



**SASKATOON YOUTH
SOCCER INC.**

Memo

To: Zone Members
From: Dan Kelly, Program Coordinator
Date: August 6, 2019
Re: U13 Indoor Structure: 6v6

Dear Zone Members:

Following the Long-Term Player Development model, the Saskatchewan Soccer Association is moving towards a new 9v9 format for competitions at U13 age division. With this decision in mind, during the indoor season the SYSI league play format will be moving to 6v6 on a quarter field.

The decision to move to this format during the indoor season is multi-faceted. One of the reasons is that it further promotes the development of the players. Less players on the field equates to less players per team. This allows for more playing time and more touches on the ball per player. Development is paramount to a player's success and positively correlates with a feeling of fun and satisfaction within our sport. As well, this will also allow for more teams to be entered in the league increasing the level and diversity of competition in this age group. At the technical level, it was also deemed that the transition from 6v6 indoor format to a 9v9 format in the outdoor would be minimal and easily adapted to by the players

Another reason the decision to move to this format is that during the indoor season we are very limited for space and times that can be utilized for all the age divisions. One of the asks coming from our membership is that the league tries to provide more consistency regarding schedules. With a move to this format, the goal is to have all divisions play on the nights of play we advertise during the registration period. This allows for less surprises, greater ability for family event planning and ease of mind throughout the entirety of the season.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the game and aiding in the growth and development off all players alongside the beautiful game in our city, province and country.