



Saskatoon Youth Soccer Indoor Season 2020-21 Frequently Asked Questions

*****Updated September 9th, 2020*****

1. [What should participants bring with them games and/or training sessions?](#)
2. [Are all games 6v6 on a smaller field?](#)
3. [Can I watch my child play soccer?](#)
4. [Are masks required?](#)
5. [What is the difference between non-medical and medical masks?](#)
6. [Can participants register for a Zone and another affiliated soccer organizations \(i.e academy\)?](#)
7. [Can coaches play and/or coach in more than one mini league/bubble?](#)
8. [How is the league addressing additional safety precautions during COVID-19?](#)
9. [How do I register my child for Indoor soccer?](#)

1. What should participants bring with them to games and/or training sessions?

- A cloth/soccer bag that can contain the following items:
- Flat-soled shoes (ie runners or indoor soccer shoes) or soccer cleats (no metal cleats). Flat-soled shoes will be needed if playing on tile surfaces which include all fields located at the Saskatoon Kinsmen Henk Ruys Soccer Centre as well as the Family Focus field located at the Saskatoon Sports Centre.
- A closed mouth water bottle (sharing of water bottles is not permitted). Water fountains at the soccer centres will only have bottle filling capabilities.
- A ziploc bag with their name on it which contains tissues, masks, closed mouthed water bottles, hand sanitizer, band aids (for minor cuts) and medication (if required). No other personal items will be allowed.
- Shin guards, soccer uniform, and training clothes – with two sets of shirts. All clothing needs to be washed immediately after each game or training session.

2. Are all games 6v6 on a smaller field?

- With guidelines from the Government of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Soccer's current advice indicating that soccer can operate in Phase 3. These guidelines stipulate that games can be played in a small sided format up 7v7. SYSI U5 programming will be 3v3, U7 programming will be 4v4, U9 programming will be 5v5, and U11-U19 programming will be 6v6. The 6v6 format has been a consistent format for quarter field games for soccer in prior seasons while 3v3 to 5v5 formats are played on half of field.
- Zones that have opted for in-house leagues may choose to vary the format of play but cannot go over the 6v6 format indicated in the SYSI Return to Play Plan.

3. Can I watch my child play soccer?

- Yes! However, because of the indoor gathering sizes at 30 persons, attendance is limited to one person per household/athlete. Parents/Caregivers are discouraged from bringing other children to games and training sessions to comply with these numbers and maintain social distancing measures.
- You will need to check-in with your child's team coach or manager upon arrival for contact tracing and attendance purposes.
- The Soccer Centre has installed Live Barn to live stream the games. All that is needed is to download the app, pay a nominal monthly subscription fee, and all family members can enjoy the games from the comfort of your home or vehicle.

4. Are masks required?

- All persons including spectators, parents, guardians, staff, coaches, referees, players, etc. will be required to wear a mask upon entering the soccer centres. Disposable masks will be available for a minimal purchase if you do not have one with you. The soccer centre will be evaluating the need for this mandate on an ongoing basis as the indoor season progresses and may or may not lift the mandatory requirement.
- **Updated 09/09/20** - Coaches will be required to wear a mask at all times.
- **Updated 09/09/20** - Players and referees will be required to wear a mask upon entering the soccer centre until they reach the field of play for their game or training session. If a participant or referee would like to wear a mask while playing, they can do so as well. Masks will be encouraged while players are sitting on the sidelines of the field or player bench.

5. **Updated 09/09/20** – What is the difference between non-medical and medical masks?

- Non-medical masks are usually homemade or cloth masks and should be worn while maintaining social distancing measures. These masks can be worn multiple times but need to be washed between each use.
- Medical masks -surgical and procedural - are the blue masks medical professionals wear during medical procedures or doctor visits. A procedure mask has the ear loops, whereas a surgical mask uses ties rather than ear loops to secure the mask. Both types of medical masks are single use and need to be disposed of after each use.

6. Can participants register for a Zone and another affiliated soccer organization (i.e. academy)?

- **Updated 09/09/20** - As per SSA guidelines, although it is highly discouraged, however, players may partake in more than one bubble/mini league operating up to and including Phase 3 in SSA's Return to Play Plan. Players and parents/caregivers must ensure that stringent safety practices are upheld by these participants. For more information on the phases of play, please see the SSA Return to Play Plan [here](#). Ensure you check with the academy or soccer group you are registering with to see what Phase their program will be operating in prior to registering with more than one soccer organization.

7. Updated 09/09/20 - Can coaches play and/or coach in more than one mini league/bubble?

- As per SSA guidelines, SYSI coaches may coach and/or play in more than one bubble/mini league only under the following conditions:
 - The coach maintains 2 metres social distancing at all times and wears a nonmedical mask, OR;
 - If the coach cannot maintain social distancing at all time, they must wear medical (surgical or procedural) mask.
 - If these conditions cannot be met coaches cannot be involved with more than one bubble/mini league.

8. How is the league addressing additional safety precautions during COVID-19?

- Saskatoon Youth Soccer is committed to putting the safety of participants first. Since the beginning of the pandemic, SYSI has been working closely with the Saskatchewan Soccer Association who have been providing guidance from the Government and the Business Response Team on providing the safest possible plan and guidelines when returning to soccer. For more information on the safety procedures and guidelines for the upcoming Indoor Soccer Season please see Saskatoon Youth Soccer's – Indoor 2020-21 – Return to Play Plan.

9. How do I register my child for Indoor soccer?

- If your child is born between 2012-2016, they can play soccer either through a Community Association or through a Zone Association in the development program. For more information about the programs click [here](#).
- If your child is born between 2011 – 2002 they can play soccer through a Zone Association.
- Registration typically takes place from beginning of August to early September and dates/locations vary depending on which Community Association or Zone you are registering with.
- For more information on which community associations are participating in you can visit the Saskatoon Youth Soccer website registration page [here](#).