 31, 2021 will be utilized for training upon the release of additional government announcements. At present time, our number one priority is to continue offering a safe environment for our youth to once again experience the many benefits our sport brings to their social, mental, and physical well-being. SYSI and the Saskatoon Soccer Centres Inc. will continue to follow all stringent health authority COVID cleaning protocols and mandatory mask wearing in the facilities. SYSI is prepared to return to mini league guidelines and game play immediately upon the lifting of government restrictions.

YSI will provide further guidelines for the U5-U9 Community games/practices and U7-U9 Zone games next week. In the meantime shall you have any other questions please refer them to your Zone or Community Association.

Sincerely,

Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.