

Memo



To: SYSI League

From: SYSI Office

Date: Fri Apr 21

Re: **U13 Girls / Boys City League – Format Change from 9v9 to 7v7**

We are writing to inform you a change for the Outdoor 2023 U13 City Boys and Girls Leagues.

During the Outdoor 2023 season, we will be adopting a 7v7 format for all U13 City Leagues.

This change in game format offers several benefits, including more time on the ball for players in the game which allows better enjoyment and satisfaction for players, and smaller-sided games allow for greater development because increased touches on the ball. As well, this change creates an environment of consistency across the indoor and outdoor season for players, allowing them to get comfortable and master the skills and development needed when playing the game. An additional benefit of moving to this format allows zones to create and field a full compliment of teams. less need for permit players. As a result, there is less need for teams to require permitting players and less likelihood of forfeiture/cancellation of games.

As a reminder, like in the indoor season, the 7v7 format games will play on a quarter field pitch (i.e. Sherwood field) when playing games at the Saskatoon Soccer Centre; all games played on grass fields will be on a modified half field.

Regards,

Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.