



# 2024 Weyburn Soccer Association

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### WHEN & WHERE

The WSA Frostival Youth Tournament will run **March 8-10th, 2024** in the **Credit Union Spark Center (540 5th Street)**. Traveling teams (from more than 150 KMs away) will not play their first games until 12:00 PM or later on Friday March 8th. Games could start as early as 7:00 AM on Saturday, and Sunday.

### TEAM AND PLAYER REGISTRATION

Team registration will be online only. Online registration will be available using the tournament link on the Weyburn Soccer Association (WSA) website ([www.veyburnsoccer.com](http://www.veyburnsoccer.com)). Registration will be accepted on a first come basis. All age groups will be capped at 4 teams. Teams are required to submit their team registration by 5:00 pm on January 7th, 2024. Rosters will have to be filled out by February 25th, 2024. Teams will be emailed a receipt once their online registration has been completed. If you do not receive a receipt, contact the Weyburn Soccer Treasurer - [wsatreasurer@sasktel.net](mailto:wsatreasurer@sasktel.net). Should your registration fee not be paid to the Weyburn Soccer Association prior to the registration deadline (January 7th, 2024), your registration will be considered incomplete and removed.

#### Registration Fees (3 game guarantee):

- U9 open - **\$200**
- U11,13,15,17 Division 2 - **\$250**



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Teams will receive official confirmation of acceptance via email by the end of day January 12th, 2024. Teams not accepted will be refunded their registration fee. Any changes to rosters will need to be completed by the end of day February 25th, 2024. Team selection into the WSA Frostival tournament and player eligibility is at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee. All players/team personnel must be registered with their local District/Provincial Association. Travel permits are required from all out of province/country teams. Travel permits must be received by WSA prior to the tournament start date.

## AGE CATEGORIES AND DIVISIONS

- U9 (2015, 2016)
- U11 (2013, 2014)
- U13 (2011, 2012)
- U15 (2009, 2010)
- U17 (2007, 2008)

**U9 IS OPEN DIVISION, ALL OTHER DIVISIONS ARE DIV.2 ONLY**



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### FORMAT

- U9 will play 5v5 (including GK) on a modified  $\frac{1}{4}$  field, using a size 3 ball
- U11 and U13 will play 7v7 (including GK) on a  $\frac{1}{4}$  field. U11 will use a Size 4 ball, U13 will use a size 4 ball.
- U15 and U17 will play 6v6 (including GK) on a  $\frac{1}{4}$  field, using a size 5 ball

\*\*PLEASE NOTE U9 AND U11 AGE GROUPS WILL USE KICK IN INSTEAD OF THROW INS AND WILL ALSO PLAY WITH RETREAT LINE TO HALF.\*\*

### GAME PROCEDURES

Game sheets (rosters) will be prepared in advance by the Tournament Committee and must be reviewed and signed by a team official at least 15 minutes prior to each game.

The home team is required to supply the game balls and must be prepared to change jerseys if there is a color conflict.

U9 and U11 games will be two 20-minute halves. All other divisions will play two 25-minute halves. **There will be no overtime!**



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### TEAM ROSTER

Rosters must be entered when registering your team. All teams can register and dress up to 14 players.

All participants must be registered and in good standing with their District, Provincial, State and/or National Soccer Association. Players can only be registered with one team.

Roster changes or additions must be approved by the Tournament Organizing committee. **No changes will be made to rosters within 14 days prior to tournament start date.**

### TEAM PERSONNEL

**Team Personnel – Only 4 team personnel will be allowed on a roster/bench.**

Weyburn Soccer Association has adopted the “RULE of TWO” – There must be a minimum of 2 (two) team staff (adults), one must be the same gender as the players, in all situations where the athlete is potentially vulnerable. This includes the dressing room and on the bench.

All Saskatchewan team personnel **MUST** have their RIS. All team personnel listed as coach or assistant coach must have their age-appropriate coach certification listed on the roster. If a member of the team personnel does not have the corresponding certifications, they will not be allowed to sit on the bench. Respect in Sport (RIS) certification can be obtained through the following website:



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<https://sasksrc.respectgroupinc.com/secure/>. All Coaches must be certified at the appropriate level as per SSA guidelines:



### SASKATCHEWAN SOCCER ASSOCIATION MINIMUM COACHING STANDARDS

Version 3 (FALL 2023)

GRASSROOTS STREAM			
	U5	U7 to U9	U11 to U13
<b>*MODIFIED Safe Sport Roster requirements</b>	Coaching Soccer in Canada online module + (CRC / VSC   RIS)	Coaching Soccer in Canada online module + (CRC / VSC   RIS)	Coaching Soccer in Canada online module + (CRC / VSC   RIS)
OR			
<b>FULL Safe Sport requirements</b>	Active Start – Theory and Practical Modules + CRC / VSC   RIS   MED   MHW   EAP   RoF2	FUNDamentals – Theory and Practical Modules + CRC / VSC   RIS   MED   MHW   EAP   RoF2	Learn 2 Train – Theory and Practical Modules + CRC / VSC   RIS   MED   MHW   EAP   RoF2
<small>*Modified Safe Sport Roster is for Member Organizations whose: Programming / competition is delivered within their member organization or community only. ii. Programs do not travel outside their community for competition, league play or Tournaments against other member clubs or associations. iii. Parents/guardians are present and able to observe all components of the program</small>			
COMMUNITY STREAM			
	U15   U17   U19	ADULT (Teams with youth players)	
<b>Head Coach &amp; Assistant Coach</b>	Soccer 4 Life – Theory and Practical Full Safe Sport Roster: CRC / VSC   RIS   MED   MHW   EAP   RoF2	Soccer 4 Life – Theory Full Safe Sport Roster: CRC / VSC   RIS   MED   MHW   EAP   RoF2	

## GUEST PLAYERS

There are only 3 guest players allowed per team. All guest players must be identified on the roster form as an 'Affiliate Player'(AP) at the time of registration.

Players are not permitted to 'play down' into a different age group.. For example, a player registered on a U13 team cannot be a guest player on a U11 team.

Any player participating as a guest player must have written permission to participate from the Member Organization and/or Entity with whom s/he is registered. This must be sent into the Tournament Committee prior to the tournament start date.

**All guest players must be approved by the Tournament Committee**



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### THE TURF

- The facility utilizes an Astro Turf playing surface.
- Spitting on the turf will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion.
- Rounded cleats and turf shoes are allowed. No bladed or metal cleats allowed.
- Water only allowed on the pitches - no sports drinks or other beverages.
- Only team players and personnel are permitted on the turf.

### CHANGE ROOMS

During your game, please leave all bags in the locker rooms. Change rooms can be accessed up 25 minutes prior to game time and must be vacated within 15 minutes after game end. Only team players and team personnel are permitted in the change room area. It is the teams' responsibility to clean up the room upon leaving. If you leave the room in a mess, you could be fined or prohibited from using a dressing room.

### ADMISSION

- Weekend Pass: \$20
- Day Pass: \$10

There is no charge for players and managers/coaches (maximum 4 team staff per team).



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\*\*Please note there will also be 50/50 draws and door prizes being offered throughout the weekend\*\*

### DISCIPLINE

Discipline matters will be dealt with by the Tournament Discipline Committee. Players who have received a red card will be required to leave the field of play and report to Tournament Headquarters within one hour of game completion. Failure to appear may result in suspension from the Tournament.

The player's home club and provincial association may be notified of any suspensions.

Weyburn Soccer has adopted a **zero tolerance policy**. Weyburn Soccer Association is a strong supporter of making sport safe for its youth. This policy is to help ensure the safety and enjoyment of soccer for all, by condemning all forms of abuse - verbal, physical, emotional and sexual – while attempting to protect individuals from abuse.

WSA supports zero tolerance as it relates to all forms of abuse: verbal, physical, emotional, and sexual.

All relationships within WSA context – whether involving members of the Board of Directors, Club staff, coaches/managers, volunteers, players, parents/family members, supporters or referees – must be based on mutual trust and respect.

Any act of abuse is a betrayal of that trust. WSA will investigate and act upon all complaints or reports of inappropriate behavior. This Zero



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### Reporting Guidelines and Procedures

1. Violations of the Zero Tolerance Policy should be reported immediately to WSA and/or by those close to them (a parent, a teammate, a coach etc.).
2. A complaint can be communicated verbally, initially, to a Club official or employee but must be followed up in writing (letter and/or email). A complaint should be filed submitting a WSA Incident Form to WSA. If the complaint involves physical or sexual abuse, will contact the police if the individual alleging abuse has not already done so and with the individual's consent.
3. All complaints of abuse will be immediately investigated by WSA.
4. All complaints to WSA must be in written form before a complaint is dealt with. However, WSA will immediately report criminal activities to the police (with the consent of the individual alleging abuse) without a written complaint.
5. Once a written complaint has been filed with WSA, a discipline committee consisting of at least three Board members will discuss the complaint with the individual alleging abuse (note: in the case of sexual abuse, WSA may designate a Club official of the same gender as the individual alleging abuse to contact the victim).
6. A Board member assigned to lead the investigation into the complaint will schedule a Discipline Hearing within ten (10) business days of notice in the individual(s) whom the complaints have been filed against. The individual(s) who are named on the complaint shall be





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contacted by registered mail and requested to appear at the Discipline Hearing.

7. In the case of Physical Abuse such as fighting, kicking, etc. the Discipline Committee will decide between either a Discipline by Review or Discipline by Hearing process to determine appropriate penalties and/or suspensions.
8. Discipline shall be heard by three (3) Board members one of whom is the Discipline Chair. If a certified Chair is not available within WSA, the Saskatchewan Soccer Association will be asked to provide a certified Chair for these purposes.
9. The committee shall hold a hearing and invite the individual(s) named on the complaint to be present at the hearing. Only individuals called by the committee shall be allowed to participate in a hearing. The committee shall then deliberate in camera following the meeting with the individual(s) who are named on the complaint.
10. The decision shall be communicated to the individual alleging abuse and the individual named in the complaint within ten (10) working day of the Hearing.
11. Penalties for contravening the Zero Tolerance Policy can range from a permanent suspension from WSA, suspension for a specified period, and a probationary period where the individual can continue with WSA. All committee decisions are final.
12. Individual(s) who are charged with a criminal offense involving WSA related incidents shall be immediately suspended from WSA pending resolving of the charges. No Discipline Hearing shall take place when an individual is facing criminal charges WSA related



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incidents. WSA members who are convicted of a Criminal Code of Canada offense are subject to suspension or removal.

13. Any individual who is convicted of a criminal offense resulting from sexual or physical abuse shall be banned for life from WSA.
14. Individual(s) who violate the Zero Tolerance Policy for non-criminal activities may apply for reinstatement to in writing WSA one month prior to the end of a time specified penalty.

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### Handling Incidents of Abuse during a Tournament game (physical, verbal or emotional abuse)

1. The referee must suspend a game if an abuse incident involving a coach, player or parent/spectator occurs during a game.
2. If a coach is the source of the abuse, the referee will advise the coach that the game will be abandoned if the abuse continues.
3. If a parent/spectator is the source, the appropriate coach will be informed that the game will be abandoned unless the abuse ceases. If the source is a supporter, the appropriate coach will provide the referee with the name of the supporter and the coach must advise the fan that the next occurrence of a similar nature will result in abandonment of the game. If the spectator is not associated with either team, both coaches will be asked to speak to the spectator and request them to leave the field area.
4. The game will be restarted by the referee only if the abuse ceases, with a dropped ball at the location where the play was stopped.
5. The incident shall be reported to the WSA by the referee in charge immediately following the game completion or abandonment.



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6. If the abuse continues, the referee will abandon the game and clearly indicate on the game sheet that the game was abandoned due to abuse.
  7. The senior game official must immediately report the incident to the WSA and fill out a Special Incident Form within 24 hours.
  8. In cases of physical abuse on a referee, a "Referee Assault Form" must be completed by the referee.
  9. WSA will report all incidents of a criminal nature immediately to police.
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### This Zero Tolerance Policy applies to:

- All members of the Club Board of Directors
- All Club staff members
- All coaches
- All managers
- All players
- All parents/family members/guardians/caregivers
- All referees
- All volunteers

This Zero Tolerance Policy shall be posted on the WSA'S website always and communicated to parents and players at the beginning of every program cycle. Ignorance of the Zero Tolerance Policy shall not be considered a valid defense against a complaint.



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### **PROTESTS**

Protests will not be heard on a judgment call by a Referee or Assistant Referee (Linesperson).

Protests will be heard on eligibility or technical matters provided they are in writing and submitted to the Tournament Committee within 15 minutes of the completion of the game in question. The protest must be accompanied by a \$125 fee. If the protest is upheld the \$125 will be refunded.

### **SASKATCHEWAN TRAVEL POLICY**

All out of province or out of country teams must have a travel permit. SSA sanctioning requires that teams traveling from out of province must submit their travel permits to WSA prior to the tournament start date.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Weyburn Soccer Association, its officials and the Saskatchewan Soccer Association are not responsible for any expenses incurred by any team if the tournament is canceled in whole or in part. Teams that are delayed by weather will not be refunded.



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### **REFUND POLICY AND CANCELLATION POLICY**

If your team must cancel, please contact [wsatechdirector@sasktel.net](mailto:wsatechdirector@sasktel.net) immediately. Teams that withdraw or cancel after January 7th , 2024 will forfeit their entire entry fee.

### **EMERGENCY PROTOCOL**

There will be WSA members available with First-Aid, Defibrillator, and CPR training. Report all injuries to a WSA field marshal so that an injury report can be completed if necessary.

### **TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS**

Tournament Headquarters will be located at the Credit Union Spark Center Multi Purpose rooms.

### **HOTEL PARTNERSHIP**

Weyburn Soccer has a sponsorship agreement with Ramada Weyburn and Canalta Weyburn. We have blocked rooms to get preferred pricing for all the traveling teams to our tournaments. Please call hotels directly to reserved your teams rooms.



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## QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please contact us by email:

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