



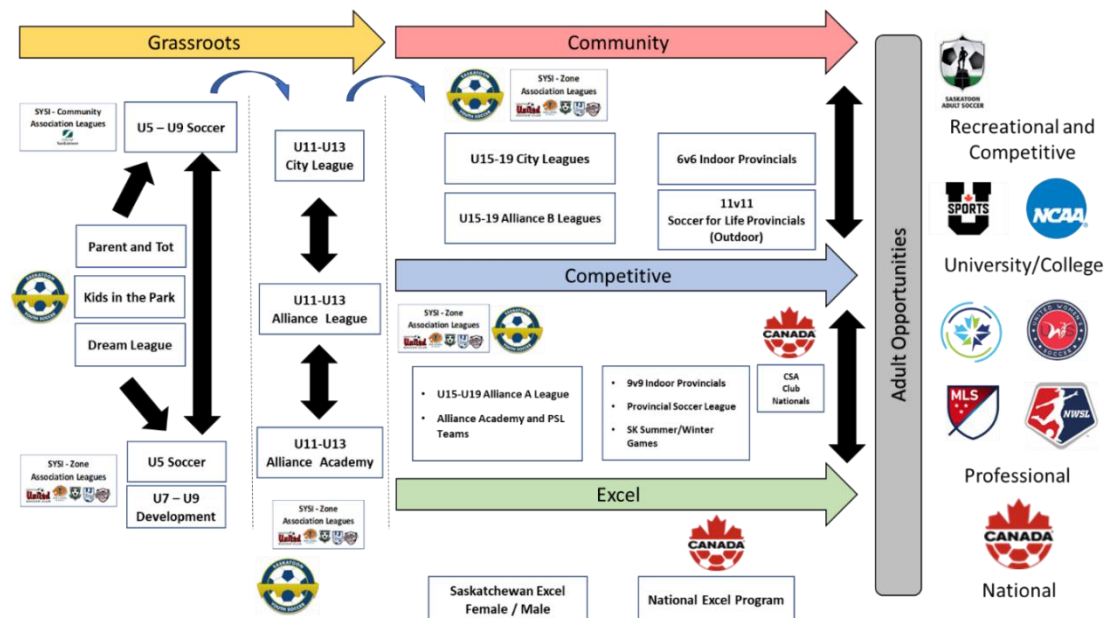
# SYSI Player Management Processes

## Canada Soccer and Saskatchewan Soccer Association Pathways:

Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc (SYSI) programs look to provide pathways and opportunities from Pre grassroots up to Adult Soccer. This is done so by aligning with and supporting Canada Soccer Long Term Player Development, Canada Soccer Grassroots guidelines and in consideration of the plans and pathways within Saskatchewan Soccer and Canada Soccer.



## Saskatoon Youth Soccer Player Pathways





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Player management Processes is driven by progress through the pathway above. It should be noted that each zone may have a pathway structure through their club in addition to the SYSI pathway, and it is recommended to become familiar with this pathway as well. The processes may embrace the following components:

- Player registration processes and compliance with SYSI and SSA registration requirements
- Player on-field evaluations to support team selections
- Player mid-season and end of season coach assessments
  - For player development tracking
  - For input to team selections
- Technical Evaluation team in place – management and organisation for players evaluations and team placement, team assessments and team formations
- Bio-banding considerations (in line with SYSI guidance processes and competition alignment)

## Grassroots

Comprised of Active Start (U5), Fundamentals (U7 and U9) and Learn to Train (U11 and U13) levels.

- U5 and Parent and Tot (Pre Grassroots) – Introductory environment to the sport and to Saskatoon Youth Soccer
  - Pathway Progression: U7 – U9 (Fundamentals) streams of programming
- U7 and U9 - comprised of two streams: Community (recreational) and Development
  - Based on commitment level (weekly)
    - Community – One game, optional trainings determined by Community Association
    - Development – One game, two trainings determined by the club
  - Pathway Progression: U11-U13 (Learn to Train) streams of programming
- U11 and U13 – all programming offered through 5 Zone Clubs in SYSI (Aurora, Eastside, Hollandia, Lakewood and SUSC)
  - Comprised of two streams of competition: City Recreational League and Alliance League (competitive)
    - City Rec League (Soccer for Life) – extends a purely recreational opportunity for the sport throughout the Youth Soccer experience (U11-U19) with the aim of providing a place for everyone to play and creating players for life.
      - Commitment: Game and optional club training (per week basis)
      - Pathway Progression: Can continue with City Recreation stream or transition into Competitive Alliance stream



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- Alliance League (Learn to Train/Soccer for Life) – provides an opportunity for players to play and hone their skills, committing to more soccer events throughout the playing calendar. Players in this stream will start to develop for higher levels of competitions as they progress through the age groups (Provincial Championships, Provincial Soccer League (PSL), Summer/winter games) As well as opportunities to join Alliance Academy.
  - Commitment: Game and minimum two training sessions (per week basis)
  - Pathway Progression: Can continue with Competitive Alliance Stream or transition into City Rec Stream; U13 age players can start to play in the Provincial Soccer League with their Zone Clubs

## Community

Comprised of Soccer for Life (U15 – U19)

- City Rec League (Soccer for Life) – extends a purely recreational opportunity for the sport throughout the Youth Soccer experience (U11-U19) with the aim of providing a place for everyone to play and creating players for life.
  - Commitment: Game and optional club training (per week basis)
  - Pathway Progression: Create environments that see players enjoy playing the game for life and transitioning to playing in the local adult league; or Transition into Alliance League (competitive) programming

## Competitive

Comprised of Soccer for Life (U15 – U19), Training to Train (U15) and Training to Compete (U15-U19) levels.

Alliance League (competitive)

- Alliance League (Train to Train/Train to Compete/Soccer for Life) – provides an opportunity for players to play and hone their skills, committing to more soccer events throughout the playing calendar. Players in this stream will train and compete for the higher levels of competitions as they progress through the age groups (Provincial Championships, Provincial Soccer League (PSL), Summer/winter games). As well as opportunities to join Alliance Academy and Alliance PSL
  - Commitment: Game and minimum two training sessions (per week basis)
  - Pathway Progression: Players can join Alliance Academy (Indoor); and Alliance PSL teams (outdoor) competing at the highest level in the province; Players can also be identified and invited into Saskatchewan Soccer's Provincial Excel program (Training to Win Level; Provincial and National Pathway) by Zone Club and Alliance Technical Leads as well as by the identification of the Provincial Excel Program Director (does not include U19 players).



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## **Alliance Academy, Academy League and the Provincial Soccer League**

Comprised of Training to Train (U15) and Training to Compete (U15-U19)

### **U15**

- Alliance Academy Training (Training to Train) – Supplemental Training for players during the indoor season to complement the training and games they receive through their zone clubs. Focus on player development through technical and tactical approaches as an Alliance player.
  - Commitment: On field training, gym sessions with Sports Science team, and mental skills training
  - Pathway Progression: Selection to Alliance PSL teams; identification to the Saskatchewan Excel Program (Train to Win/Provincial and National pathway)

### **U15 – U17 Alliance PSL Teams and U17 – U19 Alliance Academy League (Training to Compete)**

- Alliance PSL Program (Training to Compete) – Full time program that forms teams to compete in the Provincial Soccer League during the outdoor season in Saskatchewan. This is the highest level of competition in the province. Players in this stream will see increased demands in commitment and are now working to hone their soccer skills under a variety of competitive conditions in an 11 v 11 game format that mirrors adult play. Along with the continued refinement of advanced techniques, players work to develop their tactical awareness, discipline and mental toughness.
  - Commitment: On field training, gym sessions with Sports Science team, and mental skills training, classroom type sessions (i.e. video review)
  - Pathway Progression: identification to post-secondary institutions; identification to the Saskatchewan Excel Program (Train to Win/Provincial and National pathway); transition to local adult league soccer

### **Saskatoon Adult Soccer League (Soccer For Life)**

- Saskatoon Adult Soccer League – is the local soccer for players that have graduated through their youth career and want to continue playing locally in Saskatoon. The league has many different levels of play to accommodate the wide range of skill and experience in Saskatoon. Youth players are encouraged to speak to their clubs about any adult teams or opportunities in their clubs.
  - Commitment: Based on the team – minimum a game per week



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Team selection and placement is the responsibility of the Zone and Community associations within SYSI. SYSI is directly responsible for the formation of training groups and teams for the Alliance Programs. Team selection and placement in all SYSI environments is age specific, and tiering starts at the U11 age group in line with SYSI League structure for competitive play. U5-U9 has no consideration of skills grouping however, the Skills Centre programs offered by Zone Associations does seek to provide players seeking additional challenges, sessions and grouping which offer this. For both these age groups the emphasis is on LTPD training principles in the LTPD Fundamentals and Learning to Train Stages. Aspects such as playing with friends, local community location of training facilities, appropriate time of day for training and training in small groups are primary considerations for pre-Grassroots and Grassroots programs.

Throughout SYSI, players have the opportunity to progress through the pathway streams and to play on higher tiered teams through the player assessment processes applied by zones and by SYSI for the Alliance program.

It is recognized and understood that players seek opportunities to progress to play at higher standards and have opportunity to play on higher tiered teams and have opportunities to move across streams and pathways. The Player Evaluation processes offer this opportunity and specifically addresses the question of players being ready to play at a higher tier or age group.

In addition to the evaluation processes, player development opportunity is further supported through:

- Bio banding applying the SYSI guidance
- Age group play ups – team selections are made with this objective in mind
- Training play up opportunities
- Age Play up opportunities
- Team Tournament play up opportunities

The process of player management and pursuing appropriate opportunities and pathways for players requires close coach to coach communication which is applied under the facilitation and support of the SYSI and zone Technical Leads.