



Evaluation & Tryout Process: U15–U17 Alliance Academy

Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. (SYSI) and the Alliance Academy Program are excited to introduce a refined **evaluation and tryout process** for our **U15–U17 age groups**, designed to ensure a more comprehensive and transparent pathway for player development and team placement.

Initial Open Tryouts – August/September 2025

- Open tryouts for all interested and eligible players will take place in **late August and early September**.
- Following these sessions, a **maximum of 20 players** per age group will be **selected** to move into the **assessment phase**.

Ongoing Assessment Phase #1 – September to November/December

- Selected players will train within the Alliance environment and undergo **ongoing assessments** by the age group coaching staff.
- During this period, players will:
 - Receive regular technical and tactical feedback.
 - Complete a **player self-evaluation**.
 - Receive a **formal coach report and 1on1 review**.

By **November/December**, each player will be placed into one of two categories:

1. **Retain**
 - Players who have demonstrated the necessary ability, attitude, and commitment will be **retained** as part of the **Alliance PSL Team** for the 2026 outdoor season.
2. **Re-Evaluate**
 - Players who require further observation will be invited to **re-attend the open tryout process in January 2026** for final consideration.

January 2026 Open Tryouts

- In January, players in the **Re-Evaluate** category and other interested athletes not currently in the program will attend an **open tryout**.
- From this process, the coaching staff will:
 - Identify **“Players of Potential”**

“Players of Potential” – Trial Training Opportunities

- Identified “Players of Potential” may be invited to train with the respective Alliance age group team for up to **four (4) sessions**.
- These sessions will allow for better integration and deeper assessment within the team setting.
- After the trial period, the **head coach will confirm** whether a **roster spot** will be offered.



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Ongoing Assessment Phase #2 – January to March

- Players retained to the Alliance Academy roster will
 - Complete a **2nd player self-evaluation**.
 - Receive a **2nd formal coach report and 1on1 review**.

Ongoing Assessment Phase #3 – April-July

- Players retained to the Alliance PSL and/or Development team roster will
 - Complete a **3rd player self-evaluation**.
 - Receive a **3rd formal coach report and 1on1 review**.

Why This Process?

This updated format ensures:

- A **holistic evaluation** over time, not just based on 1–2 sessions.
- **Development-focused feedback** for players and families.
- Opportunities for **late developers** and new talent to emerge throughout the year.
- A **clear and fair pathway** to earn and maintain a place within the competitive Alliance PSL program.

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