



# MINI DEVELOPMENT SOCCER LEAGUE Q&A



## **Q: WHAT IS THE U7 AND U9 DEVELOPMENT (D) LEAGUE?**

A: In addition to the U5, U7, and U9 Community Association Soccer there is also a U7 and U9 Development League that is ran by Saskatoon Youth Soccer through its five Zones. It is an option for young soccer players who are looking to invest more time in learning the fundamentals of the game. This is done by offering a 2:1 practice to game ratio.

## **Q: WHY WERE THE DEVELOPMENT LEAGUES FORMED?**

A: The Technical Directors of the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Zones found that a large majority of players entering SYSI's youth system lack the technical skills that they should have acquired by age 11. This is largely because of the lack of adequate practice to game ratios and/or opportunities to be guided by highly qualified coaches who understand player development.

The objective of the Development Leagues is to provide players with a solid fundamental base on which they can build when they graduate to the youth system (U11). It was also found that a "one fits all" program is not necessarily the best way to promote the development of young players, as they have different levels of commitment and a variety of reasons for participating.

## **Q: DOES IT COST MORE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE U7-D AND U9-D LEAGUE THAN IN THE U7 AND U9 COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (CA) LEAGUES?**

A: Yes, typically the Zone fees are higher than the CA fees because the Zones will have paid Technical Directors that oversee the programs and additional practice opportunities. The practice to game ratio is also higher than the community association leagues which also contribute to higher facility rental costs. The Zones will provide game uniforms as part of the registration fees. To get more information on the development league please contact the Zone you reside in or the Saskatoon Youth Soccer office 306-975-3413.

## **Q: CAN DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE TEAMS PARTICIPATE IN MINI SOCCER TOURNAMENTS?**

A: Yes. All SYSI development league players are appropriately registered with the SYSI and SSA and therefore are eligible for all sanctioned soccer events.

## **Q: HOW DOES A PLAYER REGISTER WITH A U7-D OR U9-D LEAGUE TEAM?**

A: Though U7 and U9 players are not bound to zone boundaries, it is recommended that you first, determine the Zone your Community Association is affiliated under, and then register with your Zone. Not sure what Zone you should register with? See the next page!



### **ZONE 1: SASKATOON UNITED SOCCER CLUB (SUSC)**

**SUSC ZONE BOUNDARIES:** Airport Business Area, Caswell Hill, Confederation Park, Confederation SC, Dundonald, Fairhaven, Hampton Village, Holiday Park, Hudson Bay Park, Kelsey-Woodlawn, Kensington, King George, Massey Place, Mayfair, Meadowgreen, Montgomery Place, Mount Royal, Pacific Heights, Parkridge, Pleasant Hill, Riversdale, Westmount, Westview

**WEBSITE:** [www.susc.ca](http://www.susc.ca)



### **ZONE 2: HOLLANDIA INTERNATIONAL SOCCER CLUB**

**HOLLANDIA ZONE BOUNDARIES:** Lawson Heights, Lawson Heights SC, River Heights, Silverspring, Silverwood Heights, Central Business District, City Park, Richmond Heights, North Park

**WEBSITE:** [www.hollandiasoccer.com](http://www.hollandiasoccer.com)



### **ZONE 3: AURORA SOCCER CLUB**

**AURORA ZONE BOUNDARIES:** Arbor Creek, Erindale, Evergreen, Forest Grove, Sutherland, Sutherland Industrial, University Heights SC, Willowgrove

**WEBSITE:** [www.aurorasoccer.ca](http://www.aurorasoccer.ca)



### **ZONE 4: LAKEWOOD SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

**LAKEWOOD ZONE BOUNDARIES:** Brevoort Park, Briarwood, College Park, East College Park, Lakeridge, Lakeview, Lakewood SC, Rosewood, SE Development Area, Wildwood, as well as Clavet/Blackstrap

**WEBSITE:** [www.lakewoodsoccer.com](http://www.lakewoodsoccer.com)



### **ZONE 5: EASTSIDE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

**EASTSIDE ZONE BOUNDARIES:** Adelaide, Avalon, Buena Vista, Churchill, Eastview, Exhibition, Greystone Heights, Grosvenor Park, Haultain, Holliston, Nutana, Nutana Park, Nutana SC, Queen Elizabeth, Stonebridge, U of S Lands South MA and MA, Varsity View, The Willows, as well as South Corman Park / Dundurn

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