



Dear U12 and U13 Families,

The Alliance Academy U13 program is undergoing changes this Indoor season to make the program stronger. In order to do this, entry into the program will be by evaluation and then invitation, ensuring that training groups are at parity for age, ability and motivation. Player development is the number one priority of the Alliance Academy, and we are continuing this on in the Indoor season.

How does my son or daughter participate in the Alliance Academy?

The format for this year's U12 and U13 Evaluation will be through a jamboree style event. The zones will be putting together two teams – one U12 (2013) and one U13 (2012) – to take part in this event. The rosters will be made up of 12-14 players each. Zones will create teams and have rosters announced Tuesday, September 17th. At this event, players will be evaluated, and then offered spots in the training groups for the indoor season. It is important to note, spots in the U13 Alliance Academy program are limited to 20 per age band for this additional training opportunity so not all players will be offered spots. Additionally, this is a once-a-week commitment for additional training, players will remain in their respective zones and participate in zone programming as well. We are excited about the change in this program, and we look forward to seeing many faces

Event Details

Dates and times:

- Boys – U12 – Saturday, September 21st – 9:00am – 11:30pm
- Boys – U13 – Saturday, September 21st – 1:00pm – 3:30pm
- Girls – U12 – Sunday, September 22nd – 9:00am – 11:30pm
- Girls – U13 – Sunday, September 22nd – 1:00pm – 3:30pm

****Games will kick off at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm sharp. Please allow yourself time to get to the soccer centre and meet up with your team for a warmup.**

Location: Saskatoon Sports Centre, 150 Nelson Road (turf centre); West field (outdoor)

Cost: This is a free event put on by Saskatoon Youth Soccer.

Team sizes: Zones will form teams with 12-14 players per team per age group

Invites into the U13 Indoor Alliance Academy: Families can expect to start receiving invites starting **Wed Sept 25** with **Tues Oct 1** commitment deadline

What is the Alliance Academy about?

- The Alliance Academy's purpose is to provide Alliance League registered players with an additional training opportunity within SYSI over and above their zone/club commitment.
- The academy will provide players with the opportunity to receive high quality training, while being able to compete in Saskatchewan's largest youth soccer league.
- Providing a schedule synchronized with regular league games and Zone training programs.
- The Alliance Academy offers high-quality supplementary training programs; athletes can expect further tactical specialization within a team setting.
- Athletes will also be exposed to all positional concepts to increase their tactical and positional awareness while learning advanced positional expectations and specialization.
- Training will encompass three main components throughout each session:
 - a) Training will resemble the game.
 - b) High contact time with the ball; and
 - c) Training will be player centered.

For more information regarding the Alliance and the Indoor 2024-25 program, including training times and costs, please visit:

[Saskatoon Alliance Academy Program Details](#)

Again, we look forward to seeing you at the jamboree weekend!

Sincerely,
Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc