



# SASKATOON YOUTH SOCCER INCORPORATED LEAGUE OPERATING RULES AND REGULATIONS

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These rules apply to Saskatoon Youth Soccer (YSI) leagues. Except where explicitly modified by YSI and/or SSA and/or CSA, the Laws by which all games are played are those currently approved by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA). Copies of this document are available through the YSI website on the <http://www.saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca>. Any correspondence regarding these Rules and Regulations should be directed to the YSI office.

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## ABBREVIATIONS:

FIFA	Fédération Internationale de Football Association
CSA	Canadian Soccer Association - governs national competitions and programs.
SSA	Saskatchewan Soccer Association - governs provincial competitions and programs.
YSI	Saskatoon Youth Soccer Incorporated
SASI	Saskatoon Adult Soccer Incorporated
SDSRAI	Saskatoon & District Soccer Referees Association Incorporated
SKHRSC	Saskatoon Kinsmen Henk Ruys Soccer Centre
STSC	SaskTel Sports Centre
PSL	Provincial Soccer League

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## **1.0 GENERAL**

- 1.1 The League Operating Rules and Regulations, Fair Play Codes of Conduct, and the policies of our parent organizations concerning conduct and behavior applies to all players, coaches, officials, staff and volunteers acting under the jurisdiction of SYSI.
- 1.2 SYSI has the power to deal with any violations of its Rules and Regulations, and bylaws or misconduct by any of their parent organizations, teams, players, team officials, officials or spectators.
- 1.3 Players, officials and spectators are allowed to participate in games and other SYSI activities only on condition that they abide by the Rules and Regulations and the bylaws of SYSI.
- 1.4 Abusive or offensive language or behavior is prohibited in all venues and in all activities under the jurisdiction of SYSI. In the case of breach of this rule, the appropriate official may order the offending person from the competition venue.
- 1.5 Upon receiving a written complaint for violation of the Rules and Regulations, the board will investigate and determine if discipline is required. Discipline shall be at the discretion of the board and may include without limitation; verbal warnings, written warnings, suspensions or fines.
- 1.6 All SSA Member Organizations, as per CSA Bylaws, shall adopt by December 31, 2017, a clause inserted in their Bylaws, Policies or regulations, specifying that the Member Organization, its members, leagues, clubs, players, and organizers shall:
  - 1.6.1 Not invoke the aid of the ordinary courts without first exhausting all available remedies within the Saskatchewan and Canadian Soccer Association policies and processes to resolve any and all disputes or disagreements between them.
  - 1.6.2 Comply with the Code of Conduct and Ethics of the SSA and CSA.
  - 1.6.3 Comply with the principles of the Formal Complaints and Discipline processes of the SSA and the Disciplinary Code of the CSA.

## **2.0 PARTICIPANT ORGANIZATIONS**

- 2.1 Participant organizations are those community associations, zone associations, and other associations and districts that have one or more teams registered with SYSI.
- 2.2 All participant organizations must name an individual as their official administrative liaison with SYSI.
- 2.3 Participant organizations must ensure that all those properly registered to play soccer under their jurisdiction are afforded the opportunity to do so.
- 2.4 A “zone” is the governing body over a geographical area established by the bylaws of SYSI. The current zone boundaries are defined by the city neighborhoods as follows:
  - 2.4.1 Zone 1: Saskatoon United Soccer Club includes the following neighborhoods: Airport Business Area, Caswell Hill, Confederation Park, Confederation SC, Dundonald, Fairhaven, Hampton Village, Kensington, King George, Holiday Park, Massey Place, Meadowgreen, Montgomery Place, Mount Royal, Pacific Heights, Parkridge, Pleasant Hill, Riversdale, Blairmore SC, and Westview.
  - 2.4.2 Zone 2: Hollandia International Soccer Club includes the following neighborhoods: Central Business District, City Park, Forest Grove, Hudson Bay Park, Kelsey-Woodlawn, Lawson Heights, Lawson Heights SC, Mayfair, North Park, Richmond Heights, River Heights, Silverspring, Silverwood Heights, Sutherland, Sutherland Industrial, and Westmount.
  - 2.4.3 Zone 3: Aurora Soccer Club includes the following neighborhoods: Arbor Creek, Aspen Ridge, Brighton, Erindale, Evergreen, University Heights SC, and Willowgrove,
  - 2.4.4 Zone 4: Lakewood Soccer Association includes the following neighborhoods: Brevoort Park, Briarwood, College Park, East College Park, Greystone Heights, Grosvenor Park, Lakeridge, Lakeview, Lakewood SC, Rosewood, SE Development Area, Wildwood, as well as Clavet / Blackstrap.
  - 2.4.5 Zone 5: Eastside Youth Soccer Association includes the following neighborhoods: Adelaide, Avalon, Buena Vista, Churchill, Eastview, Exhibition, Haultain, Holliston, Nutana, Nutana Park, Nutana SC, Queen Elizabeth, Stonebridge, U of S Lands South MA and MA, Varsity View, The Willows, as well as South Corman Park / Dundurn.
- 2.5 Each zone must comply with the following membership requirements to remain in good standing:
  - 2.5.1 Submit a constitution or bylaws to the SYSI Board for approval.
  - 2.5.2 Submit any amendments to the constitution or bylaws to the SYSI Board for approval.
  - 2.5.3 Submit a copy of its year-end Financial Statements to the SYSI Board by 30 days after the zone’s annual general meeting.
  - 2.5.4 Shall affiliate with SYSI by paying such levies, bonds and fees at such time and in such amount as may be determined by SYSI.
    - 2.5.4.1 Pay to SYSI a registration fee for each team formed, as required by SYSI.
    - 2.5.4.2 Pay to SYSI affiliation fees for each team formed, as required by the SSA.
    - 2.5.4.3 Pay all required tournament or competition fees for each team formed, as required by SYSI.
    - 2.5.4.4 Pay all required performance bond fees and other levy fees for each team formed, as required by SYSI.
  - 2.5.5 Abide by the rules, regulations, and bylaws of SYSI.

- 2.5.6 Disclose any conflict of interest its delegates may have with SYSI, including but not limited to, occupying a board position or employment with the CSA, SSA, SYSI, or other SSA Member Organization, or having a family member in CSA, SSA, SYSI or any other SSA Member Organization. In the event the delegate is in a position of conflict, they will be required to recuse themselves from any SYSI discussion, vote, and/or committee.
- 2.6 Each participant organization is responsible to SYSI for the activities of all players, coaches, staff and volunteers acting under its jurisdiction.

### **3.0 AGE GROUPS**

- 3.1 SYSI recognizes the following player age groups: under-5, under-7, under-9, under-11, under-13, under-15, under-17, and under-19.
- 3.2 Mini soccer refers to players and teams registered in the under-5, under-7, or under-9 age groups. SYSI will offer boys, girls and coed mini soccer leagues as registration warrants.
- 3.3 Youth soccer refers to players and teams registered in the under-11, under-13, under-15, under-17, or under-19 age groups. SYSI will offer boys and girls Alliance A and B Leagues as well as City Leagues for boys and girls youth age groups as registration warrants.
- 3.4 SYSI will facilitate the entry of teams into PSL where offered.
- 3.5 A player's age group is determined by their age on January 1 of the year in which the soccer season ends. The change in age groups occurs in the fall between the end of the outdoor season and start of the indoor season.
- 3.6 A player may participate in any age group provided they meet the age group requirements and the regulations of their participant organization.
- 3.7 SYSI may review special requests for a player to be placed in an age group based on the attributes associated with growth and maturation rather than chronological age. This process allows for players who are not as advanced physically, cognitively, or socially as the majority of their peers; to belong to a team in an age group considered equal to their learning enjoyment and capacity, notwithstanding their birth date. Such permission must be received in writing. SYSI will request the late maturational process to be followed.
- 3.8 If you are granted special permission by SYSI for late maturation approval, that permission may not be extended to competitions outside of SYSI League Player, including but not limited to, provincial competitions and other SSA sanctioned tournaments/events. It will be at the discretion of the competition committee about accepting the player in the competition.
- 3.9 Any player requesting a late maturational exception must fill out the *SYSI Late Maturational Development Form* and submit it to the office by the deadline. Once the deadline has passed, the information will be reviewed by all TD's for advisement to the SYSI office who shall make the final determination.
- 3.10 Players who are granted late maturation approval shall be placed in the appropriate age group and then evaluated for the appropriate division.

### **4.0 PLAYER REGISTRATION**

- 4.1 All zone and community participant organizations will hold player registration during a registration period set by the SYSI office for both the indoor and the outdoor season.
- 4.2 The player registration cut-off date each season shall be seven (7) days prior to the first SYSI playoff game, after which registration shall be closed.
- 4.3 To participate in a zone's evaluations all players must first be registered with their home zone and approved to attend evaluations by the zone registrar. If any zone allows a player to participate in evaluations that has not been registered and approved by the zone registrar the zone will be subject to discipline. Players who wish to participate in a zone evaluation other than their home zone's evaluation, they must follow the *Permission to Play Out-of-Zone rules 7.0* process to be eligible.
- 4.4 A player who knowingly submits false registration information to a participant organization is subject to disciplinary action.
- 4.5 A player may be registered with only one participant organization at any time.
- 4.6 A registration is valid for only one playing season.
- 4.7 Players falling under the jurisdiction of another SSA Member Organization (MO) require the written permission of that district to participate with the SYSI participant organization.
- 4.8 Mini soccer players are strongly encouraged to register with the community association in which they are resident. However, since not all community associations offer soccer programs, mini soccer players are permitted to register with any community association.
- 4.9 Under-11, under-13, and under-15 youth soccer players must register with the zone in which they are deemed to be resident (See *Residency Rules* section).
- 4.10 Under -17 and under-19 eligible youth soccer players may register with the zone of their choice offering programming for these age groupings.

### **5.0 RESIDENCY RULES**

- 5.1 Any player registering in under-11, under-13, and under-15 youth soccer players must register with the zone in which they

- are deemed to be resident
- 5.2 Except as stated in 5.5 or in the case of a zone boundary grandfathering clause, a player is deemed to reside in the zone in which the player's legal guardian is ordinarily resident:
- 5.2.1 On February 1st, for the outdoor season; or
- 5.2.2 On August 1st, for the indoor season.
- 5.3 Players residing within 100km radius of the city of Saskatoon who are part of the SYS District or who are released by any other SSA recognized Member Organization to play within SYS are treated as follows:
- 5.3.1 Players who reside outside the city limits but are between the South Saskatchewan River south of the city and Highway 16 North are deemed resident in zone 1.
- 5.3.2 Players who reside outside the city limits but are between Highway 16 North and the South Saskatchewan River north of the city deemed resident in zone 2.
- 5.3.3 Players who reside outside the city limits but are between the South Saskatchewan River north of the city and Highway 5 extended due east deemed resident in zone 3.
- 5.3.4 Players who reside outside the city limits but are between east of Highway 11 and south of Highway #5 are deemed resident in zone 4.
- 5.3.5 Players who reside outside the city limits but are between Highway 11 South and the South Saskatchewan River south of the city are deemed resident in zone 5.
- 5.3.6 Under-17 and under-19 youth players are exempt from the above residency rules for the exception of acquiring a release if they are resident of any other SSA recognized Member Organization.
- 5.4 Players that have received permission from another Member Organization recognized by SSA to participate in SYSI programs will be assigned a zone of residency by the SYSI office.
- 5.5 Where the legal guardians of a player live in separate residences, the player shall make a one-time choice of the guardian whose ordinary residence shall be used to determine the player's residency. By registering at an address where one of the guardians resides, the player shall be deemed to have exercised this one-time choice.
- 5.6 By notice in writing, the president or chair of a zone may call upon the SYSI Appeals Committee to review the registration of any player by the following deadlines:
- 5.6.1 Indoor season – January 31
- 5.6.2 Outdoor season – June 15
- 5.7 The registration review process is as follows:
- 5.7.1 The notice requesting a registration review must include a statement of the facts upon which the request for review is based and must be accompanied by payment of a fee of \$50.00. The fee will be refunded if the review results in rejection of the registration.
- 5.7.2 Within three (3) working days of receipt of a request for review, the SYSI office shall notify the player whose registration has been called into question ("the responding player") and the president or chair of the zone in which that player is registered ("the responding zone"), and provide the responding player and zone with:
- 5.7.2.1 A copy of the notice requesting the registration review; and
- 5.7.2.2 Notice that if the responding player's registration is rejected, any games in which the player participated after the date of the notice will be forfeited.
- 5.7.3 The SYSI office will also provide the responding player and zone with standardized documents detailing timelines and dates to respond, and consequences for responding player if found ineligible.
- 5.7.4 Within seven (7) working days of receipt of a notice given under paragraph 7.a., the responding player shall provide the SYSI office as well as their zone organization with copies of three or more documents from among the following categories, to confirm the place of residence of the responding player's legal guardian:
- 5.7.4.1 Driver's license
- 5.7.4.2 Vehicle registration
- 5.7.4.3 Property tax records
- 5.7.4.4 Land titles or tenancy records
- 5.7.4.5 Utility bills (any combination of utility bills will constitute only 1 item)
- 5.7.4.6 Insurance documents
- 5.7.4.7 Bank records
- 5.7.4.8 School records
- 5.7.4.9 Medical records
- 5.7.4.10 Other federal, provincial or municipal government records
- 5.7.5 The registration review will be conducted in private and all persons involved will treat all information presented as confidential.
- 5.7.6 The SYSI office and/or the Appeals Committee will endeavor to render a decision within 10 working days of receipt of the documents submitted under paragraph 7.d. or the expiry of the time allowed for submitting them. Failure to submit the required information within the time prescribed or to appear as required may be grounds for a summary finding against the defaulting party.
- 5.7.7 After review of the information submitted to it, the SYSI office and/or the Appeals Committee may:
- 5.7.7.1 Accept the registration as valid; or

- 5.7.7.2 Reject the registration.
- 5.7.8 In cases where a decision cannot be rendered by the SYSI office it will be referred to the Appeals Committee for further action. The Appeals Committee may require a hearing where any of the parties are to appear before it to answer questions and to present further information, including the originals of the documents submitted to it. Persons appearing before the Appeals Committee must answer its questions truthfully. The Appeals Committee may require the production of further information beyond what is presented by the parties and may adjourn the hearing so that such information can be produced. In reaching a decision, the Appeals Committee will evaluate the credibility of the information presented to it.
- 5.7.9 If the registration of a player is rejected, the player is deemed not to have registered as required by the *Player Registration* section, and any games in which that player participated after having been given notice of the request for review shall be forfeited. After serving any disciplinary suspension which may be imposed, the player will be eligible to register in the zone in which he or she actually resides. Fees levied will be at the discretion of the zone in which the player is rightfully registering in.
- 5.7.10 The player has a right to submit an appeal (see *Appeals Process* Section).
- 5.8 These rules supersede any previous rules, policies or requirements for proof of residency.
- 5.9 A zone found to be accepting registration from out of zone will be subject to a fine: \$200 (first offense), \$500 (second offense), \$1000 (third offense) within a calendar year.
  - 5.9.1 If the zone can demonstrate that it has made reasonable efforts to determine residency and is unaware that the parent and/or player has submitted a false registration, the zone will not be fined.
- 5.10 A parent and/or player found to have or be submitting a false address that is not within the zone they register with, will be subject to a \$100 fine (first offence), or \$500 fine (subsequent offences), plus a 3 game suspension (first offence), and five (5) game suspension (subsequent offences) will be issued to the player and the player will be sent back to their home zone for the remainder of the season.

## 6.0 PROVINCIAL SOCCER LEAGUE (PSL)

- 6.1 SYSI has combined the following team entries under a specific zone (under-13) or Alliance (under-15 to under-17) for PSL:
  - 6.1.1 Under-13 – inquire with your zone to see if they will be participating in PSL
  - 6.1.2 Under-15 – To be determined based on participation in the Alliance PSL tryouts.
  - 6.1.3 Under-17 – To be determined based on participation in the Alliance PSL tryouts
- 6.2 Player Movement:
  - 6.2.1 Between Seasons: Zone-to-other SSA Member Organization (MO) or vice-versa: SSA policy states that between seasons all players have the right to move from one MO to another. All zone players belong to one MO (SYSI) therefore this policy applies to zone players who wish to participate with an MO other than SYSI and to those who belong to another SSA MO and wish to participate with SYSI and one of its zones. Players must receive a release confirming good standing with the previous MO before participating in soccer activities with a new MO. The MO cannot reasonably deny a player confirmation of good standing, nor can a fee be charged for this confirmation. Players wishing to be released from one zone to another zone (within SYSI) must follow the SYSI's *Permission to Play Out-of-Zone* process.
  - 6.2.2 In-Season Transfers: After the season has started, this process requires a transfer and the MO and/or zone has a right to deny such transfer. Reasonable grounds for such transfer are outlined in [SSA's policy manual Section 2: 7.3.3.](#)
- 6.3 Player Participation in PSL and SYSI Outdoor League:
  - 6.3.1 Players participating in under-13 PSL can also participate in SYSI league play.
  - 6.3.2 Players participating in the under-15 or under-17 PSL cannot also participate in SYSI leagues.
  - 6.3.3 All players are welcome to participate in the under-15 to under-17 Alliance tryouts that are in good standing with their previously registered zone or SSA MO. If SYSI or one of its zones is not the MO in which the participant last registered, they will be required to obtain and provide to SYSI a release confirming good standing with the previous MO within 48 hours upon being offered a team placement to secure their spot.
- 6.4 PSL Under-15 to Under-17 Alliance Tryouts:
  - 6.4.1 Thurs Jan 20 – SYSI opens tryout registration and emails all age eligible registered players, zone presidents and technical directors (TD's) of important deadlines in place for the coming PSL season.
  - 6.4.2 Fri Feb 4, Mon Feb 7, Thurs Feb 10 – SYSI to email zones with updates of registrant list.
  - 6.4.3 Thurs Feb 10, 1:00 PM – SYSI Advisory Committee meeting to review registrant list and assign players to groups for tryout.
  - 6.4.4 Sat Feb 12 and Sun Feb 13 – PSL Tryouts – All zone TD's, head coaches in attendance as well as one SYSI staff on-field assisting with evaluations and two additional SYSI staff at check-in table.
  - 6.4.5 Tues Feb 15 – SYSI communicates with players whether they have been offered a spot on a PSL team or not and provide details on the deadline for securing and accepting such offer.
  - 6.4.6 Thurs Feb 17 – Players being offered a team placement are to accept their offer by this deadline with a \$100 non-refundable payment as well as a release confirming good standing for those who were previously

- registered with an MO other than SYSI/zone. SYSI will provide details as to deadline for full payment of PSL player fees for the season.
- 6.5 PSL Team Declaration:
- 6.5.1 SSA deadline for MO's (SYSI) to declare intention of fielding PSL teams.
- 6.5.2 Team Declaration is to be provided in writing by authorized contact of the MO (SYSI). zones are to declare any under-13 PSL teams to SYSI on or before this deadline so that SYSI may include them in the declaration to the SSA including pertinent information in 6.4.2.3.
- 6.5.3 SYSI must provide the team name; jersey and sock colours (primary and alternate); head coach and manager's name, phone number, and email address on the Team Declaration Communication. The head coach and manager must have voicemail on at least one of the phone numbers provided. All PSL communications will be distributed using this contact information. In the event that a team contact or a contact's information changes after the Team Declaration deadline, new contact information must be provided in writing.
- 6.6 PSL Team Fee Submission: SSA will communicate with MO's (SYSI) as to a deadline to submit PSL team fees. PSL team fees will be set by SSA on a yearly basis and shall be determined by the number of teams accepted in each division and the number of games. Fees must be paid to SSA by the MO and submitted by the deadline. SYSI will invoice and collect under-13 PSL fees from zones; zones are to submit such fees on the deadline communicated by SYSI.
- 6.7 PSL Roster Deadline: SSA will communicate with MO's (SYSI) as to a deadline to finalize pre-season electronic roster submission, deadlines pertaining to changes to rosters prior to each game, as well as a final roster deadline including player additions or transfers.
- 6.8 PSL Team Training: The under-15 to under-17 Alliance PSL team training shall commence May 1 and end at the completion of the PSL finals weekend. Training days and locations shall be determined by head coach in conjunction with SYSI and field availability. The zone under-13 PSL team training will be determined by the zone.
- 6.9 PSL Finals: There will be finals for under-15 to under-17 divisions July 22-24, 2022 in Regina, SK.
- 6.5 PSL Roles and Responsibilities:
- 6.5.1 SSA Office:
- 6.5.1.1 SSA shall be responsible for marketing and communications associated with the PSL.
- 6.5.1.2 SSA will develop a schedule at its sole discretion. The schedule will have a blended format (weekend/weekdays) for under-15 to under-17. The schedule will have a weekend format for the under-13 division. Matches will be played on fields as determined by SSA in partnership with the host organizations. SSA will develop a schedule on a yearly basis. When games are postponed or cancelled (due to facility closure, weather, etc.), it is the responsibility of SSA to reschedule the games. Failing to play at the rescheduled date will result in a forfeit and the corresponding fine.
- 6.5.1.3 SSA will keep standings at under-15 to under-17 divisions but not the under-13 divisions.
- 6.5.1.4 SSA is responsible for the appointment of all match officials. MO's, teams, etc. do not have input on assignments. SSA is responsible for the payment of officials.
- 6.5.1.5 SSA shall have jurisdiction over formal complaints as per SSA policy. Any offences against a referee will be handled as outlined in the [SSA Formal Complaints](#) and [SSA Discipline Policy](#).
- 6.5.2 SYSI Office:
- 6.5.2.1 SYSI will act as the primary communication link between the SSA and its teams participating in PSL.
- 6.5.2.2 SYSI shall meet with the SYSI Advisory Committee composed of zone presidents and TD's for feedback and recommendations on PSL Alliance related matters.
- 6.5.2.3 SYSI shall assist the SSA with hosting and venue requirements.
- 6.5.2.4 SYSI shall be responsible to ensure all PSL players and team personnel are registered with SSA and shall have final approval over all team rosters, changes, or additions. All team communication that pertains to the PSL will be done so through the SYSI staff, including but not limited to disputes, questions, and concerns.
- 6.5.2.5 SYSI shall submit payment to the SSA for PSL team fees and any other related fees incurred from such teams.
- 6.5.3 SYSI Advisory Committee:
- 6.5.3.1 To provide assistance, guidance, and recommendations to SYSI in matters pertaining to PSL team management including but not limited to coach selection and mentorship, player evaluation and selection, team training, discipline matters, and weekend competitions as required.
- 6.5.4 Zones:
- 6.5.4.1 Zones shall support the efforts of SYSI in building city-wide under-15 to under-17 Alliance PSL teams and coordinate PSL team participation for their under-13 players.
- 6.5.4.2 Zones shall encourage players to participate in the Alliance and PSL for their respective age group.
- 6.5.4.3 Zones shall support the SYSI office and SYSI Advisory Committee in their decisions and recommendations.
- 6.5.4.4 Zone TD (or designate) and zone president (or designate) shall represent their zone on the SYSI Advisory Committee which shall meet a minimum of six (6) times per year.

- 6.5.4.5 Zone TD's shall actively take part in the evaluation of players during PSL and Alliance tryout or assessment weekends.
- 6.5.4.6 Zones shall encourage qualified zone coaches to apply to be SYSI Alliance PSL coaches.
- 6.5.4.7 Zones shall avoid booking SSC outdoor turf fields on the PSL weekends to ensure SYSI meets the SSA host venue requirements.
- 6.5.4.8 Zones shall bring forward any concerns regarding PSL teams immediately to the SYSI office and assist in problem resolution when necessary.
- 6.5.4.9 Zones shall allow zone registered Alliance League players to be PSL "affiliate players" as required.
- 6.5.5 PSL Teams:
  - 6.4.4.1 Teams must submit all communication of player or team personnel roster changes to the SYSI office for approval, SYSI will communicate changes to the SSA upon approval.
  - 6.4.4.2 Team shall direct all PSL related matters, questions, concerns, etc., directly to SYSI staff and not the SSA.
  - 6.4.4.3 Adhere to all SSA PSL rules and regulations found on their website:  
[www.sasksoccer.com/category/790/Rules-and-Resources](http://www.sasksoccer.com/category/790/Rules-and-Resources)
- 6.6 Rosters, Call-Ups, and Transfers:
  - 6.6.1 Rosters:
    - 6.6.1.1 Under-15 to under-17 teams may register up to 25 players to the roster, with the exception of the PSL final, who shall be eligible to participate in PSL games (under-15 to under-17).
    - 6.6.1.2 Under-13 teams may have a player pool with players registered in their MO. A player may not appear on more than one team roster per weekend.
    - 6.6.1.3 Each team must register a minimum of 15 players, including two (2) goalkeepers.
  - 6.6.2 Call-ups: Call-Up players are players coming from a lower age group or from a lower division (local leagues, Alliance League A or B) from the same MO. Call-up players cannot play in the PSL finals, unless they are transferred onto the PSL team roster. A player may be a call-up with one PSL team. Similarly, to the PSL players, the call-up players are considered cup-tied once they appear on the game sheet. Call-up players are eligible for two call up opportunities per season. Exceeding this quota results in the player being deemed ineligible. Teams fielding ineligible players forfeit the result of the game and incur the appropriate fines. Team coaching staff are encouraged to offer call-up opportunities to different players. A call-up can only play for one PSL team during the same weekend (Player cannot play for the under-15 PSL regular team and the under-17 PSL team as a call up). Call-up players coming from a lower local division can only play one game per 16 hours. This includes participation of those players in local tournaments. All call-up players must appear on the roster at the PSL roster deadline or be added to the roster following the deadline, in accordance with the PSL rules. All call-up players must appear on the RAMP website in order to be eligible roster additions for PSL matches. Call-up players shall be designated as such on the RAMP website.
  - 6.6.3 Transfers: Player transfers are required when a player is transferring from one team to another within the PSL season. All transfers must be completed on the PSL player transfer form, which is available on the PSL website. All transfers must be approved by the MO(s) from which the player is transferring prior to submitting to SSA. No Parallel transfers are permitted. Youth PSL players cannot transfer to another youth PSL team in the same age division during the season. Once a player has appeared on a game sheet for one team within the PSL, they are considered "cup-tied" and are ineligible to play for another team within the same age classification in the PSL (under-15 to under-17) or at the National Club Championships.
  - 6.6.4 Registration and Transfer Deadline: The PSL registration and transfer deadline is listed above under Important Dates. At the PSL registration/transfer deadline, each PSL team must declare a final roster consisting of a minimum of 15 players and a maximum of 20 players, including two (2) goalkeepers. Only the players selected to the final roster shall be eligible to participate in the PSL finals and CSA National Championships, should the team advance.
  - 6.6.5 Team Personnel: Rules surrounding team personnel are extensive please view a full listing of PSL rules and regulations found on their PSL website: [www.sasksoccer.com/category/790/Rules-and-Resources](http://www.sasksoccer.com/category/790/Rules-and-Resources)
- 6.7 SSA Schedule of Fines: Teams will be liable for any and all incurred fines set forth by the SSA in which their Team is responsible for and must pay such fines to SYSI within one week of notice.
  - 6.7.1 Pre-Season Meeting: Failure to send a team representative to the PSL pre-season meeting = \$500 per team.
  - 6.7.2 Team Withdrawals: Any MO withdrawing a team from the PSL after submitting a team declaration Communication will be fined based on the following SSA schedule of fines:
    - 6.7.2.1 After submitting a declaration but prior to Feb 15 = \$500.
    - 6.7.2.2 After distribution of the initial schedule for facility confirmation = \$1000.  
Teams will be notified when the initial schedule has been distributed for facility confirmation and the fine schedule has transitioned to the greater level of fines.
    - 6.7.2.3 After distribution of the final schedule = \$2000.00



- 6.7.2.4 Any team withdrawing from the PSL after the start of the season will be considered to have forfeited each scheduled game and will be fined \$500 per forfeited game remaining to a maximum of \$1000 plus a \$2000 withdrawal fine and must pay the fine within one week of notice.
- 6.7.3 Defaults or Forfeits:
  - 6.7.3.1 Default or forfeit of one PSL game = \$500
  - 6.7.3.2 Default or forfeit of second PSL game (includes expulsion from league) = \$2500
- 6.7.4 Team Uniforms:
  - 6.7.4.1 Failure to have two sets of jerseys and two sets of socks = \$250
  - 6.7.4.2 Failure to wear assigned colours = \$100
- 6.7.5 Reporting Scores: Failure to enter game reports on RAMP within specified time period = \$100
- 6.7.6 Gender Rep: Failure to have gender rep present as per PSL rulebook = \$250
- 6.7.7 Other Fines: Full listing of PSL rules can be found on the SSA website: [www.sasksoccer.com/category/790/Rules-and-Resources](http://www.sasksoccer.com/category/790/Rules-and-Resources)

## 7.0 PERMISSION TO PLAY OUT-OF-ZONE / DISTRICT RELEASE

- 7.1 Players wishing to play under-11, under-13, or under-15 Alliance or City League, as well as under-13 PSL may request *Permission to Play Out-of-Zone* (PTPOZ); that is, in a zone other than one in which they are otherwise deemed resident.
- 7.2 All divisions of under-11 to under-15 players residing within 100km of Saskatoon register with the zone in which the zone boundary extends. All players belonging to an outside SSA MO within 100km radius of Saskatoon who wish to play outside of their designated home zone will need to supply the PTPOZ Form to the SYSI office as per sections 7.3 and 7.4.
- 7.3 A player or their legal guardian must make application for PTPOZ. Application is made by submitting a PTPOZ form to the SYSI office. Once such form has been submitted the office the player is then eligible and encouraged to participate in both their home zone and requested zone player evaluations or tryouts. Attending both sets ensures the player has not missed evaluations in the case he or she has been granted or denied their request and will have a team to play on regardless of the decision.
- 7.4 PTPOZ process of approval or denial shall be handled solely between the home zone and the requested zone. The form is to be sent directly to the SYSI office who will then forward the request to the two applicable zone registrars. If the two zones disagree on granting the request the decision shall be in favour of the home zone's decision.
- 7.5 The home zone and requested zone will consider the following in their deliberations:
  - 7.5.1 Reasons for granting the requests may include:
    - 7.5.1.1 There is no team in the player's age group in the zone of registration.
    - 7.5.1.2 Player numbers in the zone of registration are such that some players cannot reasonably be placed on teams.
    - 7.5.1.3 Goalkeepers without an appropriate playing opportunity will be given special consideration with the approval of the zone with which they are registered.
    - 7.5.1.4 Players that were unable (not unwilling) to play in the previous year and would, therefore, lose their eligibility to treatment under the Special Residency Rules.
    - 7.5.1.5 A player has been subject to harassment or other inappropriate treatment by a team or coach and no other avenue is available to resolve the conflict. Prior to deliberations in such a case, the zone of registration will be asked to provide information on action or options offered in attempting to resolve the conflict.
  - 7.5.2 Reasons for denying the requests may include:
    - 7.5.2.1 The player was not selected for a team in a desired division in zone of registration
    - 7.5.2.2 A player wishes to play with other siblings or a specific coach.
    - 7.5.2.3 A player wishes to play with friends/schoolmates.
    - 7.5.2.4 A player wishes to rejoin teammates from a previous season.
  - 7.5.3 Notwithstanding these guidelines, the zone may consider other relevant aspects of a PTPOZ request to ensure that the best interests of the player and the soccer community are served by its ruling.
  - 7.5.4 The zone will consider a player's wishes based on the available room in the zone which was requested.
- 7.6 Players who are granted PTPOZ shall attend player evaluations or tryouts. They will be deemed resident of the zone in which they have been granted special permission to play as long as the zone needs players and can accommodate them.
- 7.7 PTPOZ is granted for one season only unless granted special permission by the home zone.
- 7.8 A player granted PTPOZ for more than one season might later choose to register with the participant organization of the zone in which the residence of their legal guardian is located. In doing so, they relinquish their PTPOZ approved status.
- 7.9 The initial deadline for all PTPOZ requests will be seven (7) days prior to the zone team declaration date in any given season. All players must be advised of a decision within four (4) days before the zone team declaration is due and any player who submits a request into the office after the initial deadline must be advised of the decision within 4 days of their request. The responsibility for advising such players lies with the home zone in which the player initially registered and is deemed resident. Failure to meet this responsibility may result in disciplinary action.
- 7.10 The player has a right to submit an appeal (see *Appeals Process* Section).



## **8.0 PRE-SEASON TEAM NUMBER FORECAST**

- 8.1 Approximately one week before the team registration deadline in the indoor and outdoor season, zone registrars or presidents will email the SYSI office with their forecast of team numbers in each age, gender and division for the upcoming season.
- 8.2 The SYSI Advisory Committee will meet to discuss the number of teams each zone plans to register in each age group and division for the upcoming season. Zone reps will forward cases where they have player numbers in age/gender/division categories such that all players cannot be reasonably placed on teams.
- 8.3 Zones are responsible for supplying, through their delegates, the following information to the SYSI office:
  - 8.3.1 The number of teams and players the zone anticipates registering in each age/gender/division category.
  - 8.3.2 The number of players in each age/gender/division category that cannot reasonably be placed on teams in under-7 through under-19 all divisions. Names of such players must be forwarded with the team forecast.
- 8.4 The SYSI office will keep a record of all forecasts and forward the results out to all zones once received. After this has been done the zones are to meet the stated registration deadline for their final team submission.

## **9.0 POACHING**

- 9.1 No zone or team representative may counsel a player from another team to change team affiliation without first obtaining written permission from the participant organization with which the player is registered. To do so, constitutes poaching and will result in disciplinary action.
- 9.2 Notwithstanding the preceding item, it is acceptable in the time between the end of one SYSI season and the first day of the official registration period for the next season, for zone representatives to discuss registration options with all players who are resident in their zone and are not affiliated with a SYSI team that is competing for a provincial or national club championship.
- 9.3 The SYSI office will deal with any alleged poaching incident in a timely manner.
- 9.4 A zone or team representative may appeal the SYSI office decision as per the *Appeals Process* section.

## **10.0 TEAM REGISTRATION AND PLAYER AFFILIATION**

- 10.1 To be eligible to participate in SYSI leagues, youth and mini soccer teams must be registered with SYSI by a recognized participant organization by the deadline for the current season set by SYSI.
- 10.2 All team registration and other fees (i.e. performance bonds) must be paid in accordance with the fee schedule established by SYSI for a team registration to be complete.
- 10.3 Any participant organization withdrawing a team from league play will lose all registration fees for the team.
- 10.4 When a team is removed from league competition for whatever reason, all games in which they participated will be removed from league standings.
- 10.5 SYSI has the authority to decide in which division a team will play.
- 10.6 All players assigned to a team within their zone registration platform are deemed to belong to that team. Players or team personnel who are not assigned or registered to the team are not eligible to participate with such team and such participation may result in game forfeitures, fines, and possible discipline as outlined under *Game Sheets rule 14.3*.
- 10.7 A player can only belong to a team under the jurisdiction of the participant organization with which the player is registered.
- 10.8 A player can only belong to a team playing in an age group for which the player is eligible to participate.
- 10.9 Any changes to which team a player belongs to after the submission of a team's SY online roster must be approved by SYSI. Note that some player changes are governed by the transfer rules set out in the *Player Transfers* section.
- 10.10 Any player belonging to more than one team, and the teams with which that player is belonging to, are subject to disciplinary action by SYSI. A player may not belong to more than one team during an SYSI league season with the following exceptions:
  - 10.10.1 Except as the result of a transfer as set out in the *Player Transfers* section.
  - 10.10.2 An under-13 player may play in both the SYSI Alliance League and the Provincial Soccer League (PSL) during the outdoor season; an under-13 to under-19 City League player may not also play or permit to the PSL; an Under-7 or Under-9 player may play in both community and zone development league.
  - 10.10.3 A mini player may play in both the Community League and Zone Developmental League but cannot be on more than one team within the same league.

## **11.0 NUMBER OF PLAYERS**

- 11.1 Mini teams:
  - 11.1.1 The suggested number of players that can affiliate with a mini team is:
    - 11.1.1.1 Under-5 (3v3): minimum 5 players and maximum 8 players
    - 11.1.1.2 Under-7 (3v3): minimum 5 players and maximum 8 players
    - 11.1.1.3 Under-9 (5v5): minimum 7 players and maximum 10 players
  - 11.1.2 A mini team may exceed these limits only with special, written permission from the SYSI office.

- 11.1.3 There is no minimum number of players required for mini games and teams can exchange players to ensure that each has sufficient players.
- 11.1.4 Mini soccer coaches should advise the SYSI office in the event that the opposing team fails to appear for a game.
- 11.2 Youth teams:
  - 11.2.1 Indoor minimum and maximum number of players that can affiliate with a youth team is:
    - 11.2.1.1 Indoor City League under-11 to under-19 (6v6) minimum 9 and maximum 12 players.
    - 11.2.1.2 Indoor Alliance League under-11 to under-13 (6v6) minimum 9 and maximum 12 players
    - 11.2.1.3 Indoor Alliance League under-15 (9v9) minimum 11 and maximum 15 players.
    - 11.2.1.3 Indoor Alliance League under-17 to under-19 (9v9) minimum 11 and maximum 16 players.
  - 11.2.2 Outdoor minimum and maximum number of players that can affiliate with a youth team is:
    - 11.2.2.1 Outdoor Alliance League and City League under-11 (7v7) minimum 10 and maximum 13 players.
    - 11.2.2.2 Outdoor Alliance League under-13 and City League under-13 to under-19 (9v9) minimum 12 and maximum 15 players.
    - 11.2.2.3 Outdoor Alliance League under-15 to under-19 (11v11) minimum 14 and maximum 20 players
  - 11.2.3 A youth team may exceed or fall short of these limits only with special, written permission from the SYSI office and the zone TD. Permission to exceed player limits may be subject to conditions set by the SYSI office. If either the zone TD or SYSI office denies the request, the zone may submit an appeal to the SYSI office as per the Appeals Process section.
  - 11.2.4 In all cases, the number of players dressed for any game may not exceed the player registration number granted by SYSI. Additionally, for teams granted approval to exceed the maximum roster size they are subject to permit player restrictions, see *Permit Players* section.
  - 11.2.5 The minimum number of players required for a youth game to proceed is:
    - 11.2.5.1 4 players per team in the 6v6 indoor leagues
    - 11.2.5.2 6 players per team in the 9v9 indoor leagues
    - 11.2.5.3 6 players per team in the 7v7 and 9v9 outdoor leagues
    - 11.2.5.4 7 players per team in the 11v11 outdoor leagues

## 12.0 PLAYER TRANSFERS

- 12.1 Zone to same zone: If a player is transferring within a zone they may play on the new team immediately after the SYSI office received the transfer form and fee.
- 12.2 Zone to different zone: Transfer is for provincial play only and the player cannot play with any team except for provincials. For a transfer of this type the zone registrar or president from each zone must sign the transfer form.
- 12.3 Other SSA MO to zone: Transfer is for provincial play only and the player cannot play with any team except for provincials. For a transfer of this type the zone registrar or president from each zone must sign the transfer form.
- 12.4 Under-11, Under-13, and Under-15 player transfers for league play are subject to SYSI player residency and registration rules. Under-17 and Under-19 player transfers are exempt from player residency rules.
- 12.4 Player transfers for provincial championship competitions are not subject to SYSI player residency rules.
- 12.5 To transfer to another team during the playing season, a player registered with a team must:
  - 12.5.1 Give written notice to the team with which the player is currently registered of the player's intent to transfer
  - 12.5.2 Obtain written permission to transfer from the team with which the player is currently registered
  - 12.5.3 Obtain written permission to transfer from the participant organization with which the player is registered
  - 12.5.4 Submit a transfer form, supporting documentation and a fee set by the SYSI board.
- 12.6 No transfers or new player additions/registrations can be made 7 days prior to the first SYSI playoff game. (This is the first playoff game for any SYSI division).
- 12.7 Players transferring to a SYSI team for provincials from another district or a zone may not play in any league or tournament games. The transfer is for provincial play only.
- 12.8 All transfers are subject to approval by SYSI and may be governed by conditions set by SYSI.
- 12.9 A player is entitled to the benefits of the transfer rule as follows:
  - 12.10.1 A maximum of two transfers during a playing season so long as the second transfer is not to the original team.
  - 12.10.2 A maximum of three players may be transferred to any one team during a playing season. This ruling is subject to SSA policy changes.

## 13.0 PERMIT PLAYERS

- 13.1 A permit player is one who is playing temporarily with a team other than the one with which the player is currently affiliated.
- 13.2 Mini teams may use the services of a permit player registered with another mini team in a younger age group provided that the permission of the legal guardian and coach of the permit player is obtained.
- 13.3 Youth teams may use the services of a permit player registered on a mini team under the following conditions:
  - 13.3.1 The permit player must reside within the zone of the youth team.
  - 13.3.2 The permission of the coach of the permit player must be obtained.
  - 13.3.3 The name of the permit player must appear on the game sheet with the word "PERMIT" or "P" written beside

their name. It is not necessary to state the number in which the player has permitted to that team in that current season because it is unlimited.

- 13.4 Youth teams shall not utilize permit players from a higher division, a team from within the same division, or an older age group. Youth teams shall only utilize the services of a permit player registered with another youth team in a lower division or a younger age group under the following conditions:

- 13.4.1 The permit player must be registered with another team in the same zone.
- 13.4.2 The permission of the coach of the permit player must be obtained.
- 13.4.3 The name of the permit player must appear on the game sheet with the word "PERMIT" or "P" written beside their name.
- 13.4.4 In the outdoor season, a maximum of 5 permit players may be used in any game.
- 13.4.5 In the indoor season, teams are allowed to use 3 permit players not exceeding the normal maximum number of players given the age/division OR until they can field a full starting lineup plus three, not exceeding 5 permit players, whichever is greater, per game.
- 13.4.6 It is the responsibility of the team to ensure that all its permit players are eligible to participate in that capacity.
- 13.4.7 There is no limit to the number of games a player may permit to during the regular youth league season within the league they are registered in (ie: Alliance League to Alliance League or City League to City League).
  - 13.4.7.1 Alliance League players are restricted from and may not permit to the City League.
  - 13.4.7.2 City League players are allowed to permit to the Alliance League a maximum of three (3) times within a regular season. Any requests above the three would be submitted to the SYSI office by the Alliance team requesting the permit player and shall require special circumstances.
  - 13.4.7.3 Provincial Soccer League (PSL) - City League players are restricted from permitting to the PSL; Alliance League players may permit to the PSL; players who are registered solely on a PSL team may not permit to the City or Alliance Leagues; only under-13 players may participate and be registered on both an under-13 Alliance League team and an under-13 PSL team; under-15 and under-17 PSL players are not allowed to also permit or be registered on an SYSI Alliance League or City League team.
- 13.4.8 Coaches are encouraged to permit and offer exposure and developmental opportunities to a multitude of players and not just one/two with a purpose of winning.
- 13.4.9 Girls are allowed to permit to the equivalent boys divisions (under-13 girls Alliance A can permit to under-13 boys Alliance A but cannot permit to under-13 boys Alliance B). All other permit rules still apply.
- 13.4.10 When two divisions (e.g. under-13 Alliance A and under-13 Alliance B) are amalgamated into one league and separate standings are kept, players from lower age/division teams are eligible for permit play with higher age/division teams in the same league only when the two groups are not playing each other (e.g. under-13 Alliance A vs under-13 Alliance A could permit under-13 Alliance B but not when it is under-13 Alliance A vs under-13 Alliance B). All other permit rules still apply.
- 13.4.11 When two divisions are amalgamated into one league, players from the lower age/division can use the same permit rules that apply to the higher age/division. (e.g. if under-17 Alliance two is amalgamated with under-15 Alliance A, then the under-15 Alliance A could permit under-17 Alliance B players in games against the under-17 Alliance A. NOTE, this type of permit can only be used in games against the higher age/division. If the under-17 Alliance B and under-15 Alliance A are amalgamated, and it is a game between two under-15 Alliance A teams, then under-17 Alliance B players would not be eligible permits for this game.)
- 13.4.12 League Permit Grid:

Age Group	Eligible to permit from:				
U11 Alliance A	U11 Alliance B	U9 Development	U9 Community	U11 City League	
U13 Alliance A	U13 Alliance B	U11 Alliance A	U11 Alliance B	U13 City League	U11 City League
U15 Alliance A	U15 Alliance B	U13 Alliance A	U13 Alliance B	U15 City League	U13 City League
U17 Alliance A	U17 Alliance B	U15 Alliance A	U15 Alliance B	U17 City League	U15 City League
U19 Alliance A	U19 Alliance B	U17 Alliance A	U17 Alliance B	U19 City League	U17 City League
U11 Alliance B	U9 Development	U9 Community	U11 City League		
U13 Alliance B	U11 Alliance A	U11 Alliance B	U13 City League	U11 City League	
U15 Alliance B	U13 Alliance A	U13 Alliance B	U15 City League	U13 City League	
U17 Alliance B	U15 Alliance A	U15 Alliance B	U17 City League	U15 City League	
U19 Alliance B	U17 Alliance A	U17 Alliance B	U19 City League	U19 City League	
U11 City League	U9 Community	U9 Development			
U13 City League	U11 City League				
U15 City League	U13 City League				
U17 City League	U15 City League				
U19 City League	U17 City League				

- 13.4.13 In circumstances where a youth team is unable to access a reasonable number of permit players from within their zone, the zone may request special permission from the SYSI office to use permit players from outside the zone. Such permission must be in writing and be obtained in advance of using permit players from outside the

- zone. These permit players are governed by the same rules as permit players from within the zone. The SYSI office may request advice from the SYSI Advisory Committee if needed and will inform such committee of any SYSI office decisions made on special requests regarding permitting.
- 13.4.14 Teams who have been granted approval by SYSI to have additional players on their roster over and above the maximum roster size may not use permit players to fill beyond the maximum number of players initially set by SYSI, see Number of Players section. For example, if the roster size maximum is 12 and the team was approved to carry 14 players, then they can only use permit players when their total number of players available to play and those listed on the game sheet does not exceed 12 players.
- 13.4.15 For both indoor and outdoor league playoffs and championship games, permit players will be allowed to fill the roster up to the normal number of players on the pitch during a game plus one (i.e.: 7 players for 6v6, 8 players for 7v7, 10 players for 9v9, and 12 players for 11v11) The players permitting may not play in any other league playoff or championship games.
- 13.5 Fines, overturning of games, and/or discipline will result in the use of ineligible permit players, not listing a “P” next to permit players on the game sheet, or exceeding the number of permit players on a game sheet as per the SYSI game sheet infractions chart outlined in *Game Sheets rule 14.3*.
- 13.6 The use of permit players in exhibition, tournament, and non- SYSI competitions will be governed by the organization of authority for the competition.
- 13.7 Senior teams may use the services of a youth player for league games under the following conditions:
- 13.7.1 All relevant SAS rules are observed.
- 13.7.2 The permission of the youth coach is obtained.
- 13.7.3 Youth players are not allowed to permit in SASI Coed League or any SASI League finals.
- 13.7.4 Players under a SYSI suspension are not allowed to permit in any senior games unless given written permission to do so by the SYSI office.
- 13.8 After the youth season has ended youth players can no longer permit and must register with SASI on a team in order to participate.
- 13.9 Players cannot be registered on both an adult and youth team. A youth player may transfer within season to SASI League however the player will lose their youth status for that season.
- 13.10 Any youth player who affiliates with a senior team and subsequently has their youth status reinstated by the SSA must comply with SYSI residency rules.
- 13.11 Youth teams can play in local senior leagues and competitions without registering as senior players, provided that all players on that team are of youth age and the permission of both SYSI and SAS is obtained.

## 14.0 GAME SHEETS

- 14.1 Game sheets are only used for youth soccer games, not for mini soccer games.
- 14.2 Team personnel must review the game sheet prior to the start of the game and ensure the game sheet is accurate by crossing out any players or team personnel not present; adding any additional registered team personnel present not listed on the game sheet; adding any eligible permit player names and jersey numbers present including a “P” next to the player’s name; and ensuring all players have the correct jersey number listed. Players not listed on the game sheet are not eligible to play. The maximum number of players that may be listed on a game sheet is listed under *Number of Players rule 11.2*. Failure to properly fill in the game sheet or have ineligible players or team personnel listed on the game sheet will result in disciplinary action as per the game sheet infractions chart below.
- 14.3 The following chart is the SYSI game sheet infractions guideline. The chart lists minimum actions that will be imposed; however the SYSI office may impose an alternate penalty.

Infraction	Overturning of Game	Performance Fine
Exceeded number of permit players allowed on game sheet ( <i>Permit Players rules 13.4.4, 13.4.5, 13.4.14, 13.4.15</i> )	<b>Yes</b> – This infraction results in the game being overturned and a default loss for the team.	1 <sup>st</sup> offense \$50
Players laterally permitted on the game sheet ( <i>Permit Players rule 13.4</i> )		Each additional offense \$100 with potential suspension and further discipline of team personnel and/or zone ( <i>discipline rule 17.11</i> ).
Overage players permitted or listed on the game sheet without granted approval by SYSI ( <i>Age Groups rules 3.7 – 3.10 and Permit Players rule 13.4</i> )		
Non-registered players or team personnel listed on game sheet ( <i>Team Registration and Player Affiliation rule 10.6 and Player Eligibility rule 15.1</i> )		
Suspended players or team personnel listed on game sheet and not crossed out while serving suspension ( <i>Caution and Ejections rule 16.8</i> )	<b>No</b> – This infraction does not result in a game being overturned.	1 <sup>st</sup> offense warning
Failure to cross off players or team personnel on the game sheet that is not present at the game ( <i>Game Sheets rule 14.2</i> )		2 <sup>nd</sup> offense \$50
Failure place a “P” next to permit players on the game sheet ( <i>Game Sheets rule 14.2</i> )		
Failure to designate a Field Marshal on the game sheet		Each additional offense \$100
Failure to list full player names on the game sheet; ie: listing number only and no player name ( <i>Game Sheets rule 14.2</i> )		
Failure to list accurate jersey numbers next to each player on the game sheet ( <i>Game Sheets rule 14.2</i> )		

- 14.3 The referee, or the home team in the absence of a referee, is responsible for providing the game sheet.

- 14.4 The completed game sheet must be submitted to the referee prior to the second half of play.
- 14.5 Coaches must sign the game sheet prior to submitting it to the referee. Signing verifies that all the information on the game sheet is correct.
- 14.6 Following the game, the referee shall sign and record the score and any cards or comments on the game sheet.
- 14.7 The game sheet shall be provided to the SYSI office by the referee within 48 hours of the game and the score shall be inputted by the referee into SYSI's website. Teams are to take a photo of the game sheet upon completion of the game in case SYSI requests a copy of the game sheet.
- 14.8 Home teams shall be prepared with the game sheet in the event the referee does not show up or there was no referee available. In the event that there is no referee, the home team must provide a copy of the game sheet to the SYSI office by email within 48 hours of the game.
- 14.9 Failure of the referee to provide the game sheet to SYSI in a timely manner may result in fines to the referee. In cases where a game sheet is not provided by the referee, SYSI will contact the teams requesting a copy of the game sheet in order to input the score for standings. Teams unable to provide a copy of the game sheet upon request from SYSI may result in a team not being credited with points earned by such a win or tie. The acceptance of game sheets after the due date will be at the discretion of the SYSI office.

## 15.0 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 15.1 An eligible player is one who is properly affiliated with a team on the SYS team roster, is listed on the game sheet, and is not under suspension or acting in contravention of any SYSI regulations.
- 15.2 Questions of player eligibility in mini soccer can be directed to the attention of the SYSI office in the event that coaches cannot resolve the issue at the game time.
- 15.3 A youth team may protest a game on the grounds of player eligibility. Such a protest shall be made in accordance with the *Appeals Process* section.
- 15.4 If the identity of a player is in question, a coach may require a player to sign, in the presence of the referee, next to their printed name on the game sheet.
- 15.5 Any youth team that uses an ineligible player in a game will forfeit those games. Any team, coach, assistant coach and or manager maybe subject to further disciplinary action.

## 16.0 CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS

- 16.1 The cautioning (yellow card) of a player must be noted on the game sheet in a manner that will be recorded through all carbon copies.
- 16.2 The ejection (red card or two yellow cards in one game) of a player must be noted on the game sheet. That player is suspended for the next SYSI game of his/her own team, is subject to discipline according to the *Discipline Procedures* section, and may not play for any other team until such suspension has been served. Youth player game suspensions must be served through sitting out the next league game(s) and/or tournament game(s), whichever comes first.
- 16.3 The ejection of a member of the coaching staff must be noted on the game sheet. That person is suspended for the next SYSI game of his/her own team and may be subject to discipline according to the *Discipline Procedures* section, and may not coach for any other team until such suspension has been served unless decided differently by SYSI based on the severity of the offence. In the case where the coach ejection occurs during the last game of the season the coach must sit out their first game in the following season or tournament with whichever team he or she is then coaching.
- 16.4 A player receiving a third caution (yellow card) in league play within a season will be suspended for the next SYSI game of his/her own team following notification of such suspension by the SYSI office. The player may not play for any other team until such suspension has been served. Youth player game suspensions must be served through sitting out the next league game(s) and/or tournament game(s), whichever comes first.
- 16.5 Spitting on turf is not allowed. Players and/or individuals present on the field disregarding this rule can be "dismissed" at the discretion of the referee. A red card can be issued for this, although the team will not be punished by having to play shorthanded. The "dismissed" player will have to leave the field/premises just like an ejection (red card). The players suspensions will still be in place as per the *Discipline Procedures* section and will be dealt with by the SYSI office. A misconduct report will be filled in by the referee. Restart of play will be:
  - 16.5.1 If the referee has decided to dismiss the player while the ball is in play, play will be restarted with a dropped ball from the place where the infraction (spitting) has occurred.
  - 16.5.2 If the ball is out of play/stoppage, play is restarted according to the previous decision prior to stoppage (throw in, goal kick, corner kick, free kick).
  - 16.5.3 To preserve the spirit of the game and not interrupt the flow of the game, referees are encouraged to "dismiss" at the first stoppage of play.
- 16.6 All suspended players and coaches are ineligible to participate in any SYSI activities such as being present on the bench during league games, tournament games, and league playoffs. Suspended coaches and players serving an SYSI suspension are permitted to participate or coach during practices; watch soccer games from the spectator viewing area; and referee league, tournament and playoff games. Suspensions may be enforced or served at non-SYSI soccer activities such as out-of-town tournaments, provincials, or other competition should the organizing body choose to honor them.
- 16.7 Any participant ejected from the game is automatically suspended for a minimum of one game. The SYSI office will

- attempt to email the team contact and/or zone within four (4) full working days of receipt of the misconduct form and/or the game record, depending on the availability of reliable contact information. It is the suspended player's responsibility to contact the SYSI office, their team contact, and/or check the SYSI website to obtain the details of their suspension.
- 16.8 Coaches are responsible for identifying on the game sheet, the name of any player or team personnel serving a suspension by crossing them off the game sheet and noting the suspension. Any team found to be playing a suspended player or having a suspended coach present on the field shall forfeit all games in which that player or team personnel participated. The coach and suspended player may be subject to further disciplinary action.
- 16.9 Records of all card violations are accumulated for a twelve-month period (i.e. a player's record consists of all card violations and discipline proceedings in the twelve months previous to the incident presently before the SYSI office).
- 16.10 If an adult player is serving a suspension (either from being ejected from a game or sitting out due to an accumulation of yellow cards) and is also a youth soccer coach, then they are not eligible to participate coaching youth soccer games until their suspension has been served.
- 16.11 All youth players registered with SYSI must carry out their suspension with their SYSI team and/or zone in their next game regardless of whether it is a different season, league, or tournament. All youth player suspensions are to carry over from league to league (including leagues such as PSL); league to tournament; and tournament to league (including out-of-town tournaments).
- 16.12 In addition to matters referred to in any other *By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Policies or Code of Conduct* of the SYSI, it shall be misconduct if any person, team, or zone is proved to the satisfaction of the SYSI office, to have done, permitted, or assisted in any of the following.
- 16.12.1 A violation of the By-laws, Rules and Regulations, Policies, or Code of Conduct of the SYSI;
- 16.12.2 A violation of the By-laws, Rules and Regulations, or Policies of a League;
- 16.12.3 A violation of the By-laws, Rules and Regulations, or Policies of a Membership;
- 16.12.4 An offer, or attempt to offer, either directly or indirectly, any consideration whatsoever to any zone, team, players, or official, in an attempt, or with a view, to influence the results of any game;
- 16.12.5 An act, or acts, that, in the opinion of the SYSI, is considered to be unruly, insulting, or improper, such as to bring the game of soccer into disrepute or;
- 16.12.6 A statement, or statements, made either verbally, or in writing, that, in the opinion of the SYSI, is considered to be ungentlemanly, insulting, or improper, such as to bring the game of soccer into disrepute.

## 17.0 DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

- 17.1 The SYSI office is responsible for dealing with discipline matters on behalf of SYSI. SYSI retains jurisdiction over the following: any players, team personnel, team and/or zone registered with SYSI and any recreational or competition sanctioned event.
- 17.2 In reviewing discipline matters, the Program Coordinator will serve as chairperson, the Administrator as secretary, and all four staff will be voting members. In the event of a split vote, the discipline case will be sent to the SYSI Appeals Committee, whose decision will be final.
- 17.3 The SYSI office will consider other disciplinary matters at the request required.
- 17.4 The SYSI office will maintain records of all its hearings and deliberations.
- 17.5 The following chart is the SYSI discipline procedures guideline. The chart lists minimum suspensions that will be imposed; however the SYSI office may impose an alternate penalty.

VIOLENT CONDUCT	1st Offence	2nd Offence
Threatening to kick, punch, head butt another player (no physical contact)	2 games	4 games
Physical Confrontation (no punches) I.E. Push, slap, trip, elbow, kick, chop, step on another player, etc.	3 games	6 games
3rd man in a physical confrontation (no punches)	3 games	6 games
Running the keeper (no attempt to avoid)	4 games	6 games
Deliberate elbow, kick, punch, head butt, choking, hair pulling, chop, or step on another player (with intent to injure)	5 games	10 games
Fighting (punches thrown) + Instigator of fight	7 games + 2 games	14 games + 2 games
3rd man in a physical confrontation (punches thrown)	7 games	14 games
Boarding (attempt to injure)	8 games	To be determined
Substitute entering field to join altercation	To be determined	To be determined
Any OTHER violent conduct not listed	To be determined	To be determined
SERIOUS FOUL PLAY	1st Offence	2nd Offence
Dangerous Tackle	2 games	
Charging	2 games	3 games
Push from behind	2 games	3 games
Running the keeper (attempt to avoid)	2 games	3 games

Any OTHER serious foul play not listed	To be determined	To be determined
SPITTING	1st Offence	2nd Offence
Spitting at another player, coach, referee, spectator, etc	1 Year	To be determined
DENYING A GOAL SCORING OPPORTUNITY	1st Offence	2nd Offence
By deliberately handling the ball	1 game	2 games
By an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick	1 game	2 games
FOUL/ABUSIVE LANGUAGE OR INDECENT GESTURE	1st Offence	2nd Offence
Insulting, offensive or abusive language/ gesture at official/other	1 game	2 games
OTHER ACTIVITY THAT MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION	1st Offence	2nd Offence
Spitting on indoor fields/outdoor turf fields	Ejection from the game without further suspension	2 games
Did not leave immediately after being ejected from the game	Add 1 game	Add 2 games
After being ejected, slammed gate, kicked door, threw ball, etc.	Add 1 game	Add 2 games
After being ejected continued to use insulting, offensive or abusive language/gestures	Add 2 games	Add 3 games
After being ejected, significantly delayed the restart of the game due to continued insulting, offensive or abusive language/gestures and refusal to leave the field of play	Add 5 games	Add 7 games

- 17.6 Infractions with a minimum of one game do not require a discipline hearing, however if this infraction is repeated a second time the player may be required to attend a discipline hearing or receive additional suspensions following the discipline guidelines chart above.
- 17.7 Any individual summoned to a hearing by the SYSI office may request a copy of the relevant referee's report or other documentation from the SYSI office.
- 17.8 Failure to appear before the SYSI office as required will result in the addition of at least one game to be added to the stated penalty.
- 17.9 In all cases the referee's report will be accepted as an affidavit of the facts.
- 17.10 Spectators' and coaches' violations will be adjudicated based on the referee's report.
- 17.11 A coach found to be using ineligible players will be forwarded to the SYSI office who will determine if a 3 or more game suspension will be imposed.
- 17.12 Any individual suspended by the SYSI office with a minimum of 3 or more games and or period of time, has a right to appeal as per the *Appeals Process* section.
- 17.14 Complaints directed toward the conduct of spectators, coaches, or players may be submitted in writing to the SYSI office. The complaint will then be forwarded to the zone president or community association soccer coordinator in which the team belongs to. The zone or community association will be responsible for investigating the complaint and deciding whether or not and how much discipline will be served. The zone or community association is to provide the SYSI office a report of their decision no later than 10 days after receiving the complaint. An appeal may be lodged by a zone board or community association to the SYSI Appeals Committee to review any zone or community association discipline complaint that has been dealt with by a zone or community association and is not deemed to be resolved satisfactorily. The appeal must be submitted by the zone board or community association with a \$50 fee and received by the SYSI office no later than 7 days of being notified of the decision made by the opposing zone or community association.
- 17.15 If at any time the community association would appreciate assistance or guidance in dealing with the complaint or situation, the SYSI office will offer suggestions and/or send an SYSI representative to attend a mediation meeting with the community association. In the case where the complaint is against a coach or parent who is the community soccer coordinator or a community association board member, the complaint will be handled by the SYSI office as per written request and submitted to the SYSI office through email or written letter. The SYSI office will then review the complaint and hold a hearing or mentorship meeting if they feel the complaint is warranted or necessary.
- 17.16 Any player or team representative found guilty of intentionally damaging city, SSCI or SYSI property will be suspended until such game suspensions are served and have paid all applicable financial penalties equal to the recovery costs of the damage. All fines and/or bonds incurred by any player, coach, manager or team must be paid in full before the individual(s) or team concerned may resume any soccer activity after suspension. Any further offences will be dealt with more severely by the SYSI office.
- 17.17 In the event a zone is found to be denying players access to SSA high performance opportunities, not fully supporting SSA's technical plans and programs, or found to not be providing REX and MLS access to eligible athletes so that they may consider these programs and make choices that reflect their interest in soccer; the zone and/or individual will be subject to disciplinary actions by SYSI as follows:
- 17.17.1 1st infraction – A communication will be sent to the zone president of whichever zone the individual is affiliated with. The zone president will be asked to remind all staff of the importance of the above.
- 17.17.2 2nd infraction – In the event of a second infraction by the same individual a fine may be levied against the zone and determined by SYSI.



- 17.17.3 3rd infraction – In the event of a 3rd infraction said individual will be suspended for a period of time to be determined by SYSI.
- 17.17.4 In the event of repeated infraction by an individual that individual will be asked to resign from SYSI or its member zone.

## 18.0 IDENTIFICATION CARDS

- 18.1 All SYSI registered players and coaching staff in under-11 to under-19 are eligible to obtain photo identification (ID) cards through the SYSI office and when doing so will be assigned a lifetime soccer ID number.
- 18.2 ID cards can be made through **email request** or during a scheduled appointment cost \$20.00 cash only. Requests can be emailed to [info@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca](mailto:info@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca).
- 18.3 Proof of age (hospitalization, birth certificate, or passport) will be required when obtaining initial or replacement card. A player who fails to provide a copy of proof of birth will not be issued an ID card.
- 18.4 ID cards are not required for SYSI league play or SISCO Tournaments. Players are to check with other tournament organizers if they are requiring ID cards.
- 18.5 For provincial competitions, all individuals listed on the roster, including coaching staff participating in a provincial competition must have photo identification, which must be available upon request from the provincial representative(s). Soccer ID cards are acceptable as a form of identification but any type of government issued photo identification such as a passport or driver's license, or any other form of ID card (for example: school or other sport ID card) containing a photo and birthdate will suffice.
- 18.6 For tournaments, ID cards may be required. Teams are to check with the tournament they are attending prior to going to verify whether or not ID cards are required or not at the competition.
- 18.7 ID cards no longer have an expiry date. It is the responsibility of the parent, coach or manager, and player to judge when they no longer resemble the photo on their soccer ID card and at such time they are to obtain a new one. Players that do not resemble their photo may be rejected at a tournament or provincial competition where photo ID cards may be required. There may be the option to present additional information if they no longer resemble the photo on their soccer ID card but it is up to that individual to enquire with the competition as to whether that is an option or not.
- 18.8 An ID card is the property of the player it identifies.
- 18.9 Out-of-district teams playing within the SYSI league will be treated as visiting teams and do not require ID cards (ie: Valley Soccer Association, Prince Albert, Humboldt, etc.). Players belonging to out-of-district teams will not be issued a SYSI ID card.
- 18.10 Out-of-district players released to SYSI for that season may obtain a SYSI ID card for that season.

## 19.0 COACHES AND COACHING QUALIFICATIONS

- 19.1 Coaches are officially affiliated with teams by means of the team roster form (see *Team Registration and Player Affiliation* section).
- 19.2 All coaching staff registered on a team roster or sitting on the bench must also complete the following:
- 19.2.1 Respect In Sport certification (free online).
- 19.2.2 Register online through RAMP as a team personnel either through the zone or community association website or directly through SYSI.
- 19.2.3 Provide a valid criminal records check with vulnerable sector to their zone or community association every two years or sooner if stated by zone or community association's policy.
- 19.3 Coaching staff shall be defined as those individuals in the positions of head coach, assistant coach or apprentice/developmental coach and will typically include all individuals providing technical and tactical guidance to players during game situations.
- 19.4 Team personnel shall include any individual eligible to appear on a game sheet and be on the bench during a game, including the coaching staff, manager, assistant manager, trainer, therapist, gender representative, etc.
- 19.5 RAMP registration is required each season for every coach, assistant coach, manager, and volunteer parent or volunteer participating in any on field activities with the team must be registered and insured through SSA. This does not mean certified with the correct coaching certification but registered to show due diligence in terms of insurance. To ensure you are registered you must be listed on a roster submitted by your team or your zone registrar. The SSA hereby requires that all coaching staff on the bench be age appropriately certified as listed below on the following page.
- 19.3 Each team must have a minimum of one coach with the following certifications:

Age Groups	NCCP Certification	Making Ethical Decisions Course & Online Evaluation (2 steps)	Making Headway e-learning module	Same Gender Rep	True Sport Clean 101 and Role of Athlete Support Personnel e-learning	Respect In Sport Online Certification	RAMP Online Registration	Criminal Record Check
U5 League	Recommended Active Start 1 coach	Not required	Not required	Mandatory Minimum 1 on the bench	Not required	Mandatory All team personnel	Mandatory Team Personnel Register EACH Season. Any individual	Mandatory Minimum every 2 yrs or sooner if zone or CA policy differs. Team personnel

U7-U9 League	<b>Mandatory Fundamentals</b> Minimum 1 coach	<b>Mandatory</b> Minimum 1 coach					who sits on the bench during an SYSI league game assists the team during SYSI league play.	interacting with players must provide criminal record check with vulnerable sector to zone or community.
Age Groups	NCCP Certification	Making Ethical Decisions Course & Online Evaluation (2 steps)	Making Headway e-learning module	Same Gender Rep	True Sport Clean 101 and Role of Athlete Support Personnel e-learning	Respect In Sport Online Certification	RAMP Online Registration	Criminal Record Check
U11-U13 League	<b>Mandatory</b> Learn to Train Minimum 1 coach	<b>Mandatory</b> Minimum 1 coach	Not required	<b>Mandatory</b> Minimum 1 on the bench	Not required	<b>Mandatory</b> All team personnel	<b>Mandatory</b> Team Personnel Register EACH Season. Any individual who sits on the bench during an SYSI league game assists the team during SYSI league play.	<b>Mandatory</b> Minimum every 2 yrs or sooner if zone or CA policy differs. Team personnel interacting with players must provide criminal record check with vulnerable sector to zone or community.
U15-U19 League	<b>Mandatory</b> Soccer for Life Minimum 1 coach	<b>Mandatory</b> Minimum 1 coach	<b>Mandatory</b> Minimum 1 coach					

Age Groups	NCCP Certification	Making Ethical Decisions Course & Online Evaluation (2 steps)	Making Headway e-learning module	Same Gender Rep	True Sport Clean 101 and Role of Athlete Support Personnel e-learning	Respect In Sport Online Certification	RAMP Online Registration	Criminal Record Check
Provincials U15-U19 Indoor 6v6 & Outdoor 11v11	<b>Mandatory</b> HC, AC, App/Dev - Soccer for Life	<b>Mandatory</b> All HC, AC, App/Dev	<b>Mandatory</b> All HC, AC, App/Dev	<b>Mandatory</b> Minimum 1 coach and 1 non-coach on the bench	Not required	<b>Mandatory</b> All team personnel	<b>Mandatory</b> All Team Personnel To Register EACH Season. Any individual who sits on the bench during an SYSI league game assists the team during SYSI league play.	<b>Mandatory</b> Minimum every 2 years or sooner if zone or CA policy differs. Any team personnel interacting with players must provide criminal record check with vulnerable sector to their zone or community.
Provincials U15-U19 Indoor 9v9	<b>Mandatory 2022:</b> HC, AC, App/Dev - Soccer for Life <b>Mandatory 2023:</b> HC - B-License Part 1 certified or CSA Youth License trained AC - C-License certified App/Dev - C-License in training and cannot be gender rep coach							
Outdoor PSL U13	<b>Mandatory 2022</b> HC - C-License certified AC - C-License trained App/Dev - C-License in training and cannot be gender rep coach	<b>Mandatory</b> All HC, AC, App/Dev	<b>Mandatory</b> All HC, AC, App/Dev	<b>Mandatory</b> One same gender head coach or assistant coach on bench at all times AND same gender one non-coach to be identified in advance of each game (manager or trainer)	<b>Mandatory</b> One member of the team personnel for each PSL team			
Outdoor PSL U15-U17	<b>Mandatory 2022</b> HC - B-License Part 1 certified or CSA Youth License trained AC - C-License certified App/Dev - C-License in training and cannot be gender rep coach							

Abbreviations: HC = Head Coach, AC = Assistant Coach, App/Dev = Apprentice/Developmental Coach, PSL = Provincial Soccer League

## 20.0 GAME MANAGEMENT AND REFEREES

- 20.1 All Mini Soccer (under-5, under-7, and under-9) games are under the jurisdiction of the coaches of the competing teams. All matters related to play should be resolved by consensus of the coaches.
- 20.2 A referee has full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in connection with a match to which they are assigned.
- 20.3 The jurisdiction of a referee over the teams in a match to which the referee has been assigned begins at the time the referee arrives at the playing venue.
- 20.4 Under normal circumstances and subject to availability, referees will be assigned for all scheduled youth league and play-off games.
- 20.5 In the event an assigned referee fails to appear or is unable to finish a game:
  - 20.5.1 Re-scheduling of games is very difficult especially during the indoor season, if at all possible, the teams should find a mutually agreeable substitute referee (parent, assistant coach, one coach for each half) and play the scheduled game. Prior to starting or continuing a game with a substitute official, both coaches should sign the game sheet with a note indicating acceptance of the agreed substitute. The substitute referee will be paid for the game at the end of the season as long as they have clearly stated their name and address on the game sheet. If the volunteer referee chooses not to be paid for the game then SYSI will refund the zones at the end of the season.
  - 20.5.2 Failure to agree on a replacement will result in a forfeit for both teams.
- 20.6 Any delay to the start shall be accommodated by reducing the length of the game.

## 21.0 RESCHEDULING AND CANCELING GAMES

- 21.1 Rescheduling Games
  - 21.1.1 Mini games will be done as follows:

- 21.1.1.1 Outdoor season: Rescheduling of all under-5, under-7 and under-9 mini games may be done by agreement of the coaches of the teams involved. SYSI will not reschedule any mini games.
- 21.1.1.2 Indoor season: Rescheduling of under-5 games in elementary school gyms may be done by agreement of the coaches of the teams involved. Rescheduling of under-7 and under-9 mini games is not possible due to limited soccer center availability. SYSI will not reschedule any mini games.
- 21.1.2 Youth games will be done as follows:
  - 21.1.2.1 A rescheduling request form must be completed and signed by both teams involved.
  - 21.1.2.2 The Form and fee must be received in the SYSI office 15 days prior to the original game date.
  - 21.1.2.3 A fee of \$30.00 will be charged for any requests to reschedule a game. The team requesting to reschedule a game will pay the fee.
  - 21.1.2.4 The SYSI office will notify teams of the time and place of a rescheduled game at least 7 days in advance of that game. In the case where games have been rescheduled due to inclement weather the games will be rescheduled and posted on the website within 48 hours. The SYSI office will aim to give at least 7 days' notice prior to a rescheduled game, however it may not always be possible with the shortness of the season or availability of fields.
  - 21.1.2.5 While the SYSI office will consult with teams regarding game rescheduling, the limited availability of playing facilities requires that the SYSI office reserve the right to set the time and date of rescheduled games.
- 21.2 Canceling Games
  - 21.2.1 The SYSI office will make decisions on the general cancellation of games due to inclement weather or other circumstances. Notification of a general cancellation of games will be recorded on the answering machine of the SYSI office telephone and posted on the SYSI website. Decisions regarding general cancellations will be made at 4:00 pm.
  - 21.2.2 Cancellation of under-5, under-7 and under-9 mini games at the soccer pitch due to inclement weather or other circumstances will be by agreement of the coaches of the teams involved.
  - 21.2.3 If thunder roars, go indoors!!! If one hears thunder, the game will immediately be postponed 30 minutes from the time thunder is heard. If thunder and/or lightning continues, teams and the official must wait 30 minutes from the last lightning or thunder strike to continue play.
  - 21.2.4 Cancellation of all youth games at the soccer pitch due to inclement weather or other circumstances will be determined as follows:
    - 21.2.4.1 If a senior referee has been assigned, the decision to cancel or continue a game will be at the sole discretion of the referee.
    - 21.2.4.2 If a youth referee has been assigned to the game, the decision to cancel or continue a game will be made by consultation of the youth referee, and the coaches of the opposing teams. The majority decision will be final and binding.
    - 21.2.4.3 In the event that a game is canceled at the pitch, a game sheet will be completed, noting the reason for cancellation, and submitted to the SYSI office.
    - 21.2.4.4 The SYSI office reserves the right to determine whether a canceled game will be rescheduled. In the case where games have been rescheduled due to inclement weather or field conditions the games will be rescheduled and posted on the website within 48 hours. It will be the responsibility of both teams to check the website for their rescheduled game information. The SYSI office will aim to give at least 7 days' notice prior to a rescheduled game, however it may not always be possible with the shortness of the season or availability of fields.

## 22.0 DEFAULTED AND INCOMPLETE GAMES

- 22.1 Defaulted Games
  - 22.1.1 Mini soccer games cannot be defaulted, however coaches should advise the SYSI office in the event that an opposing team fails to appear for a game.
  - 22.1.2 Youth games will be defaulted as follows:
    - 22.1.2.1 If one team does not have the minimum number of players (see *Number of Players* section) at 10 minutes after the scheduled start time, that team will default the game. The defaulting team will be assigned a 3–0 loss.
    - 22.1.2.2 If both teams do not have the minimum number of players at 10 minutes after the scheduled start time, both teams will default game and no points in the standings will be awarded to either team.
  - 22.1.3 The fine for defaulting or forfeiting games including team(s) not showing up for a scheduled game, team(s) not having enough players 10min after the scheduled time, or team(s) cancelling the game ahead of time will be as follows:
    - 22.1.3.1 First forfeiture \$50; plus the possibility of disciplinary action.
    - 22.1.3.2 Each additional forfeiture \$100; plus the possibility of disciplinary action.
  - 22.1.4 A team that defaults or forfeits two or more games in a season may be subject to disciplinary action.
  - 22.1.5 Under-11 through to under-19 boys and girls teams shall be responsible to their zone for any performance fines.

- 22.1.6 The SYSI office will hold the zone accountable for the payment of any performance fines, in the form of a league bond, in which any of their zone team(s) are responsible for. The zone will then hold the team accountable for payment to the zone. If the team does not pay the zone fees owed to the zone within 30 days, the zone may declare the entire team including all players and coaching staff in bad standing until fees are paid. If SYSI does not receive payment from the zone prior to the end of the applicable season the zone may be ineligible to receive grant funding and/or be placed in bad standing until such fees are received.
- 22.1.7 Each SSA MO (non-zone member) participating in the SYSI league will put forth a bond of \$500 per organization at the start of each season. The member organization will receive their bond at the end of the season so long as all performance fines are paid. If a member organization participates in both indoor and outdoor seasons a one-time bond may be collected at the start of indoor season and refunded at the end of the outdoor season.
- 22.1.8 Performance fines at the discretion of the SYSI office could be charged for the following reasons:
  - 22.1.8.1 Defaulted games, team rosters or game sheets found with ineligible or unregistered team personnel or players for league play, tournament play, or provincials.
  - 22.1.8.2 Any damage to facilities or fields – This includes costs to replace or repair any damages including staff time.
  - 22.1.8.3 Poor conduct subject discipline – This includes coaches, players, and spectators. (Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators).
  - 22.1.8.4 Abuse of referees.
  - 22.1.8.5 Other offenses not listed at the discretion of the SYSI office.
  - 22.1.8.6 Charged performance fines because of discipline problems will not limit further disciplinary action!
  - 22.1.8.7 An appeal against the SYSI office decision can be filed on behalf of the team by the zone president as per the *Appeals Process* section.
- 22.2 Incomplete Games
  - 22.2.1 Youth league games will be considered complete once two-thirds of the scheduled game time is played during the indoor season or one half of the scheduled game time is played during the outdoor season; as determined by the Referee. Incomplete league games will be rescheduled at the discretion of the SYSI office.
  - 22.2.2 Youth league play-off games will only be considered complete once the entire scheduled time, as determined by the Referee, has been played. Incomplete play-off games will be rescheduled.
  - 22.2.3 In the event that a game is not completed because the referee abandoned it, the SYSI office will determine the outcome of the game.
  - 22.2.4 The SYSI office reserves the right, in cases where a defaulted game unduly disadvantages or benefits any team, to assign an appropriate result or reschedule the game in question.

## 23.0 APPEALS PROCESS

- 23.1 Appeals Process:
  - 23.1.1 Appeals must be submitted in writing to the SYSI office, within four (4) working days of the event or decision being appealed outlining the basis of the appeal along with an appeal fee of \$50.00. The fee will be returned if the appeal is upheld. See *Types of Appeals* as to who may submit the appeal.
  - 23.1.2 Decisions of an appeal will be handled by the SYSI Office staff where the appeal is obvious to the rule infractions and does not involve an appeal of an office decision; or by the Appeals Committee; within ten (10) working days of receipt of the appeal.
  - 23.1.3 Unless otherwise stated under *Types of Appeals* below, the outcome of an appeal decided by the Appeals Committee may be appealed to the SSA in accordance with the rules of that body. If the outcome of the decision was made by the SYSI office then the appeal must first be heard by the SYSI Appeals Committee prior to it being appealed to the SSA and re-submitted as per the appeals process.
  - 23.1.4 The Appeals Committee will be made up of a minimum of three members who have been appointed by the SYSI Board and will be chaired by an SYSI Director. The appeal will be heard by no less than two (2) Appeal Committee members. In the case where the Appeal Committee has less than two (2) members available for the appeal, the appellant must give written consent for the appeal to proceed.
  - 23.1.5 The Appeals Committee may require any of the parties to appear before it to answer questions and to present further information, including the originals of the documents submitted to it. Persons appearing before the Appeals Committee must answer its questions truthfully. The Appeals Committee may require the production of further information beyond what is presented by the parties. In reaching a decision, the Appeals Committee will evaluate the credibility of the information presented to it.
- 23.2 Types of Appeals:
  - 23.2.1 Residency Challenge or Poaching:
    - 23.2.1.1 The appellant may appeal the result of a residency challenge or poaching decision to the SYSI office as per the appeals process listed above.
    - 23.2.1.2 Appeals must specify the decision sought to be appealed, the by-law or rule of regulation that has been contravened, and must set out clearly in what respect the decision is alleged to be wrong.
    - 23.2.1.3 If the decision being appealed was reached by the Appeals Committee then the appeal shall not be

accepted. Once the Appeals Committee step has been exhausted the decision is final and appeals regarding residency challenge or poaching shall not be submitted to the SSA as these matters are internal to SYSI.

- 23.2.2 Permission to Play Out-of-Zone (PTPOZ):
  - 23.2.2.1 The appellant may appeal the result of a decision of the home and requested zone to the SYSI office as per the appeals process listed above.
  - 23.2.2.2 Appeals must specify the decision sought to be appealed, the by-law or rule of regulation that has been contravened, and must set out clearly in what respect the decision is alleged to be wrong.
  - 23.2.2.3 Once the Appeals Committee step has been exhausted the decision is final and appeals regarding PTPOZ shall not be submitted to the SSA.
- 23.2.3 Number of Players:
  - 23.2.3.1 The appellant may appeal the result of a decision of the zone TD or SYSI office restricting the approval of the number of excess players on a particular team to the SYSI office as per the appeals process listed above.
  - 23.2.3.2 Appeals must specify the decision sought to be appealed, the by-law or rule of regulation that has been contravened, and must set out clearly in what respect the decision is alleged to be wrong.
- 23.2.4 Discipline:
  - 23.2.4.1 The appellant may appeal the result of a decision of the SYSI office to the SYSI office as per the appeals process listed above.
  - 23.2.4.2 Appeals must specify the decision sought to be appealed, the by-law or rule of regulation that has been contravened, and must set out clearly in what respect the decision is alleged to be wrong.
- 23.2.5 Game Results:
  - 23.2.5.1 The team coach, manager, or zone board member may appeal the result of a youth game to the SYSI office as per the appeals process listed above.
  - 23.2.5.2 Appeals must be based on violations of the SYSI Rules and Regulations. A referee's decision that is based on opinion or judgment is not subject to protest. If there is a misapplication of the laws of the game by the referee, one may appeal the referee's actions for the misapplication only.
  - 23.2.5.3 When an appeal of a game result is upheld, the appealing team will normally be declared 1-0 winners. If the SYSI office or Appeals Committee considers such a result to unduly disadvantage or benefit any team, however, a more appropriate score may be assigned or the appealed game may be rescheduled in whole or part.
  - 23.2.5.4 Notwithstanding the above, the SYSI office reserves the right to overturn or alter the result of any game where there is sound and unequivocal evidence that the spirit of the game as benefits youth soccer has not been preserved.
- 23.2.6 SYSI Office Decision:
  - 23.2.6.1 The zone president may appeal the decision of the SYSI office as per the appeals process listed above.
  - 23.2.6.2 Appeals must specify the decision sought to be appealed, the by-law or rule of regulation that has been contravened, and must set out clearly in what respect the decision is alleged to be wrong.
- 23.2.7 SYSI Advisory Committee Recommendation:
  - 23.2.7.1 Zones may not appeal recommendations of the SYSI Advisory Committee to the Appeals Committee. Instead zones are to submit a proposal to the committee in which the recommendation was rendered for reconsideration including rationale for such recommendation or decision to be overturned or altered.
  - 23.2.7.2 Recommendations or decisions which fall subject to this rule may be those of the SYSI Advisory Committee and any former operational committee decisions made prior to February 3, 2022.

## 24.0 SYSI RULES OF PLAY

- 24.1 The rules under which SYSI league games will be played are as follows:
  - 24.1.1 Under-5 -- 3v3
  - 24.1.2 Under-7 -- 4v4
  - 24.1.3 Under-9 -- 5v5
  - 24.1.4 **Youth Indoor:**
    - 24.1.4.1 9v9 divisions (under-15 to under-19 Alliance Leagues) will play on half-turf under the standard FIFA Outdoor rules with the exception of smaller playing area, fewer players, substitutions as indicated below and offside only in the offensive third.
    - 24.1.4.2 6v6 divisions (under-11 to under-13 Alliance Leagues and under-11 to under-19 City Leagues) will play on quarter-turf or sport court with lined boundaries. Balls out-of-bounds will be restarted by goal kick, corner kick or throw-ins from the sideline.
    - 24.1.4.3 The Referee: No assistant referee will be appointed. The home team will supply an official timekeeper.

- 24.1.4.4 Substitutions: Under-11 to under-19 (all leagues): Unlimited at halfway line on the fly.
- 24.1.4.5 Offside: For 7v7 and 9v9 matches on a half field the offside line will be the attacking third line. Players can be offside if they are passed the offside line in their opponent's 1/3 of the opponent's defensive end of the field. There is no offside for 6v6 matches on a quarter field.
- 24.1.4.6 If the ball contacts the ceiling or a ceiling attached fixture, the game will be restarted directly below the point of contact by an indirect free kick by the team that was not the last to touch the ball.
- 24.1.4.7 For indoor half -turf games, a technical area will be located between the designated line (not closer than 5 meters to the half lines) on one side, and the goal line closer to the substitute bench on the other side. The coach and the other officials must remain within its confines except in special circumstances (injuries) when the referee will give special permission to enter the field of play. The coach and the other officials must behave in a responsible manner.
- 24.1.4.8 For under-11 City League; the defending team must retreat to the half-way line on goal kicks. The team may re-enter the opponent's half once the ball has left the penalty area of the defending team.
- 24.1.4.9 Fouls and Misconducts
  - 1) All divisions - yellow and red cards under the standard FIFA rules.
  - 2) There will not be any time penalties for yellow/red cards.
- 24.1.5 **Youth Outdoor:** The Laws of the Game approved by FIFA, but with the following modification:
  - 24.1.5.1 Format of Play:
    - 1) Under-11 Alliance and City Leagues: all games will be played on a 7v7 format.
    - 2) Under-13 Alliance and City Leagues: all games will be played on a 9v9 format.
    - 3) Under-15 to under-19 City Leagues: all games will be played on a 9v9 format.
    - 4) Under-15 to under-19 Alliance Leagues: all games will be played on a 11v11 format.
  - 24.1.5.2 Substitutions: under-13 to under-19 (all leagues) – unlimited on the fly (limit 2 players at once) at the halfway line.
  - 24.1.5.3 Offside:
    - 1) The offside rule varies with the different formats of play. In 11v11 games the centre line marking the offside line. Under-13 games played inside the Saskatoon Sports Centre are played 9v9 on a half field, however the offside line will be the attacking third line. The under-11 games are played on smaller fields (quarter field inside the Saskatoon Sports Centre, and half field on outside fields) and do not have offside.
    - 2) A player is offside only at the moment the ball is played forward and will only be off-side if there are less than two opponents either level of between the receiving attacker and the goal line. (Note: the goalkeeper is usually one of the two). Attacking line will be indicated by a dotted line across the field
- 24.2 The following general rules apply to all SYSI competitions:
  - 24.2.1 Game and Player Equipment
    - 24.2.1.1 The home team will supply the game ball unless, in the opinion of the referee, the visiting team has a more satisfactory ball.
    - 24.2.1.2 The size of the ball will be as follows:
      - 1) Size 3 for under-5 and under-7 (size 4 is acceptable if a size 3 is not available)
      - 2) Size 4 for under-9 and under-11
      - 3) Size 5 for under-13 through under-19
    - 24.2.1.3 For SYSI Indoor League Play on hard surface a low bounce synthetic ball will be used. For games on artificial turf an outdoor ball will be used.
    - 24.2.1.4 Where the colors of competing teams are similar, the home team will change uniforms. Where alternative uniforms are used, the uniforms need not be numbered.
    - 24.2.1.5 A player shall not wear anything that is dangerous to another player. Usual equipment of a player is a jersey, shorts, socks, shin guards, and footwear.
    - 24.2.1.6 All under-11 to under-19 players are required to wear shin guards. Any player not wearing shin guards will not be allowed to play.
    - 24.2.1.7 The goalkeeper must wear colors that are distinct from those of the other players and the referee.
  - 24.2.2 Corner Kick/Goal Kick Special Rules
    - 24.2.2.1 For under-11 to under-19 goal kicks will be taken as per the FIFA/IFAB laws of the game. For mini age groups please refer to mini age specific rules on the SYSI website.
    - 24.2.2.2 Corner Kicks: All under-11 to under-19 corner kicks will be taken as dictated by the IFAB/FIFA Laws of the Game.
    - 24.2.2.3 Opponents will maintain the distance of 9.15m (10 yards) from the spot of execution.
  - 24.2.3 Game Duration
    - 24.2.3.1 Outdoor season games will consist of two equal periods separated by a 5-minute halftime break.

- The periods will be:
- 1) 25 minutes for under-11
  - 2) 35 minutes for under-13
  - 3) 40 minutes for under-15
  - 4) 45 minutes for under-17, and under-19
- 24.2.3.2 Indoor season games for all age groups will consist of two equal periods of 25 minutes separated by a 5-minute halftime break.
- 24.2.3.3 In regular league play for both indoor and outdoor seasons, no overtime will be played in the event of a tie at the end of regulation time.
- 24.2.3.4 Teams must vacate fields to allow for following games to proceed as scheduled. In the event of late kick-offs or other delays, time allocated for play will not be exceeded and the available playing time will be divided into two equal halves.
- 24.2.3.5 Mini soccer teams will use the following guidelines when they receive an hour allotment of league scheduled time:
- 1) Teams shall share the assigned field with the other scheduled team.
  - 2) Prior to the match, the two scheduled teams shall utilize the first 20-minutes (under-5 and under-7) and the first 15-minutes (under-9) as a practice.
  - 3) A match between the two teams shall follow the practice consisting of 2 x 15-minute halves (under-5 and under-7) and 2 x 20-minute halves (under-9) with a 5-minute halftime.
- 24.2.4 Scoring and Tie Breaking
- 24.2.4.1 In youth league competition, points will be awarded as follows:
- 1) Win: 3 points
  - 2) Tie: 1 point
  - 3) Loss: 0 points
- 24.2.4.2 Tie Breaking Rules
- 1) Where two or more teams are tied in points:
    - a) Teams shall be ranked according to points awarded for the game results among the contending teams.
    - b) If (a) fails to break the tie, contending teams shall be ranked according to the fewest goals allowed against the other contending team(s).
    - c) If (a) and (b) fail to break the tie, contending teams shall be ranked according to the fewest goals allowed in all league games, up to the date the selection must be made.
    - d) If (a), (b) and (c) fail to break the tie, contending teams shall be ranked according to a penalty kick competition as per F.I.F.A. Laws of the Game at a time and place decided by the SYSI office.
    - e) No league championship shall be decided without a playoff where two or more teams have the same number of points at the conclusion of league play. If a playoff procedure has not been previously scheduled by the SYSI office there shall be a playoff game at a time and place decided by the SYSI office between the two most highly ranked teams, as determined by provisions (a) through (d) above if necessary.
  - 2) In playoff competition if the game is still tied after regular game duration:
    - a) Indoor: Two 5-minute overtime periods will be played, if the game is still tied at the end of the second overtime period, the winner will be determined by kicks from the penalty mark.
    - b) Outdoor: Two 10-minute overtime periods will be played, if the game is still tied at the end of the second overtime period, the winner will be determined by kicks from the penalty mark.
    - c) No time out between overtime periods.
    - d) There will be no golden goal.
  - 3) In play-off competition, a team winning a game by penalty kicks will have one (1) goal added to their goal total as it stood prior to the taking of penalty kicks.
  - 4) Shoot-out (penalty kicks) procedures:
    - a) For 5v5 and 6v6 (¼ field) all players may participate in the shoot-out.
    - b) For 11v11, 9v9, 8v8 and 7v7 (½ or full field) only players that are on the field at the end of the overtime period can participate in the shoot-out as per FIFA rules.

## 25.0 RULES FOR SYSI REGISTERED PLAYERS IN THE SASI LEAGUE

- 25.1 Each season SYSI teams playing in the SASI League will receive two schedules:
- 25.1.2 One from the SASI and one from SYSI (any games scheduled by SYSI will follow SYSI; rules any games scheduled by the SASI will follow SASI rules.
- 25.1.3 For SASI games youth teams must still follow youth permit rules or ***the team will lose their youth status.***



- 25.2 Discipline
  - 25.2.1 The SYSI office will deal with discipline received in games scheduled by SYSI.
  - 25.2.2 The SASI Discipline Committee will deal with discipline received in games scheduled by SASI.
  - 25.2.3 Suspensions received from either association will be served in the player's next game(s), no matter which association it was dealt by.

## **26.0 OUT-OF-PROVINCE TRAVEL**

- 26.1 A team wishing to compete under the jurisdiction of another provincial or national association must obtain permission from the SSA. Note that this does not apply to competitions under the jurisdiction of the CSA.
- 26.2 SYSI must request such permission of SSA on behalf of its registered teams.
- 26.3 Teams must complete and submit a current travel permit Form to SYSI by the following deadlines:
  - 26.3.1 For inter-provincial tournaments: 15 days before the tournament.
  - 26.3.2 For tournaments in the United States: 30 days before the tournament.
  - 26.3.3 For international tournaments: 90 days before the tournament.
- 26.4 The travel permit forms are available on the SSA website. Teams are responsible for completing and submitting all appropriate forms by the above stated deadlines.
- 26.5 A travel permit form must be accompanied by a fee set by SSA (these fees are subject to change at the discretion of SSA):
  - 26.5.1 For events in Canada outside of the province of Saskatchewan: \$30
  - 26.5.2 For events in the USA: at cost
  - 26.5.3 For international events: at cost

## **27.0 PROVINCIAL COMPETITIONS AND PROGRAMS**

- 27.1 Provincial Championships
  - 27.1.1 All provincial competitions are governed by rules established by SSA. All those competing in such competitions should be aware that these rules may differ from those used in SYSI league play.
  - 27.1.2 Those competing in provincials are responsible for informing themselves of the rules of competition that apply.
    - 27.1.2.1 Each team must submit payment for applicable fees to SYSI that will be refunded at the end of the season if each team does not incur any fines from SSA regarding roster eligibility/coach registration.
  - 27.1.3 Note that current SSA regulations stipulate that the deadline for the transfer and addition of players is as set by SSA. The following provincial competitions are offered in each season:
    - 27.1.3.1 Indoor season: Provincial competitions are currently held for 6v6 quarter-field and 9v9 half-field boys and girls in the age groups of under-15, under-17, and under-19.
    - 27.1.3.2 Outdoor season: Provincial competitions are currently held for 11v11 full-field boys and girls in the age groups of under-15, under-17, and under-19.

## **28.0 AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 28.1 The SYSI Rules and Regulations can be amended, altered, or appealed in whole or in part by the SYSI board of directors.