

# SASKATOON YOUTH SOCCER INC.



## 2021-22 INDOOR SEASON ZONE COACH PACKAGE U7 – U19

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# ID2021-22: COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS MEMO

Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. (SYSI) and its Associations have legal obligations to take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances to protect the health and safety of their participants, workers, volunteers, athletes, and stakeholders.

**Vaccine Mandate:** On September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the SYSI Board of Directors approved a Proof of Vaccination Policy that requires all SYSI players who are 18 years of age as well as all Team Personnel (head coaches, assistant coaches, junior coaches, trainers, instructors, technical directors, gender reps, managers, and so on) to be fully vaccinated (i.e.: including the 14-day period after receiving their completed dose) **by Tuesday October 12, 2021, or earlier**. Players who are turning 18 during the season must be fully vaccinated (i.e.: including the 14-day period after receiving their completed dose) on or before turning 18 in order to continue playing. At this time, SYSI **players age 17 and under are exempt** from this mandate. **NEW - Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. will be implementing a proof of vaccination policy for spectators, details and dates of implementation are being determined.**

**Negative Testing Not an Option:** In order to alleviate additional administration on volunteers and to lessen the burden on the provincial testing system, SYSI has decided not to accept negative testing as an option for those who are not vaccinated.

**Accommodation for Vaccine Exemption:** If a person is unable to receive full vaccination due to a medical condition or other grounds protected by applicable provincial human rights legislation, the participants may seek approval from SYSI to attend without proof of vaccination through the SYSI Accommodation for Vaccine Exemption process and may contact [executivedirector@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca](mailto:executivedirector@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca) to enquire further.

## Acceptable Documentation:

Acceptable documents serving as evidence of COVID-19 vaccination include:

Accepted proof of COVID-19 vaccination includes:

- Individual COVID-19 vaccination record available through eHealth Saskatchewan's individual MySaskHealthRecord accounts.
- Individual COVID-19 vaccination QR code available through eHealth Saskatchewan's individual MySaskHealthRecord accounts.
- Immunization wallet card received at the time of vaccination from the Saskatchewan Health Authority or other Provincial health authority.
- COVID-19 immunization records from Saskatchewan (or other Provincial) Public Health.

**Verification & Record Keeping:** Zones and Community Associations are to verify vaccination documentation for all team personnel and any players who are 18 years of age or who will be turning 18 years of age during the season. Once a vaccination status has been verified there is no further need for retention of such records.

**Vaccine Pop-Up Clinic:** To help make vaccinations more accessible to our soccer teams and families, we are pleased to announce that a pop-up Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic will be held at the **Saskatoon Sports Centre** on **Sat Oct 16, from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM**. What more convenient way to become vaccinated...before, during, or after your child's soccer practice! Help us keep the kids on the pitch this season! For those interested in receiving a vaccination at the pop-up clinic, please ensure that you have your Saskatchewan Health Card with you.

**Mask Mandate:** By mandating a proof of vaccination policy on youth players age 18 and older this will result in our ability to remove the mask mandate on such U19 players while actively engaged on the pitch. Players who are unable to provide the proof of full vaccination will not be eligible to play until they do so. The mask mandate remains in effect for all Team Personnel at all times and all players while on the sidelines/bench regardless of providing proof of full vaccination.

**Compliance:** Individuals who make false attestations about, or provide false documents related to, being vaccinated may be subject to disciplinary actions, up to and including permanent expulsion from SYSI.

The SYSI Board of Directors have implemented this policy in support of our continued efforts to provide a safe environment for our participants and we feel this policy will minimize the spread of COVID-19 which will help mitigate further restrictions and keep everyone on the pitch this season.

Please see below updated measures which will be in place for the indoor season.

## 1. Wellness & Hygiene

- All participants self-monitor for symptoms, stay home if sick and seek a COVID-19 test. The [Know Your Risk checklist](#) can help you with that personal assessment. People who are fully vaccinated are no longer considered a close contact.
- All persons entering the facilities are to practice good hand hygiene before and after soccer activities and/or spectating. Wash your hands often or utilize hand sanitizer and exercise good cough and sneeze etiquette.
- Sanitizer stations are available throughout the facilities. Everyone is encouraged to also bring their own for personal use.

## 2. Vaccinations

- All SYSI Team Personnel including head coaches, assistant coaches, junior coaches, trainers, instructors, technical directors, gender reps, managers, and so on, in all U5 to U19 age groups are mandated by SYSI to provide proof of full vaccination prior to participate. (21-09-29)
- Players age 18 or older playing within the SYSI League is mandated by SYSI to be fully vaccinated to participate. (21-09-29)
- Fully vaccinated participants are not considered close contacts and do not need to self-isolate unless they experience symptoms. (21-09-29)
- We strongly encourage all eligible players, referees, volunteers, parents, and spectators to be fully vaccinated as a show of care and concern for others.

### 3. Masks

- Masks are required for all persons entering the soccer facilities for the exception of players or referees while on the pitch; masks remain an option during activity. All patrons must provide their own masks or purchase one at Guest Services for \$1.
- Team personnel within SYSI leagues will be required to wear a mask on-field.
- All players will be required to wear a mask while on the sidelines or bench while not actively engaged in activity on field. (21-09-29)

### 4. Social Distancing

- Teams will be encouraged to social distance on the sidelines and during breaks in play, are not to shake hands or give high-fives, and are not to share water bottles.
- Physical distancing is encouraged within all areas of the facilities including, but not limited to, seating areas, main foyer, and mezzanine levels.

### 5. Facility Measures

- Additional cleaning will occur in public and high traffic areas, washrooms, and mezzanine areas.
- Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. (SSCI) is committed to providing a healthy sports environment. Our indoor facilities are equipped with mechanical ventilation systems designed to provide fresh air throughout the buildings.
- Sanitizer stations are available throughout the facilities. Everyone is encouraged to also bring their own for personal use.
- Dressing Rooms - Designated dressing rooms and showers are available no more than 30 minutes before game time. Absolutely no changing on the fields or in public areas. Please vacate dressing rooms post game within 20 minutes, or at the request of the SSCI Service Team.

We will continue to monitor the status of COVID-19 in our city, as well as the available options pertaining to your safety. The SYSI office remains closed to the public. We remain committed to our members and will continue to be available by phone and by email. We appreciate your understanding during this challenging period. Any questions can be directed to the SYSI at [info@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca](mailto:info@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca) or 306-975-3413 or you may contact your Zone or Community Association.

Sincerely,  
Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.

## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE & TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
<b>Wed Oct 6, 6:30 PM</b>	<b>Zone Coach Night (All U11 – U19 Coaches)</b>	<b>Online- Insert Zoom link</b>
Thu Oct 7, 4:30 PM	Online Coaches packages available	<a href="http://www.saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca">www.saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca</a>
Thu Oct 7, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	NCCP Make Ethical Decisions	<a href="#">Online</a>
Fri Oct 8, 4:30 PM	Youth City & Alliance Schedules Posted Online	<a href="http://www.saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca">www.saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca</a>
Tues Oct 12, 12:00 PM	RESPECT IN SPORT deadline for all coaching staff to complete	Free Online
Tues Oct 12	Start of Youth City & Alliance: U11 & U13, all divisions	SSC Fields, 150 Nelson Rd
Tues Oct 12 – Mon Nov 8	FREE transfers – Zones may move players up or down in division without transfer process for these two weeks.	N/A
Wed Oct 13, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	NCCP Make Ethical Decisions	<a href="#">Online</a>
<b>Sat Oct 16, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM</b>	<b>Pop-up Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic</b>	<b>SSC, 150 Nelson Rd</b>
Sun Oct 17	Start of U5 – U9 Leagues	SSC Fields, 150 Nelson Rd
Mon Oct 18	Start of Youth City & Alliance: U15 – U19, all divisions	SSC Fields, 150 Nelson Rd
Wed Oct 27, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	NCCP Make Ethical Decisions	<a href="#">Online</a>
Fri Nov 5, 4:00 PM	Entry Deadline: Team fundraising requests SISCO/Prov's	Online
Mon Nov 8	RAMP Player & Team Personnel Registration Deadline	Online
Wed Nov 10	Entry Deadline – Hollandia Off the Wall Tournament	<a href="http://www.hollandiasoccer.com">www.hollandiasoccer.com</a>
Thurs Nov 18, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	NCCP Make Ethical Decisions	<a href="#">Online</a>
<b>Thurs Nov 26 – Sun Nov 28</b>	<b>Tournament: Aurora Open - CANCELLED</b>	<b>Saskatoon</b>
Tues Nov 30, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	NCCP Make Ethical Decisions	<a href="#">Online</a>
Thurs Dec 2 – Sun Dec 5	Tournament: Hollandia Off the Wall	SKHRSC, 219 Primrose Dr
<b>No League Games from Mon Dec 20, 2021 – Sat Jan 1, 2022 (Christmas holidays)</b>		
<b>Fri Jan 7 – Sun Jan 9</b>	<b>Tournament: SISCO Premier Boys - CANCELLED</b>	<b>SSC Turf Fields, 150 Nelson Rd</b>
<b>Fri Jan 14 – Sun Jan 16</b>	<b>Tournament: SISCO Premier Girls - CANCELLED</b>	<b>SSC Turf Fields, 150 Nelson Rd</b>
Fri Feb 4 – Sun Feb 6	Tournament: Lakewood "Just Kick It" Cup	SSC Turf Fields, 150 Nelson Rd
Mon Feb 14, 4:30 PM	Deadline: Mini SISCO – Confirm teams for entry and team strength	<a href="mailto:info@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca">info@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca</a>
Fri Feb 18 – Mon Feb 23	Tournament: SUSC	Saskatoon
<b>No League Games from Fri Feb 18 – Fri Feb 25, 2022 (Winter Break)</b>		
Fri Mar 4 – Sun Mar 6	Provincials: SSA Youth 6-aside Soccer for Life	Saskatoon
Fri Mar 11 – Sun Mar 13	Provincials: SSA Youth 9-aside Soccer for Life	Regina
Fri Mar 18 - Sun Mar 20	Tournament: XSSL Mini SISCO	SSC Turf Fields, 150 Nelson Rd
Sat Mar 19 & Sun Mar 20	City & Alliance City Finals: U13 – U19	SSC Turf Field, 150 Nelson Rd
Sat Mar 19 (TBA)	SSA Annual General Meeting	Saskatoon

## OFFICE CONTACT INFO

**Hours:** Monday to Friday 10:00am – 4:30pm

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### How to Find the SYS Office:

The Saskatoon Sports Centre is located on 150 Nelson Road (off Attridge Drive) and is attached to the Centennial High School. The office is on the 2nd floor of the Saskatoon Sports Centre at the South end of the building (facing the outdoor turf fields and Attridge Drive). For best access during office hours, park across from St Joseph High School in the Saskatoon Sports Centre parking lot and enter through the doors facing the outdoor turf fields and proceed upstairs (After 5pm these doors are locked, and you will need to use the main entrance attached to the school).

## REGISTRATION AGES

**All Dates Are as of January 1**

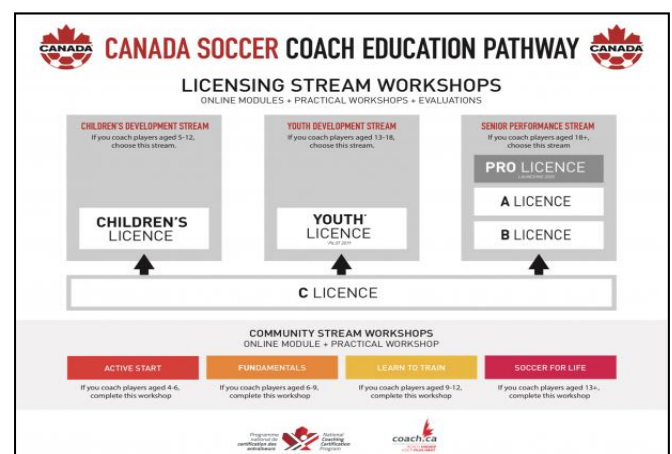
**Zone Association Programs** (Zone coordinates registration, coaches, and additional player development):

Born 2015 / 2016	Under-7 D-League	Register with participating Zone Association
Born 2013 / 2014	Under-9 D-League	Register with participating Zone Association
Born 2012	Under-10	Register with Zone of Residence
Born 2011	Under-11	Register with Zone of Residence
Born 2010	Under-12	Register with Zone of Residence
Born 2009	Under-13	Register with Zone of Residence
Born 2008	Under-14	Register with Zone of Residence
Born 2007	Under-15	Register with Zone of Residence
Born 2005 / 2006	Under-17	Register with Zone of Residence
Born 2003 / 2004	Under-19	Register with participating Zone Association

\*\* Players born in 2003 / 2004 are not eligible to participate in the U17 age group for the Indoor Provincial Championships

## CANADIAN SOCCER ASSOCIATION COACHING EDUCATION PATHWAY

As the governing body for soccer in Canada the Canadian Soccer Association is responsible for training coaches from grassroots to national team level. With the increasing number of players registering with clubs across the country this represents a considerable challenge. In order to meet this challenge the Association has developed a Long Term Player Development (LTPD) Model and tailored the Coach Education Program to this Model. As a result, a two-streamed education program has been developed in conjunction with the NCCP and CSA's provincial/territorial partners to meet the needs of both developing coaches and the sport itself. The Streams through which a coach may enter and/or advance are:



## TEAM PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

**Coaching staff:** Shall be defined as those individuals in the positions of head coach, assistant coach or apprentice/developmental coach and will typically include all individuals providing technical and tactical guidance to players during game situations.

**Team personnel:** Shall include any individual eligible to appear on a game sheet and be on the bench during a PSL game, including the coaching staff, manager, assistant manager, trainer, therapist, gender representative etc.

**RAMP registration:** Every coach, assistant coach, manager, and volunteer parent or volunteer participating in any on field activities with the team must be registered and insured through SSA. This does not mean certified with the correct coaching certification but registered to show due diligence in terms of insurance. To ensure you are registered you must be listed on a roster submitted by your team or your Zone Registrar. The Saskatchewan Soccer Association hereby requires that all coaching staff on the bench be age appropriately certified as listed above.

Age Groups	NCCP Certification	Respect In Sport Online Certification	Making Ethical Decisions Course (MED - Step 1)	Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation (MED - Step 2)	Making Headway e-learning Module	Same Gender Rep	RAMP Online Registration	Criminal Record Check
U5	Active Start Recommended 1 coach	Mandatory All team personnel	Not required	Not required	Not required	Mandatory Minimum 1 on the bench	Mandatory  All Team Personnel To Register EACH Season.  Any individual who sits on the bench during an SYSI league game assists the team during SYSI league play.	Mandatory  Minimum every 2 years or sooner if Zone policy differs.  Any team personnel interacting with players must provide criminal record check with vulnerable sector to their zone or community.
U7 – U9	Fundamentals Mandatory Minimum 1 coach		Mandatory Minimum 1 coach	Mandatory Minimum 1 coach				
U11 - U13	Learn to Train Mandatory Minimum 1 coach							
U15 - U19	Soccer for Life Mandatory Minimum 1 coach							
Provincials U15 - U19	Soccer for Life Mandatory All head, assistant, and apprentice/developmental coaches	Mandatory All team personnel	Mandatory All head, assistant, and apprentice/developmental coaches		Mandatory All coaching staff	Mandatory Minimum 1 coach and 1 non-coach on the bench		
<div>Deadline for above requirements prior to 1<sup>st</sup> game</div> <div>Any unregistered team personnel (those found on the team bench or on the game sheet) may be fined \$100 each.</div>								
<div>COSTS: All U5 – U11 NCCP certification clinics are free for SYSI registered team personnel; Respect In Sport is free online training; RAMP registration is free and takes about 3 minutes through your Zone online; and all other coach certification costs may be covered or reimbursed by your Zone association – just check with your Zone and keep receipts. Criminal record checks are free for community association coaches when accompanied by a letter from the community association. Checks for zone coaches are \$10 when accompanied by a letter from the zone (otherwise cost is \$70).</div>								

## COACHING RESOURCES

**Online Coach Packages:** Available Online Thu Oct 7, after 4:30 pm

The coach package will include office contact info, important dates, coach certification information, game reschedule information, tournament information, Timbit league info, field lists and locations, fair play codes, first aid inventory, player medical info forms, soccer centre facility usage guidelines, and emergency action plan forms.

*Coach Resources and Education Opportunities:*

- [Byte Size Coaching Resource](#) (several age-appropriate practice drills)
  - o [coach@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca](mailto:coach@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca) password = coach
- [Coach Decks](#) (handy deck of cards that fits in your pocket containing practice drills) SYSI Office \$15
- [Visit our website](#) (full list of certification clinics or additional training opportunities)

# COACH CERTIFICATION CLINICS & TRAINING

Coach clinics will use a blended format including online (theory) and in-person (on-field practical). Coaches will register for the online portion of the clinic through the [CSA grassroots coach education program](#) and the on-field portion through the SYSI RAMP registration portal.

## National Coach Certification Program (NCCP) Clinics

### What: U7 / U9 Coaches ~ FUNDamentals

**Time:** Approx. 1.5 hours

Is designed for coaches of Boys U6-U9 and Girls U6-U8. It consists of completing 1.5 hours of online training followed by a 3-hour Practical On-Field Workshop. Coaches are also expected to complete the NCCP Make Ethical Decisions Workshop and Online Evaluation; the NCCP Making Headway Concussion Awareness Workshop, the NCCP Online Emergency Action Plan Workshop and the Respect in Sport Activity Leader Course. No pre-requisites required. Cost for on-field clinic has already been collected through team league fees.

#### Register:

- [Part 1](#) (Online) \$20
- [Part 2](#) (On-field): Once you have completed Part 1, login into the SYSI RAMP registration portal to find an on-field workshop.

### What: U10 / U11 / U12 / U13 ~ Learn to Train

**Time:** Approx. 2 hours

Is designed for coaches of Boys U9-U12 and Girls U8-U11. It consists of completing 1.5 hours of online training followed by a 4-hour Practical On-Field Workshop. Coaches are also expected to complete the NCCP Make Ethical Decisions Workshop and Online Evaluation; the NCCP Making Headway Concussion Awareness Workshop, the NCCP Online Emergency Action Plan Workshop and the Respect in Sport Activity Leader Course. No pre-requisites required. Cost for on-field clinic has already been collected through team league fees.

#### Register:

- [Part 1](#) (Online) \$20
- [Part 2](#) (On-field): Once you have completed Part 1, login into the SYSI RAMP registration portal to find an on-field workshop.

### What: U14 / U15 / U17 / U19 ~ Soccer for Life

**Time:** Approx.: 2 hours

Is designed for coaches of Boys U13+ and Girls U12+. It consists of completing 1.5 hours of online training followed by a 4-hour Practical On-Field Workshop. Coaches are also expected to complete the NCCP Make Ethical Decisions Workshop and Online Evaluation; the NCCP Making Headway Concussion Awareness Workshop, the NCCP Online Emergency Action Plan Workshop and the Respect in Sport Activity Leader Course. No pre-requisites required.

#### Register:

- [Part 1](#) (Online) \$30
- [Part 2](#) (On-field): Once you have completed Part 1, login into the SYSI RAMP registration portal to find an on-field workshop.

## Additional required training for U7-U19

### 1) Respect In Sport ~ FREE Online

**Time:** Approx. 3 hours

**Website:** <https://sasksrc.respectgroupinc.com/secure> ~ ALL team personnel to complete before 1<sup>st</sup> game!

Online anti-bullying, anti-harassment program that is a Provincial Government-led initiative through Sask Sport and is a requirement for all coaches in all sports in Saskatchewan. There are some equivalency acceptances for coaches that have received similar training through programs such as hockey's "Speak Out" training, the "Respect in School" program or NCCP's new "Empower+". The Respect in Sport program is structured over 5 online modules with their sub-modules which can be taken independently and at the coaches' leisure. The overall duration is 3 hours but that can be broken down as the profile will register every sub-module once completed. When registering, select Saskatchewan Soccer as your association.

### 2) Making Ethical Decisions (MED) ~ Online Clinic \$50

**Time:** Approx. 3 hours

**Online Clinic Dates:** [Thurs Oct 7](#), [Wed Oct 13](#), [Wed Oct 27](#), [Thurs Nov 18](#) & [Tues Nov 30](#)

By successfully completing the Make Ethical Decisions (MED) workshop coaches will be fully equipped to handle virtually any ethical situation with confidence. MED helps coaches identify the legal, ethical, and moral implications of difficult situations that present themselves in the world of team and individual sport. Example: A coach that has attended Fundamentals, Learning to Train, or Soccer for Life will appear as "In Training". A coach needs to attend and pass the online evaluation for MED for the status to be changed to "Trained". \*\* MED and online evaluation not required for the U5 Active Start coaches.

### 3) MED Online Evaluation ~ FREE Online after attending an online MED clinic or \$85 without MED Clinic

For more info: <http://www.coach.ca/-p156128>

**Time:** Approx. 20 – 30 min (longer without MED clinic)

All coaches will also need to complete an online evaluation after taking the Making Ethical Decisions course, which can be done at any time at the coach's own pace after completing the Active Start, Fundamentals, or Learning to Train; Making Ethical Decisions; and Respect in Sport. Once all are completed including the Online Evaluation, the coach will be considered "Trained" for the appropriate age group; until then the coach will be considered "In Training". \*\* MED and online evaluation not required for the U5 Active Start coaches.

## Additional training required for U15 – U19 coaches

### 1) Making Headway Module ~ FREE Online

**Time:** Approx. 60 – 90 min

**Website:** <https://coach.ca/making-head-way-concussion-elearning-series-p153487>

Making Head Way was developed by Canada's Active and Safe initiative to reduce the number of brain injuries that occurs in team sports, and to improve coaches' decision-making process about when it is safe to allow their player to return to play after a head injury. The module takes approximately 60-90 minutes to complete and includes the following topics: What to do to prevent concussions, how to recognize the signs and symptoms, what to do when.

## Additional Training & Development

### 1) Commit to Kids ~ \$12

**Website:** <https://www.protectchildren.ca/en/get-involved/online-training/commit-to-kids-for-coaches/>

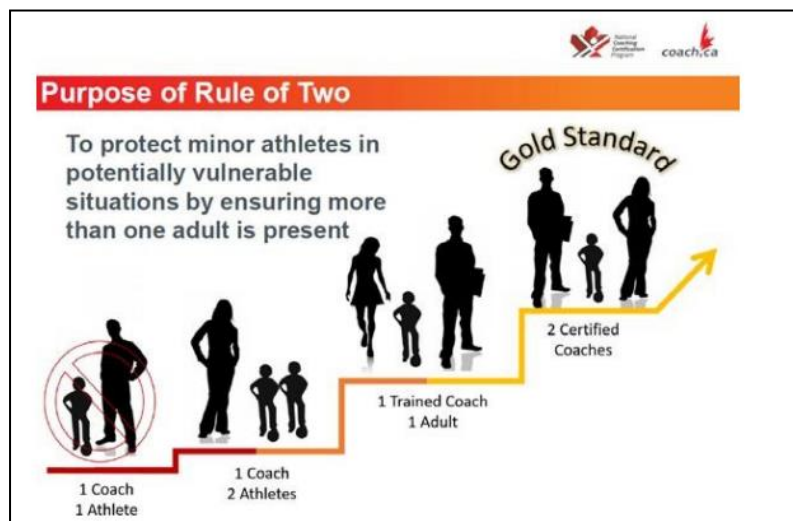
**Time:** Approx. 2.5 hours

The Commit to Kids (C2K) for Coaches online training empowers coaches and other sport leaders with practical information to help them enhance child and youth safety in sport. It highlights the importance of understanding boundaries, sexual misconduct and reporting inappropriate behaviour. The online training course consists of eight separate modules the following: child sexual abuse, the grooming process, handling disclosures of child sexual abuse, the impact of child sexual abuse, creating a Child Protection Code of Conduct for your organization, policies, and procedures to use to protect children in your organization & the C2K program for child-serving organizations. A certificate of completion will be issued upon completion of all modules and a successful knowledge validation test.



## 1.0 General

- 1.1 The Rule of Two serves to protect minor athletes in potentially vulnerable situations by ensuring that more than one adult is present. Vulnerable situations can include closed doors meetings, travel, and training environments. SYSI Zone Associations are encouraged to create and implement policies and procedures that limit the instances where these situations are possible and can occur.
- 1.2 The Rule of Two states that there will always be two screened and Respect in Sport and NCCP trained or certified coaches with an athlete, especially a minor athlete, when in a potentially vulnerable situation. One-on-one interaction between a coach and an athlete, without another individual present, must be avoided in all circumstances except medical emergencies. SYSI expects that all organizations affiliated with SYSI will work toward attaining the Gold Standard.



- 1.3 In the event where screened and NCCP trained or certified coaches are not available, a screened volunteer, parent, or adult can be recruited. In all instances, one coach/volunteer must reflect the genders of the athletes participating or be of an appropriate identity in relation to the athlete(s).
- 1.4 As depicted in the diagram above, the Gold Standard is the preferred environment, it is not expected that it will be reached at all times. The alternatives presented, although increasing risk, are acceptable and would be considered to be in alignment with the Rule of Two. However, the one-on-one interaction between a coach and an athlete without another individual present, as depicted at the lowest stair in the diagram, is to be avoided in all circumstances.

## 2.0 Situational Guidelines

- 2.1 Saskatoon Youth Soccer recommends the following guidelines for organizations to ensure they are following the Rule of Two. In the guidelines below, a 'Person in Authority' is defined as an NCCP-trained or certified coach, a screened volunteer, or other adult. The organization is meeting the Gold Standard for the Rule of Two if the Person in Authority is always an NCCP-trained or certified coach.
- 2.1.1 Travel
- A Person in Authority may not be alone in a car with an athlete unless the Person in Authority is the athlete's parent or guardian
  - A Person in Authority may not share a room or be alone in a hotel room with an athlete unless the Person in Authority is the athlete's parent or guardian
  - Room or bed checks during overnight stays must be done by two Persons in Authority
- 2.1.2 Training / Competition Environment
- The following guidelines are strongly recommended for the training and competition environment (including before, during, and after practices and games):
- A Person in Authority should never be alone with an athlete prior to or following a game or practice unless the Person in Authority is the athlete's parent or guardian. If the athlete is the first athlete to arrive, the athlete's parent should remain until another athlete or Person in Authority arrives. Similarly, if an athlete would potentially be alone with a Person in Authority following a game or practice, the Person in Authority should ask another Person in Authority (or a parent or guardian of another athlete) to stay until all the athletes have been picked up. If an adult is not available, then another athlete should be present in order to avoid the Person in Authority being alone with a single athlete.
  - Persons in Authority giving instructions, demonstrating skills, or facilitating drills or lessons to an individual athlete should always be doing so within earshot and eyesight of another Person in Authority.
- 2.1.3 Gender Identity
- A Person in Authority who is interacting with athletes should be of the same gender identity as the athletes. The following guidelines are strongly recommended:
- For teams consisting of athletes of just one gender identity, a Person in Authority of the same gender identity should be available to participate or attend every interaction
  - For teams consisting of athletes of more than one gender identity (e.g., co-ed teams), a Person in Authority of each gender identity should be available to participate or attend every interaction

# SYSI GUIDELINES FOR ADULTS INTERACTING WITH CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS

*Note: This document is not meant to be used or viewed as an exhaustive list or acceptable and unacceptable conduct nor does it address every situation that could arise and should not be used in place of legal consultation. The document intends to provide a framework within sport, in which individuals are expected to exercise common sense and good judgment when interacting with children. For the purpose of this document “a coach or adult” refers to any person working, volunteering or otherwise interacting with children in sport. “Children” refers to anyone registered as a player or involved in Saskatoon Youth Soccer Programming, and not a parent.*

Sport presents children and adolescents with amazing experiences fundamental to boosting growth and development. Positive experiences are tied to wholesome relationships between coaches and athletes and are conducted in safe environments where there is a high degree of accountability for adult behaviour and actions. The reason for these guidelines is to establish expectations and understanding around adults interacting with children/adolescents in sport and creating a safe space for those who need to bring to light any concerns of misconduct toward children.

## Coach and Athlete Relationships

When taking on the responsibilities of the role of the coach you are also taking on a position of trust for the athlete. This trust is built on boundaries of professionalism inherent in the coach and athlete relationship. Once the trust is broken so are the foundations of this professional relationship. This relationship is also typified by a power balance of coach over the athlete, as they are taught at an early age to respect and listen to their coaches, as well as athletes depend on the knowledge and training provided by the coach to increase their skills and development in their sport of choice.

As a result, both this power and trust can be used to violate the coach-athlete relationship and more often than not is a result of boundary violations where adults place their needs above the needs of the child athlete in order to receive professional or personal gains at the child's expense. The responsibility of maintaining the professional relationship and appropriate boundaries always lies with the adult.

## Roles of Parents and Coaches

In instances where it appears that a coach-athlete relationship seems to have been broken, it can be a hard to process and respond to this situation. However, reporting any suspected inappropriate behaviour creates accountability whereby appropriate actions can be implemented to restore and re-establish expectations. Parents and coaches who have any concerns should speak to SYSI and the zone organization as outlined in the SYSI Abuse and Safety Policy. Regular age-appropriate discussions around personal safety and boundary-breaking behaviour with children, should be conducted regularly by parents and coaches. Some examples of topics to discuss would be:

- Qualities and attributes of a healthy relationship
- Personal boundaries and their importance
- Where and who to bring concerns to and how to get help

For these topics and more, please visit: [kidsintheknow.ca/safetysheets](https://kidsintheknow.ca/safetysheets). Any concerns about any sexual images that have been shared, please visit: [Cybertip.ca](https://cybertip.ca). As well, for more information around reporting inappropriate conduct and child sexual abuse you can visit: [commit2kids.ca/safesport](https://commit2kids.ca/safesport).

## Example of Behaviour: Appropriate and Inappropriate

Individuals working or volunteering in sport are expected to model behaviour that upholds public confidence and enhances healthy relationships with children and families. Again, the example show below are not meant to be exhaustive, but illustrative.

### Examples of appropriate behaviour in coach-athlete relationships:

- Use of respectful language, tone and attitude towards others
- Be respectful of personal, emotional and physical boundaries
- Respond to children to their needs and not the adult's
- Interacting with children in a manner that would be seen by a reasonable observer as maintaining reasonable boundaries

### Examples of inappropriate behaviour in coach-athlete relationships:

- Inappropriate and/or disrespectful language
- Humiliating or intimidating children/adolescent
- Improper touching of children/adolescent (e.g., massaging, stroking, caressing, roughhousing, tickling)
- Divulging or sharing overly personal information with a child

## Maintaining Appropriate Boundaries: Standards of Measure

Any and all interactions and activities with children/adolescents should be (including electronic communication):

- Accountable
- In response to meeting the child's needs
- Related to coaching/volunteer duties
- Transparent

## Age of Protection in Canada

The age of protection (also called the age of consent) is the age at which a young person can legally consent to sexual activity. The age of protection in Canada is generally 16 years old, but the *Criminal Code* increases that age to 18 in the context of certain relationships. If the child is:

Under 12 years old	No person can engage in sexual activity with the child under any circumstance.
12 or 13 years old	The age difference <u>must</u> be LESS THAN 2 years AND the relative positions of the parties <u>must</u> be such that a child is able to give consent.*
14 or 15 years old	The age difference <u>must</u> be LESS THAN 5 years AND the relative positions of the parties <u>must</u> be such that a child is able to give consent.*
16 or 17 years old	The relative positions of the parties <u>must</u> be such that a child is able to give consent.*

\* For all children aged 12-17: If the other person is in a position of trust or authority over the child (e.g., a coach, teacher, etc.), the child is dependent on the other person or the relationship is exploitative of the child, the child is NOT able to give consent, making sexual activity in the context of such relationships illegal. In these situations, only a person aged 18 or older is capable of consent. The increased age takes into account the inherent vulnerability of the child and is meant to protect the child in situations that involve a power or other imbalance.



# SYSI ABUSE AND SAFETY POLICY

## 3.1 Saskatchewan Child Abuse Protocol

The Saskatchewan Child Abuse Protocol demonstrates a commitment by the Government of Saskatchewan to ensure that all efforts to protect children from abuse and neglect are integrated, effective and sensitive to the needs of children. To achieve this goal, all police, professionals and organizations are being asked to collaborate with the Government of Saskatchewan in an effort to prevent, detect, report, investigate and prosecute cases of child abuse and support children who have been abused. Sask Sport has been asked by the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport to provide this information to the all of the agencies and organizations and the community groups within who work with children and deliver sport activities. Although there will be many people in our sport community who are familiar with, or who already using, programs that build awareness and resources to help keep kids safe, such as RespectED and Respect in Sport, we ask that you pass along this information to reinforce the protocol to ensure that instructors, coaches and leaders in our communities are aware of their "duty to report" suspicions of child abuse.

3.2 Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc., counsels all Entities (zones and community associations) to be aware of and distribute this information to all instructors, coaches and leaders to reinforce the Saskatchewan Child Abuse Protocol and the obligations outlined in [The Child and Family Services Act](#) (Section 12, Subsection 1 and 4) which states that every person who has reasonable suspicion to believe that a child may be in need of protection shall report the information to a child protection worker, Ministry of Social Services, First Nations Child and Family Services Agency or Police officer.

## 3.3. Reporting Child Sexual Abuse and Misconduct

NOTE: The below information is not meant to be exhaustive or intended to or to use in place of legal counsel but is to be intended as a quick reference for use in a sporting environment. Consult with child welfare, law enforcement and legal counsel if child abuse is alleged or suspected.

3.3.1 There is a legal and ethical responsibility to act, when a person becomes aware that a child may be or has been abused.

3.3.2 Individuals are responsible for reporting concerns, not proving abuse.

3.3.3 A person has a legal duty to report incidences of abuse, sexual or otherwise, even if it has occurred in the past and is no longer occurring. The offender may still have access to other children and those children may be at risk.

### 3.3.4 Stepwise Action for Reporting Child Sexual Abuse

- a) Child discloses abuse or abuse is discovered with the adult involved in the abuse being a coach or volunteer
- b) Coach/Volunteer who receives disclosure
  - i. Notifies law enforcement and/or child welfare about the incident(s)
  - ii. Consults with child welfare about notifying the parents; and
  - iii. Notifies the supervisor/manager, as well as a representative from Saskatoon Youth Soccer. The supervisor/manager in turn notifies the head of the organization.
- c) Head of the organization suspends coach/volunteer suspected of abuse without pay until case is resolved.
  - i. If the individual is a volunteer or unpaid staff, consider if the individual should be dismissed from their position immediately
- d) A child welfare agency and/or police will carry out any investigation. Organization(s) should conduct an internal follow up in consultation with police/child welfare and adjust(s) internal policies if needed. Potential outcome of investigation:
  - i. Substantiated/guilty. Coach/volunteer is dismissed from his/her position
  - ii. Inconclusive/not guilty. Seek legal counsel. Consider if coach/volunteer should be dismissed, with or without severance.
  - iii. Criminal processes can be complex and lengthy. A finding of not guilty may not necessarily mean that the abuse did not occur. Consult with a lawyer.
- e) Document the outcome of the investigation on the incident report form. Document the results of the internal follow-up.

### 3.3.5 Many of the steps above would also apply when:

- a) A child divulges abuse by someone outside the organization
- b) A peer divulges on behalf of another child
- c) An adult suspects that a child is being/or has been abused
- d) The safety of the child and other children in the organization must always be ensured in the process.

### 3.3.5 Legal guidance should be sought prior to suspension or dismissal

## INDOOR GAME SHEET PROCEDURES

**Game Sheets** – The U11 – U19 game sheets will be printed for teams from RAMP and will be located at both soccer facilities at Member & Guest Services (formerly Admissions). Team personnel from the Home Team will be required to collect the game sheet prior to the game and provide to the referee a minimum of 5 minutes prior to the game. Teams will need to cross out players and personnel listed but not in attendance. As well, all players and personnel in attendance but not listed on the game sheet will need to be written on the game sheet by hand. Permit players need to have a “P” listed next to them on the game sheet.

**NEW Photo ID Verification** – Team personnel of U11-U19 teams and players who are 18 or older will need to provide the referee a piece of photo ID prior to the start of the game. This is to ensure all those required to be vaccinated are who they say they are and are listed on the game sheet.

**RAMP Registration of Team Personnel** – All team personnel must be registered through RAMP prior to their first game. Zones found with unregistered team personnel (not registered in RAMP) and the bench or game sheet may be fined \$100 per ineligible coach.

**NEW Reporting Scores** – Starting Indoor 2021-22, the Home Team is responsible for entering the game score into the RAMP website within 48 hours of the conclusion of the game. This is to ensure all game stats are kept up to date and any disputes are dealt within a timely manner. Team personnel will need to take a photo of the game sheet prior to leaving the field as you will be required to upload a copy of the game sheet as part of the procedure. Please see SYSI's [game sheet reporting procedure](#) for a breakdown of the steps to complete reporting of the game score. Teams will need to contact their Zone for their team login which will be provided to the Zones as early as Thurs Oct 7.

**Referee No-Show** – If a referee does not show up both teams agree on a referee and the HOME TEAM hands in game sheet to Member and Guest Services after the game!

## SOCCER CENTRE PARKING MAPS

**SASKATOON SPORTS CENTRE**  
150 Nelson Road

Please park in the areas marked in **GREEN** only.  
Vehicles parked in **RED** areas will be ticketed  
Thank you for your cooperation



**SASKATOON KINSMEN HENK RUYS SOCCER CENTRE**  
219 Primrose Drive

Please park in the areas marked in **GREEN ONLY**.  
Vehicles parked in **RED** areas or on **GRASS / BOULEVARDS** will be ticked.  
Thank you for your cooperation



## SASKATOON SOCCER CENTRE RULES

The Saskatoon Sports Centre and Saskatoon Kinsmen / Henk Ruys Soccer Centre have served the Saskatoon area soccer community for over 15 years. These fabulous facilities have been recognized as some of the best in Canada! We should all be very proud of those who have made this a reality.

The staff of SSCI strives to ensure that all facility users have a fun and safe experience. In order to achieve this goal, we ask that you share the following rules with all **parents, assistant coaches and players.**

- ⚽ **Masks** must be worn by all entering the facilities. Only players and referees may remove their mask while actively engaged in activity on-field.
- ⚽ **Proof of Vaccine** of spectators, details to be released at a later date.
- ⚽ **Clean footwear** must be worn – free of mud and dirt, when entering all fields. Metal cleats are not allowed on the fields
- ⚽ Spectators are to view games from **designated spectator areas** only
- ⚽ Food, sunflower seeds, sugared drinks or gum are **not allowed** on the fields
- ⚽ **No outside Food or Drink permitted**
- ⚽ Only plastic bottles **with water** are allowed on the fields
- ⚽ There is zero tolerance for **violence or abusive and foul language** directed at anyone in or around SSCI facilities
- ⚽ **Spitting is prohibited** indoors and outdoors on all Saskatoon Soccer Centre premises. Individuals caught spitting will be immediately evicted

**These policies will be enforced**

**Thank you for assisting us in providing the safest and cleanest environment for our soccer community!**

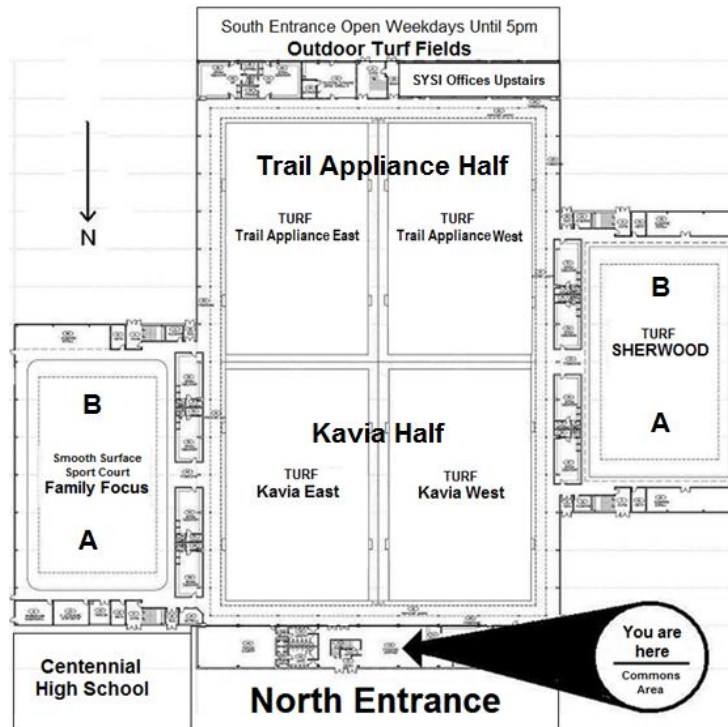


## U7D – U19 ZONE FIELD MAPS

### SASKATOON SPORTS CENTRE

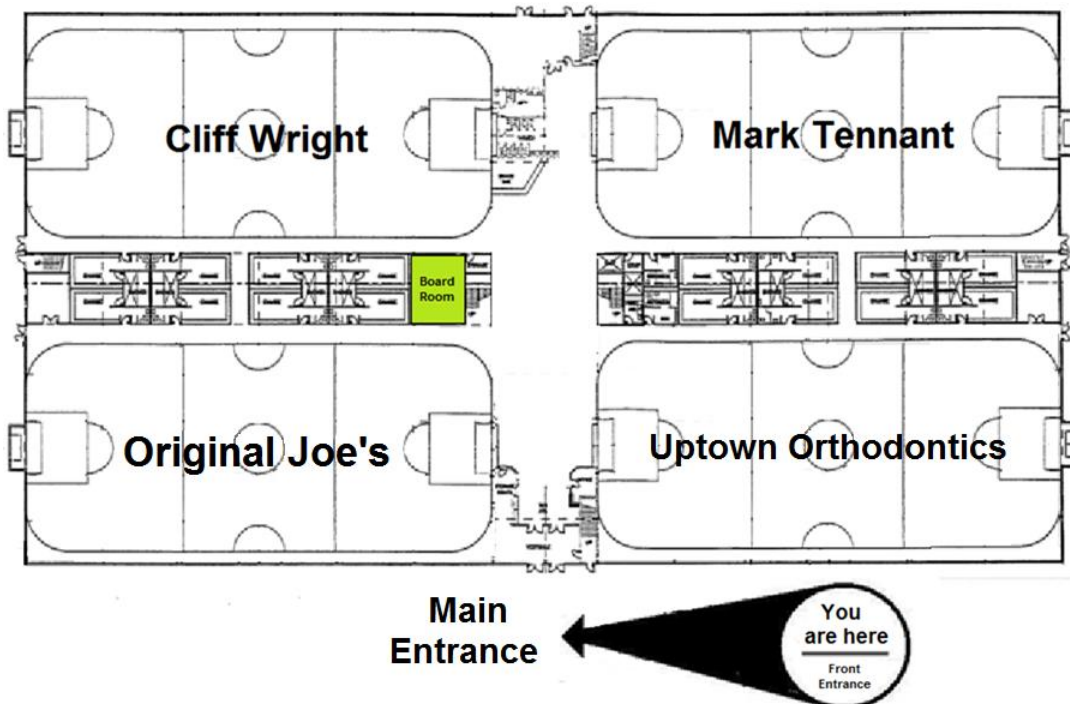
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### SASKATOON KINSMEN HENK RUY'S SOCCER CENTRE

219 Primrose Dr





## PERFORMANCE FINES

1. Youth games will be defaulted as follows:
  - a. If one team does not have the minimum number of players (see “Number of Players” in *SYSI Operating Rules & Regulations*) at 10 minutes after the scheduled start time, that team will default the game. The defaulting team will be assigned a 3–0 loss.
  - b. If both teams do not have the minimum number of players at 10 minutes after the scheduled start time, both teams will default the game and no points in the standings will be awarded to either team.
2. The fine for defaulting or forfeiting games including team(s) not showing up for a scheduled game, team(s) not having enough players 10min after the scheduled time, or team(s) cancelling the game ahead of time will be as follows:
  - a. \$50 for the *first* forfeiture; plus, the possibility of disciplinary action
  - b. \$100 for *each additional* forfeiture after one; plus, the possibility of disciplinary action
3. A team that defaults or forfeits three or more games in a season may be subject to disciplinary action.
4. Under 11 through to Under 19 Boys and Girls teams shall be responsible to their Zone for any Performance Fines.
5. Saskatoon Youth Soccer will hold the Zone accountable for the payment of any Performance Fines in which any of their Zone team(s) are responsible for. The Zone will then hold the team accountable for payment to the Zone. If the team does not pay the Zone fees owed within 30 days, the Zone may declare the entire team including all players and coaching staff in bad standing until fees are paid.
6. When a team incurs Performance Fines the Zone of the team will be notified by the SYSI Office with an invoice to be paid within 30 days.
7. Additional fines at the discretion of the Office could be charged for the following reasons:
  - a. Any damage to facilities or fields – This includes costs to replace or repair any damages including staff time.
  - b. Poor conduct subject discipline – This includes coaches, players, and spectators. (Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators).
  - c. Abuse of referees.
  - d. Other offenses not listed at the discretion of the Office.
  - e. **CHARGED PERFORMANCE FINES BECAUSE OF DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS WILL NOT LIMIT FURTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION!**
8. An appeal against the Saskatoon Youth Soccer decision can be filed by the team as per the “Game Protests” in *SYSI Rules*.

## SYSI RESCHEDULING POLICY – U11 TO U19 GAMES ONLY

1. To reschedule a youth U11 – U19 game, a rescheduling form must be filled out and signed by both teams involved.
2. The form must be received in the SYSI office fifteen (15) days prior to the original game date.
3. The fee of \$30 will be paid by the team requesting the rescheduled game. The fee must be submitted with the request at least 15 days in advance. If the forms are left at admissions or put in the SYSI Office after business hours, it will not be considered received until the next business day.
4. The SYSI office will notify the teams in writing of the new date at least seven (7) days in advance if it is an option.  
**The rescheduled time and date is non-negotiable.**
5. **If the above is not followed all games will be played as scheduled!**
6. Mini Soccer (U5 – U9) games will not be rescheduled by the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. office. If a team is unable to attend a game for whatever reason, they are to notify the other team of the cancellation. For games scheduled at the Saskatoon Kinsmen Henk Ruys Soccer Centre and Saskatoon Sports Centre, the remaining team would be allowed to use that field for a practice.



# Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.

## RESCHEDULING FORM

### FEE \$30.00

Please refer to SYSI League  
Rules and Regulations for  
more information.

**PLEASE PRINT EVERYTHING EXCEPT SIGNATURES**

**ORIGINAL GAME INFORMATION:**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ SEASON: Please Circle Indoor / Outdoor

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: Please Circle M/F DIVISION: Please Circle Prem / II / III

HOME TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person you want contacted: \_\_\_\_\_ Hm Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Wk Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

VISITOR TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person you want contacted: \_\_\_\_\_ Hm Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Wk Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESCHEDULING INFORMATION:**

TEAM REQUESTING RESCHEDULING: \_\_\_\_\_

COACHES NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

REASON FOR REQUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

**AGREEMENT BY TEAMS:**

SIGNATURE OF HOME TEAM COACH: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF VISITOR TEAM COACH: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please note that SYSI will assign **Times and Dates** based upon Facility/Field Availability and such dates are considered binding with respect to the rescheduling of games. **No exceptions** will be tolerated with respect to rescheduled games. We will try to use the date requested, but there are no guarantees\*

**Dates Teams Are Unavailable:**

Please list the dates the team(s) are unavailable to play a rescheduled game: \_\_\_\_\_

**(FOR SYSI OFFICE USE ONLY)**

DATE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIPT #: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE INFORMATION SENT OUT ON: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: PHONE/MAIL/EMAIL

**CONFIRMATION FROM TEAMS:**

**HOME TEAM:** \_\_\_\_\_ BY: FAX / PHONE / EMAIL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**VISITOR TEAM:** \_\_\_\_\_ BY: FAX / PHONE /EMAIL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESCHEDULED GAME INFORMATION**

NEW DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_ VISITING TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_



**ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY:** Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. has a “Zero Tolerance Policy” for offensive language, insulting, abusive language and/or gestures. Please instruct your players, coaches, parents and spectators accordingly! It is the coaches’ responsibility to ensure their team as well as themselves act appropriately!!

## FAIR PLAY CODE FOR ATHLETES:

1. I will participate because I want to, not just because my parents or coaches want me to.
2. I will play by the rules, and in the spirit of the game.
3. I will control my temper – fighting and “mouthing off” can spoil the activity for everybody.
4. I will respect my opponents.
5. I will do my best to be a true team player.
6. I will remember that winning isn’t everything – that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are also important.
7. I will acknowledge all good plays/performances – those of my team and of my opponents.
8. I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.



## FAIR PLAY CODE FOR COACHES:

1. I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices, remembering that young athletes have other interests and obligations.
2. I will teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents.
3. I will ensure that all athletes get equal instruction, support and \*playing time\*. (Check with your zone’s philosophy on equal or fair playing time).
4. I will not ridicule or yell at my athletes for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
5. I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the athletes’ ages and abilities.
6. I will remember that children need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
7. I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.

## FAIR PLAY CODE FOR PARENTS:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
3. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
4. I will teach my child that doing one’s best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game/event.
5. I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
6. I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
7. I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays/performances by both my child’s team and their opponents.
8. I will never question the officials’ judgment or honesty in public.
9. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children’s sporting activities.
10. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child.

## FAIR PLAY CODE FOR SPECTATORS:

1. I will remember that children play sport for their enjoyment. They are not playing to entertain me.
2. I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that child athletes are not miniature professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
3. I will respect the officials’ decisions and I will encourage participants to do the same.
4. I will never ridicule an athlete for making a mistake during a competition. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
5. I will condemn the use of violence in any form and will express my disapproval in an appropriate manner to coaches and league officials.
6. I will show respect for my team’s opponents, because without them there would be no game.
7. I will not use bad language, nor will I harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators.

**FAIR PLAY IT’S YOUR CALL!!**

## THE GAME BELONGS TO THE KIDS

### What does this mean?

The “Game Belongs to the Kids” campaign’s main objective is to create awareness and help bring back the fun in the sport of soccer. The core idea is to remind everyone involved with the game why we are there: to let the kids have fun. We want to encourage everyone to think foremost of the players and let them enjoy the game. The game means a lot to them as it is; they will give it their best and have the most fun if they don’t feel additional undue pressure to “win”.

Reports from other associations that have tried this idea have been very positive. The kids overwhelmingly said the game was more fun; they liked playing and not being yelled at. Coaches/parents admitted to having a difficult time initially remembering the silent part, but also reported being pleased with the results, particularly the happy kids. Kids surveyed were happier because they had fun. Most of them were happy to see a progress in their game and did not mention wins or losses.

### Goals:

1. Develop our players' thinking and creative ability to make decisions on the field without constant sideline intervention.
2. Improve the players' ability to communicate with each other on the field by reducing the un-necessary outside noise level.
3. Support all of our referees by eliminating all sideline dissension and intervention.
4. **Bring back the fun in the soccer game and make sure our players improve at a rate that they have chosen to.**

**It is recommended that all youth teams participate in the “Game Belongs to the Kids” Campaign by following these guidelines:**

1. Spectators/Parents can encourage the players. Please do that, as long as there is no negative connotation towards the other team/players. You know your kids better. Many times, they succumb to the pressure from the stands/sideline and not perform their best. They don’t like a high pitch scream or to be told where they need to be, how they need to pass. Any loud, potential negative comments that can be heard by players, referees, or opponents are un-necessary and should be avoided.
2. Coaches should try to be quiet and “let them play,” giving only normal coaching instruction before the game, at the half, after the game, and to players on the sideline before or after substitutions.
3. Coaches should try to address the referee only to request player substitutions (if applicable) or in case of a prolonged injury not noticed.
4. When the games are over, ask your kids if they liked it the game. Explain to them the positive aspects of this game and ask them if they had fun.

We are not asking anybody not to be competitive. We are not asking anybody to not try their hardest. The game will still be about the two teams trying to better each other on the field. They will be experiencing the highs and lows of the competition. This is our player’s game; we (adults) are there to facilitate it. Our main objective plain and simple is to make sure they have fun. Underneath that, we must foster the desire to play and help them on their chosen path of development. Their individual and team progress is more important than the “perceived” success of qualifying for the playoffs, winning the championship etc.

SYSI’s intention is not to enforce this Campaign on anybody. We cannot, and we will not be supervising each game making sure that you are adhering to it. It will be YOU that will make it successful and ultimately OUR kids will enjoy and reap the multitude of benefits the sport of soccer brings. This is their game!

“Difficulty lies not in new ideas but in escaping the old ones.”  
(John Maynard Keynes)



## U11 – U19 FIELD MARSHALL PROGRAM

### Background:

- Referee retention issues seem to have been an increasing issue over the past few years in Saskatoon. This referee shortage is caused by many reasons, but the most worrisome is the abuse from team officials and spectators towards the youth referees, especially during the outdoor season. The abuse can come in many forms but, it is the verbal abuse, which is personal, provocative and public in regard to the referee's on-field performance that cause for the youngest referees to quit. It is a possibility they will make a mistake every game, but we have to encourage them to learn and improve rather than to insult/degrade their refereeing.
- This unacceptable behavior towards our youth and new officials must be addressed as a **priority** particularly if soccer is to have an adequate supply of referees.
- A similar program was started by Calgary Youth Soccer in Outdoor 2008 and within one season they saw improvements in the retention of youth referees.

### Specifics:

- The Field Marshall Program is intended to assign one individual from each team to speak up on behalf of the referee among their fellow parents/spectators. The program started in Outdoor 2015 and includes U11 to U19 levels of play.
- All teams participating in the U11, U13, U15, and U19 SYSI league play must designate an individual at each game (home and away) to act as a Field Marshall.
- The individual acting as the Field Marshall (FM) must be named on the team's game sheet (could be on one of the tabs for ASST Coach). **Teams will be fined if they do not list their FM on the game sheet (U11, U13, U15, and U19).**
- The Field Marshall is to wear any arm band, bib as identification.

### Responsibilities of Field Marshall:

- Position yourself in the middle of your team's half of the spectators' seating area.
- Monitor the behavior of your teams' parents.
- The Field Marshall is expected to act on behalf of the referee by reminding parents to keep their comments to themselves and refrain from vocalizing their complaints during the game.
- Quickly diffuse potential problems before they arise by either being visible or calmly speaking with the individual(s) involved.
- Deal with, and act on, inappropriate comments, gestures and/or general unsporting behavior directed at referees, players or any other individual by your teams' spectators but please avoid getting into a confrontation. If someone is still hostile after being asked to calm down, please gather as much information but do not put yourself in a dangerous position. **The Field Marshall will not interfere with the coach but can gather information should he/she deems it necessary.**
- The FM's are **not** expected to put themselves in a situation which may compromise their safety and instead are asked to contact SYSI at [programs@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca](mailto:programs@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca) and fill a Game Misconduct/Incident report form located on SYSI website. When dealing with this type of issues, the Game Misconduct Report of the FM will be used to make a decision as a third choice (main two being the game sheet and Game Misconduct Report and/or Incident Report filled by the referee). If only the FM will submit a Game Misconduct/Incident Report, that form will be filed for future reoccurrences.
- The Field Marshall is expected to support the referee when requested by the official to do so should a situation require this.

### Fines:

- The administration of warning letters and enforcing fines will be the responsibility of the SYS Office. The warning letter would be sent to the team contact as well and the zone. Any further offense will result in an invoice to the zone responsible for that team. It will be the zones responsibility to pay the fine ~ this is the same process used for invoicing for team forfeit fees.
- The fine for not participating in the Field Marshall Program will be as follows:
  - a) First Offense: Warning Letter
  - b) Second offense: \$ 50
  - c) Third Offense: \$ 75
  - d) Fourth Offense: \$100
- Any team found to be consistently not participating in the program shall be subject to further disciplinary action.

### Zone Discipline:

- Based on any official report, SYSI will forward the zones the appropriate documents and each zone will investigate the incident and act accordingly. If the issue has not been dealt with on a satisfactory manner by the zone, SYSI's Discipline Committee will decide on a resolution.
- The number of games suspensions should follow the same format as the Ejections paragraph in the SYSI Rules and Regulations (more specific to the Abusive Language/Indecent Gesture paragraph).

**Referee Feedback:** Any questions/comments/complaints/compliments in regard to the officiating should be directed to Referee Assignor or Program Coordinator (who will forward those e-mails to Saskatoon & District Soccer Referees Association).

### Guideline for scheduling:

- Scheduling the FM is at the discretion of the team manager/coach and could be one of the following options (but not limited to):
  - a) 1 game per parent/game in alphabetical order (but not necessarily) at the first team meeting;
  - b) 2 or 3 parents that want to share the duties decided at the team meeting;
  - c) Or one parent assigned on the spot right before the game.
- SYSI recommends that the assigning of the FM be done in advance in collaboration with the parents and if a parent will not be able to make it to the assigned game, they can always find a replacement. FM can't be assistant coaches and assistant coaches can't be FM at the same time.

## XSSL MINI SISCO TOURNAMENT

**Xtratime Sports Soccer Locker Mini SISCO Tournament** - is scheduled for all interested Under 5, Under 7, Under 7 D-League, Under 9 and Under 9 D-League Saskatoon teams. Each participant in the tournament will receive three games and a medal. The XSSL Mini SISCO tournament fee is included in each team's Indoor season fee, however, zones/coordinators must indicate to the SYSL office which teams will participate and the strength of the team (strong/average/weak) the registration excel sheet will be emailed to zones/coordinators.

**Cancellation Policy** - Teams that cancel their entry after **Mon Feb 14** will forfeit their entire entry fee. Teams not fulfilling their entire tournament obligations (scheduled games) need to contact the office prior to the tournament so that the office may contact the other team.

**Event Date:** Fri Mar 18 – Sun Mar 20  
**Event Location:** Saskatoon Sports Centre fields, 150 Nelson Road  
**Deadline to confirm teams:** Mon Feb 14



Thank you, Xtratime Sports Soccer Locker, for being the Mini SISCO Tournament's title sponsor!!

## 2021-22 INDOOR TOURNAMENTS

Please visit the provincial association websites for updates on available sanctioned tournaments:

- [Alberta Sanctioned Tournaments](#) (May have even age classifications)
- [Saskatchewan Sanctioned Tournaments](#)
- [Manitoba Sanctioned Tournaments](#)

<i>Nov 26 - 28, 2021</i>	<i>Aurora Open Cup (U7 – U19) – Saskatoon – CANCELLED</i>
Dec 2 - 5, 2021	Hollandia Off the Wall (U9D – U19) – Saskatoon; Deadline: <u>Wed Nov 10</u> ; <a href="http://www.hollandiaoffthewall.ca">http://www.hollandiaoffthewall.ca</a>
<i>Jan 7 - 9, 2022</i>	<i>SISCO Boys Premier (U11 – U19) – Saskatoon – CANCELLED</i>
<i>Jan 14 - 16, 2022</i>	<i>SISCO Girls Premier (U11-U19) – Saskatoon – CANCELLED</i>
Feb 4 - 6, 2022	Lakewood Just "Kick It" Cup (U7 – U19) – Saskatoon; <a href="http://www.lakewoodsoccer.com">http://www.lakewoodsoccer.com</a>
Feb 18 - 21, 2022	SUSC Tournament (U7-U19) – Saskatoon; <a href="http://www.susc.ca">www.susc.ca</a>
Mar 4 - 6, 2022	SSA Soccer 4 Life 6-aside Youth Indoor Provincials (U15-U19) – Saskatoon; <a href="http://www.sasksoccer.ca">http://www.sasksoccer.ca</a>
Mar 11 - 13, 2022	SSA Soccer 4 Life 9-aside Youth Indoor Provincials (U15-U19) – Regina; <a href="http://www.sasksoccer.ca">www.sasksoccer.ca</a>
Mar 18 - 20, 2022	XSSL Mini SISCO (U5-U9) – Saskatoon; Deadline: <u>Mon Feb 14, 2022</u> ; <a href="http://www.saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca">www.saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca</a>

## TRAVEL PERMITS

Travel Permits are issued to teams who wish to travel outside of the province of Saskatchewan. Each team wishing to travel outside of Saskatchewan must send an application form into the Saskatchewan Soccer Association via Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. These forms are available from the SYSI office.

The following are the rules and regulations that apply to Traveling Teams:

1. A team wishing to compete in another province/territory/country must obtain permission to do so by the SSA.  
*A team must submit its request to the SSA through SYSI by the form provided within the following time limits:*  
Inter- Provincial Tournaments ....14 Days before event  
United States Tournaments.....30 Days before event  
International Tournaments .....90 Days before event  
*\*The Deadline for a tournament in Canada is considered to be 30 days prior to the tournament. For an International Tournament the deadline is 60 days.*
2. The SSA will contact the team as to whether or not travel is permitted.
3. A team travelling must present its list of players to the organizers of the tournament including names of players birth dates and addresses as well as any other people (officers, dignitaries) who will accompany the team.
4. Only teams made up of players and team personnel registered with the SSA can obtain a travel permit.
5. Teams traveling can only compete in the event listed on the permit, and must adhere to the rules governing the event that it is competing in.
6. The cost of the permit is as follows:  
**Domestic travel permits** for those teams wishing to compete in tournaments outside of Saskatchewan, the fees are:
  - a) For requests received more than 30 days prior to the event - **\$30.00**
  - b) For requests received less than 30 days but more than one week before the event - **\$100.00**
  - c) For requests received less than one week before the event - **\$200.00****International travel permits** for those teams wishing to compete in tournaments outside of Canada require *additional payment of insurance quote* plus:
  - a) For requests received more than 30 days prior to the event - **\$50.00**
  - b) For requests received less than 30 days but more than one week before the event - **\$100.00**
  - c) For requests received less than one week before the event - **\$200.00**
7. The SSA will honor any sanction levied against players or teams on return by the players or teams to the province.
8. Traveling teams shall remain subject to the rules and regulations of the SSA in so far as disciplinary matters and behavioral conduct are concerned.

### PROCEDURES TO OBTAIN TRAVEL PERMITS

1. Travel Permits are available at the SYSI office upon request.
2. In order to process the forms properly the entire form must be filled out correctly and fully. Forms will not be accepted if they are not entirely filled out.
3. A complete roster list is required to accompany the form and must contain: Name, Birthdates, and Member Organization.
4. These Permit Forms and Roster Lists Must Be In The SYSI Office No Later Than 3 Days Prior To The SSA Deadlines Listed Previously. This is so that we can forward the information (via mail) to the SSA offices in Regina before the deadline passes.
5. The confirmation of acceptance will be emailed to the teams involved as well as sent to the SYSI office.
6. Please note that it is not the responsibility of SYSI to ensure that the information on the forms is accurate. Player's names will be checked to see that they are registered with SYSI and thus SSA. - *\*It is the responsibility of SYSI to confirm that players are registered before signing off on the roster.*

## CSA POLICY ON PLAYERS WEARING CASTS



This Canada Soccer policy document is designed to reduce inconsistencies in rulings over players wearing casts. All referees are expected to follow these policies in all matches sanctioned by Canada Soccer. Law 4 states that a player may not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous [to anyone]. It further states that non-dangerous protective equipment is permitted as long as it has the sole purpose of protecting the individual physically providing that it poses no danger to the individual or any other player. Modern protective equipment made of soft, lightweight, padded materials are not considered dangerous and are therefore permitted. Hard casts are considered to pose a danger to both the wearer and other players and are not permitted to be worn. The practice of padding a hard cast does not reduce the element of danger. Players wearing a soft cast will be permitted to play if the cast does not present a danger to the individual or any other player. The referee or Supervisor of Officials (if one has been appointed to the match/tournament) will make the final decision as to the acceptability of any cast. Any player who uses a cast with the intent to intimidate or injure an opponent shall be sent off.

## FIRST-AID KIT INVENTORY LIST

Here is a suggested inventory for your first-aid kit. Check the items included in your kit and remember to restock them when they are used up.

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| ❖ Antibiotic ointment                      | ❖ Sun screen         |
| ❖ Athletic tape                            | ❖ Plastic bags       |
| ❖ Adhesive bandages                        | ❖ Safety pins        |
| ❖ Cotton swabs                             | ❖ Scissors           |
| ❖ Gauze pads                               | ❖ Small mirror       |
| ❖ Change for the telephone                 | ❖ Splint material    |
| ❖ Towel                                    | ❖ Ice (use a cooler) |
| ❖ Triangle bandage                         | ❖ Note pad and pen   |
| ❖ Player medical information cards         | ❖ Tweezers           |
| ❖ Neosporin (instead of hydrogen peroxide) | ❖ Insect repellent   |
| ❖ Emergency action plan sheet              |                      |



## SSA INSURANCE INFORMATION

[There are four easy steps for completing your insurance claim correctly.](#)

Step One - Download the Insurance Consent Form - see below

Step Two - Download one of or both - Insurance Dental or Insurance Medical

Step Three - Fill out both forms completely and send to the Saskatchewan Soccer Association Office in Regina (do not send directly to Knight Archer Insurance); include with your form all your receipts related to your claim.

Step Four - The Saskatchewan Soccer Association will review the form and supporting documentation to make sure all necessary information and supporting documentation is completed and forward. The office will then approve the claim.

Your completed forms will be forwarded to our insurance agent at Knight Archer Insurance and notification will be given to the claimant by the SSA office by email or by mail that the claim has been forwarded or notification will be given that more information is required.

The SSA Accident Insurance policy is a SECONDARY PAYABLE policy. This means, if employer coverage exists, the claim must first be made through your employment coverage and then through the SSA policy.

The insurance forms can be found on the Saskatchewan Soccer website, [www.sasksoccer.com](http://www.sasksoccer.com) under *Member Servic*



## PLAYER MEDICAL INFORMATION

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: DD / MM / YYYY  
Emergency Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relation to Player: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relation to Player: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Injuries: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the player carry and know how to administer his/her own medications? Yes ☐ No ☐

Other Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Medical information is confidential. Only authorized individuals should have access to this card. Keep this card with the team at all times.**



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## EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

### TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Team/Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Ambulance: \_\_\_\_\_

Person in Charge: \_\_\_\_\_

Police: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Details of Location: (To be read over the telephone to emergency dispatcher)

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### DIAGRAM OF HOME FACILITY

Use the space below to draw a detailed diagram of your home facility. Mark on it the location of the telephones, first-aid room, desired routes for attending medical personnel, and anything else that might be helpful.

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