Memo

To: U11 – U19 Teams and Zone Personnel

- From: Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. (SYSI)
- Date: April 28, 2025

Re: 2025 Outdoor – Summary of Rule Updates



Hello Zones and U11 – U19 Teams,

Below is a summary of updates to the SYSI General Rules and Regulations in effect for the Outdoor 2025 season. Yellow highlighting indicates wording changes or additions to the rules. Some of these rules came into effect during the indoor season and are included in this summary for those who may not have played last indoor season.

PERMIT PLAYERS:

- 13.4.8.1 **[NEW]** Alliance League players are restricted from and may not permit to the City League for the exception of U15 Alliance B2 players who may permit to the U15-U19 City League.
- 13.4.12 **[NEW]** When two divisions are amalgamated into one league, the team from the higher age/division are to adhere to the same permit rules that apply to the lower age/division team.

GAME SHEETS, INFRACTIONS, and SCORES:

- 14.3 **[NEW game protest required]** The following chart is the SYSI game sheet infractions guideline which may be enacted if a game protest is received by a member of the team personnel within four (4) days of the game taking place with a \$50 protest fee. The fee will be returned to the team if their protest is granted. The chart lists minimum actions that will be imposed on the offending team and invoiced to their zone association; however the SYSI office may impose an alternate penalty. Notwithstanding the above, the SYSI office may impose game sheet infraction penalties without receiving a game protest if the SYSI office detects an infraction.
- 14.4 **[NEW]** The completed game sheet must be submitted to the referee fifteen minutes prior to the start of the game.
- 14.10 [NEW] Effective Outdoor 2025 Season and beyond, SYSI shall record a max 5 goal differential in scores and standings, in effect for tie breakers as well.

NOTE – <u>The Field Marshall program is no longer mandatory</u>, and fines will not result in not listing a Field Marshall on the game sheet however this program is still highly encouraged for team participation to help create respectful playing environments.

FIELD LINES:

21.2.4.5 **[NEW]** Effective Outdoor 2025, games shall be played with disc cones or spot markers in the event lines are not visible. Referees do not have authority to cancel a game due to line quality and vacating the game will result in a penalty. In the event the referee refuses to referee the game due to lines, teams are to refer to rule 20.5 and have the game played or face forfeit penalties.

FORMAT OF PLAY:

24.1.5.1 [NEW to U15-U19] Under-11 to under-19 City Leagues: all games will be played on a 7v7 format.

NOTE - In 7v7, there is no offside (only 9v9 and 11v11 leagues have offside)

TRAVEL PERMIT OR TEAM STATUS FORMS:

- 26.5 [NEW] For out-of-province travel permit requests submitted to SYSI for review and initial approval less than 7 days' notice prior to SSA's deadlines, teams are to provide an additional fee of \$50 payable to SYSI to ensure SYSI meets SSA's deadline under expedited circumstances.
- 28.3 **[NEW]** If a sanctioned tournament requires a Team Status Form to be approved by the team's member organization, such a form must be submitted to SYSI with no less than 7 days' notice prior to the tournament's stated deadline. For Team Status Form requests submitted to SYSI for review and approval with less than 7 days' notice, teams are to provide a fee of \$50 payable to SYSI to ensure SYSI meets the tournament's deadline under expedited circumstances.

Any questions, please contact the SYSI Office at admin@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca or phone 306-975-3413.

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