



2023 YEAR IN REVIEW



Board of Directors



Mary Jo Spence



Katherine Simonson



Douglas Ratke



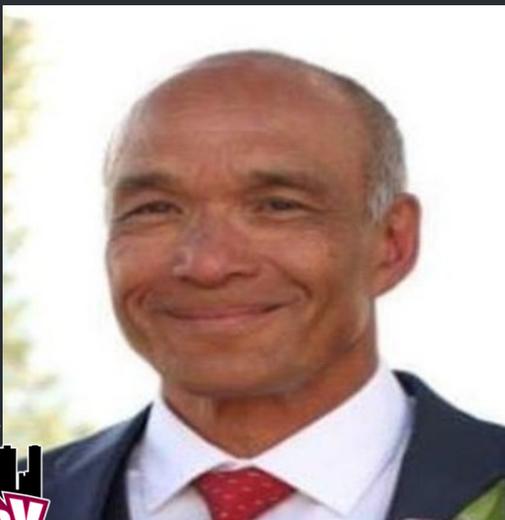
Amanda Wang



Mary Dewar



Mazen Hassanin



Laurence Pan



Jill Stewart



Natalie Wilkinson-Houghton



STRATEGIC PLAN

Calgary Women's Soccer Association
2023 and Beyond



The Board of Directors created the 2023 (and beyond) strategic plan for the Calgary Women's Soccer Association to provide a roadmap for our organization. The process of creating a strategic plan allows the board and staff to outline the organization's most important priorities, ensuring that everyone is aligned around our mission, vision, values, and priorities. The strategic plan will serve as a guide for major decisions and will help unify the board and staff to work towards the same goals.

view the strategic plan on our website

MyCWSA.ca

We feel that in our community, it is important to support organizations that foster the same values as ours.

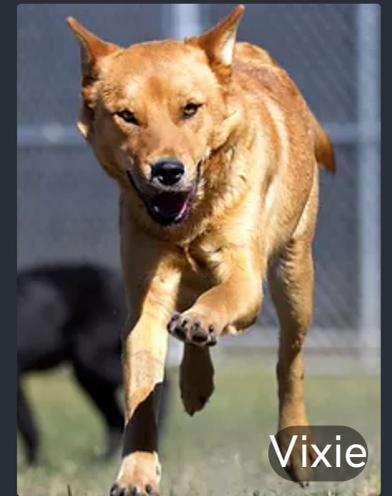
Kidsport Calgary assists over 1,500 kids in soccer annually, and over the past 7+ years they have supported more than 10,000 local kids.

Each season, the CWSA donates \$5 to Kidsport for every team that registers in the league.

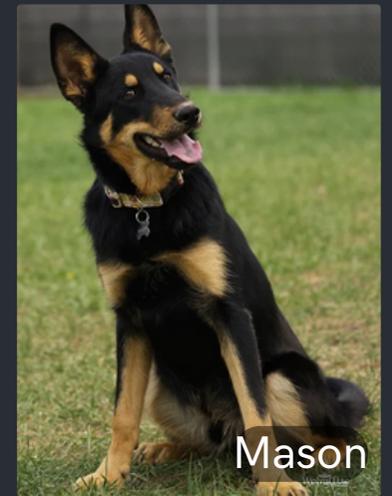
THE CWSA DONATED \$560

to Kidsport Calgary for the Indoor 2022-23 season on behalf of our Members. Donations for the Outdoor 2023 and Indoor 2023-24 seasons will be made in the Spring of 2024.





Vixie



Mason



Fordie

As the holiday season approached this year, our team at the CWSA proudly continued our tradition of giving back to the community.

This year, we selected the Heaven Can Wait Animal Rescue Foundation as our cause, and we're thrilled to share the success of our collective efforts. Together, we successfully collected an impressive

★ **200 POUNDS** ★

in donated items.

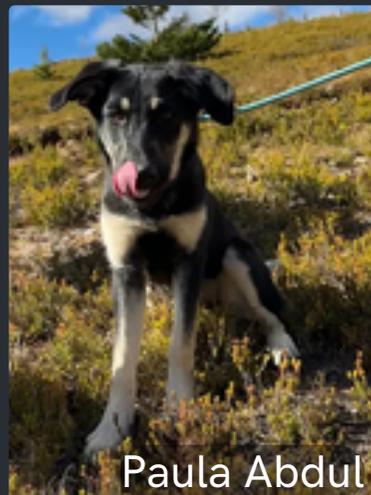
Thanks to your generosity, we made a significant contribution to the well-being of animals in need. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to each member who participated and contributed to this meaningful cause. Your support embodies the true spirit of the season, and we are grateful to have such a compassionate community. Thank you for being a part of our mission to make the holidays brighter for both people and animals alike. We will be handing off your donations during the holiday break.



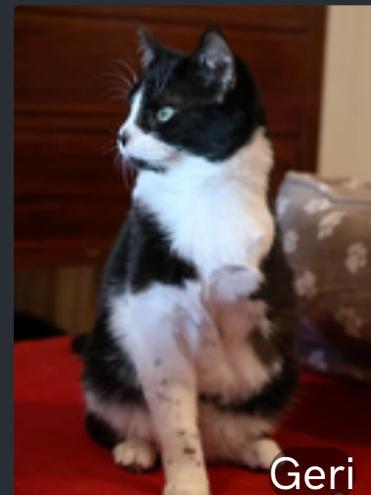
Monty



Emily



Paula Abdul



Geri



Cheeks



INDOOR 2022-23



851 Hours of Soccer

2 Programs
Boarded + 7v7

2,184*
Players Registered

938
Games Played

112 Teams

209
Coaches & Managers

6048 Goals,
203 Shut-outs

15
divisions

252 players
registered in both
programs

100 Yellow, 9 Red
Cards

*includes all registrants in both programs

INDOOR PROVINCIALS 2023

Division 1

Gold - Alliance

Silver - Impero FC Venom

Division 2

Gold - Wrangler Raiders

Division 3

Gold - Impero FC Puma

5th - Westwinds



OUTDOOR 2023



1,137 Hours of Soccer

2 Programs
11v11 + 8v8

2,334*
Players Registered

875
Games Played

104 Teams

197
Coaches & Managers

3,904 Goals,
399 Shut-outs

14
divisions

261
players registered in
both programs

77 Yellow, 2 Red
Cards

*includes all registrants in both programs

OUTDOOR PROVINCIALS 2023

Premier

Gold - CSWU II Premiers

Classics Major

Bronze - Alliance O30

4th - Tsunami Blues

Division 1

Silver - Villains FC

4th - CNS Fiore

Division 2

Gold - CJSC

4th - Impero FC Primo

Division 3

3rd/4th - BB United

3rd/4th - Impero FC Puma

5/6th - Westwinds



FAIRPLAY AWARD WINNERS

INDOOR 2022-23

Boarded

Division 1 - Ragazze United
Division 2 - CFC Rangers
Division 3 - Impero FC Puma
Division 4 - Adrenaline Eagles
Division 5 - Typhoons
Division 6 - Vixens FC
Over 40 Tier 1 - Calgary West Banyana Banyana
Over 40 Tier 2 - Cougars
Over 40 Tier 3 - Calgary Stealers

7v7

Tier 1 - SWU Premiers
Tier 2 - Impero FC Panthers
Tier 3 - Pinnacle FC
Tier 4 - Re-United
Tier 5 - Airdrie United Aztecs
Tier 6 - Angels

Evaluations
Submitted:
787

OUTDOOR 2023

11v11

Premier - Impero FC Panthers
Division 1 - Pinnacle FC
Division 2 - Impero FC Primo
Division 3 - Impero FC Puma
Division 4 - Cochrane Rangers
Division 5 - Rage/Valkyries (*tied*)
Over 40 - McKenzie United

8v8

Division 2 - Ragazze United
Division 4 - Airdrie United Aztecs
Division 5 - Estrellas FC/Shooter Girls FC (*tied*)
Over 40 - Calgary Stealers

Evaluations
Submitted:
758



TOURNAMENTS

The CWSA hosted 3 tournaments in 2023

	Spring Cup	Calgary Clash	Kickstart
Teams	57	21	34
Players	917	342	596
Games	114	42	68
Goals	747	135	410
Shut-outs	22	28	17
Minutes Played	5700	2520	3400



UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

SPRING CUP

Date: April 5-7, 2024

Location: Calgary Soccer Centre

Format: Indoor Boarded (6v6)

Age Groups: Open, Over 30, Over 40

Divisions: Competitive & Recreational

4 games guaranteed

Our most popular tournament of the year, with teams travelling from all over Alberta and Western Canada. Last year we had 57 teams total, 27 of which were from out of town. This year we will be adding a social event on the Friday evening of the tournament. Stay tuned for all the details!

Registration opens in mid-january.



CALGARY CLASH

Date: April 26-28, 2024

Location: Calgary Soccer Centre

Format: Outdoor 8v8

Age Groups: Open

Divisions: Competitive and Recreational

4 games guaranteed

A fantastic way to transition back into outdoor soccer after a long winter. Registration will open in early February. Register early to avoid disappointment!

INDOOR PROVINCIALS 2024

The CWSA intends to send 2 representatives to the 2024 Indoor Senior Provincial Championships in each of the following divisions: **Boarded - Division 1, Division 2, and Division 3**

It is expected that **Calgary** will host all Senior women's competitions this season.

OUTDOOR 2024

Preparations for the outdoor season are already underway! Team registration details and season information will be posted on our [Outdoor 2024 season information page](#) in the New Year.



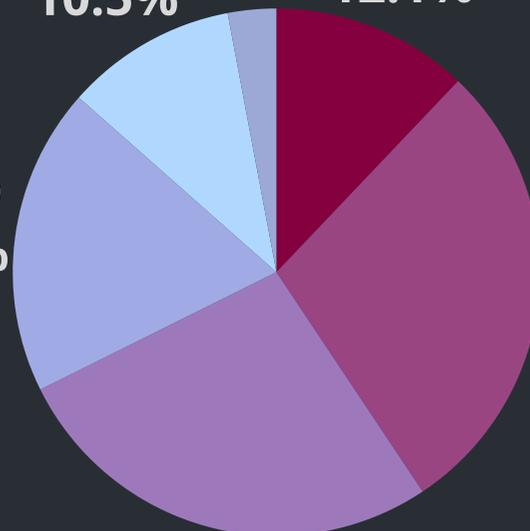
LEAGUE AGE DISTRIBUTION

Indoor 2023-24



50-59 10.5%
60+ 3%
16-19 12.1%

40-49
18.9%



20-29
28.5%

30-39
27%



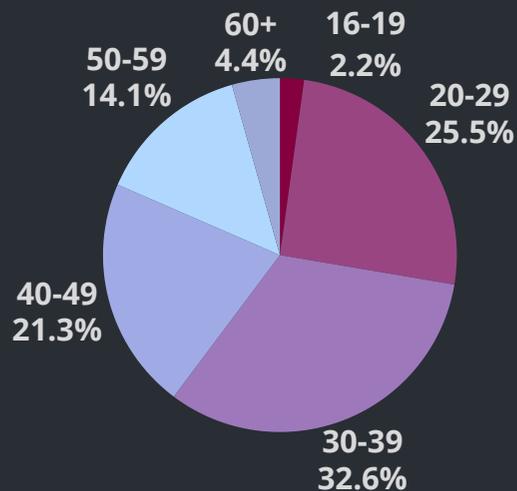
As of Dec 2023

AGE DISTRIBUTION COMPARISON

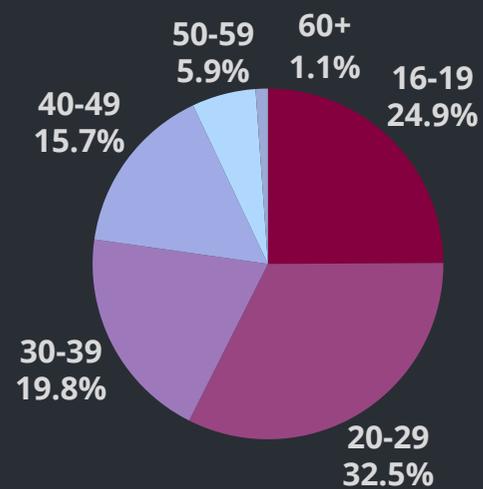
Indoor 2023-24



BOARDED



7V7

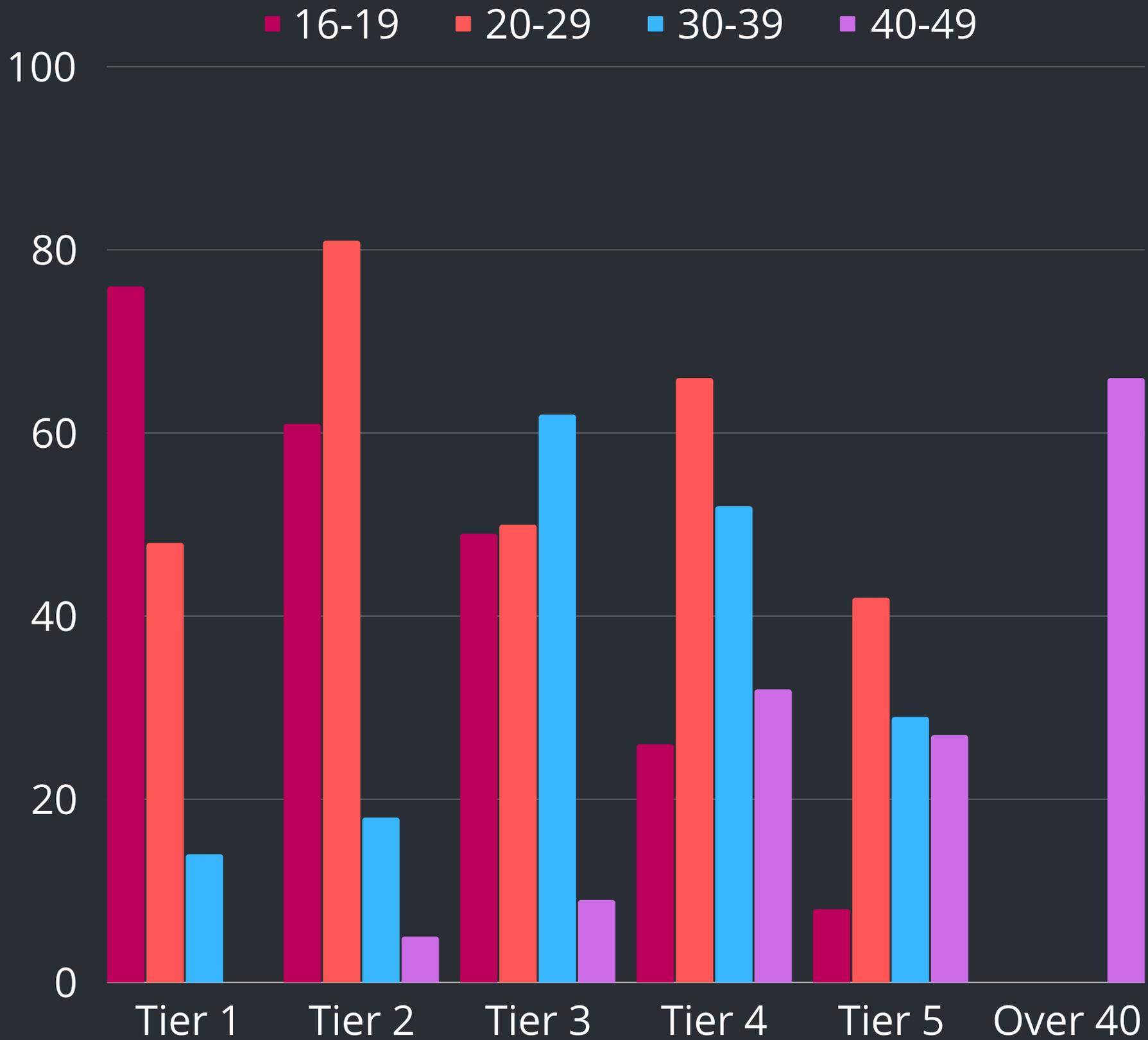


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AGE DISTRIBUTION BY DIVISION

Indoor 2023-24

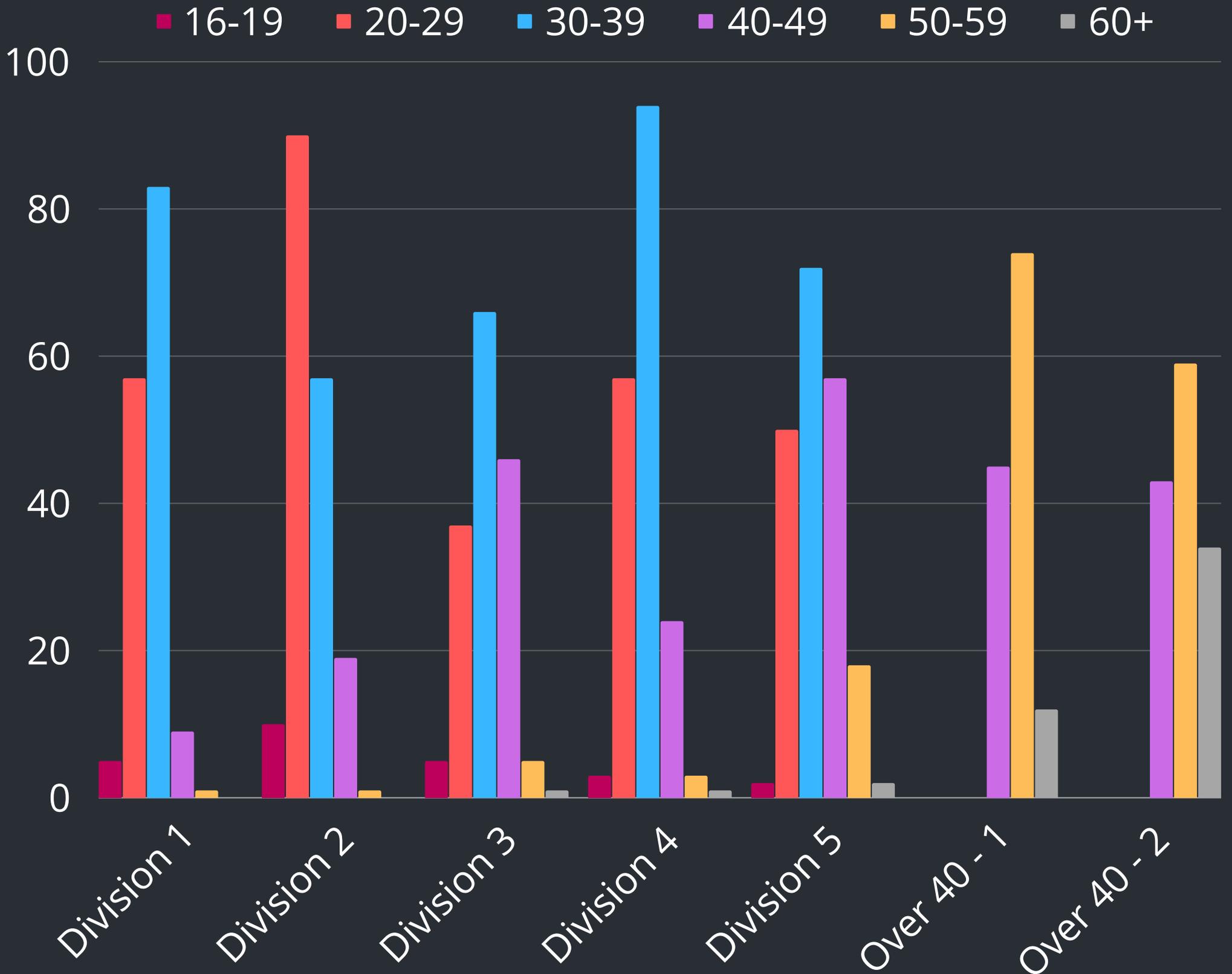
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AGE DISTRIBUTION BY DIVISION

Indoor 2023-24

BOARDED

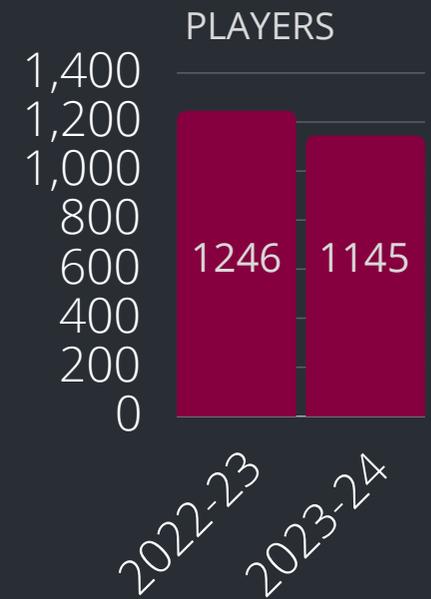
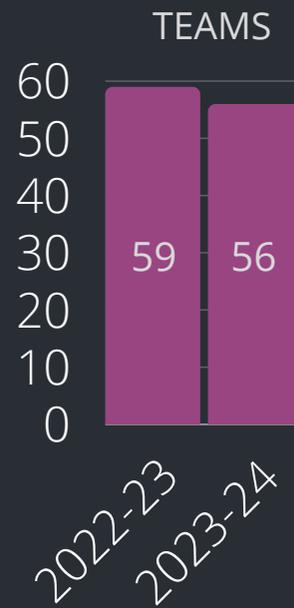
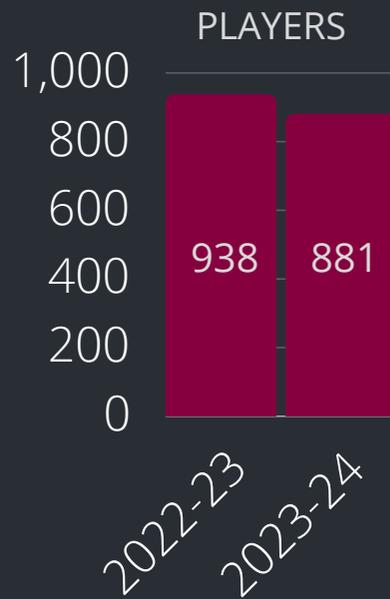
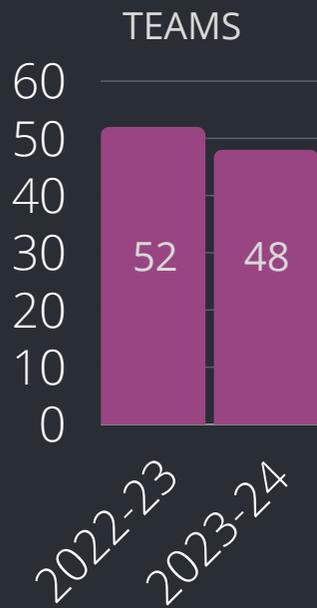


INDOOR LEAGUE TRENDS

2022-23 - 2023-24

7V7

BOARDED



7.7% decrease in number of **Teams**
6.1% decrease in number of **Players***

5.1% decrease in number of **Teams**
8.1% decrease in number of **Players***

ALL INDOOR PROGRAMS



6.3% decrease in number of **Teams**
7.2% decrease in number of **Players***

**2023-24 stats are as of Dec 2023*

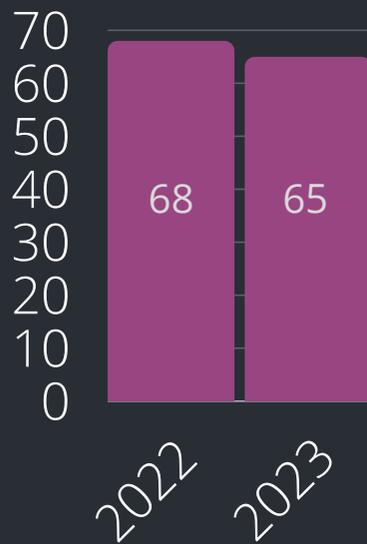


OUTDOOR LEAGUE TRENDS

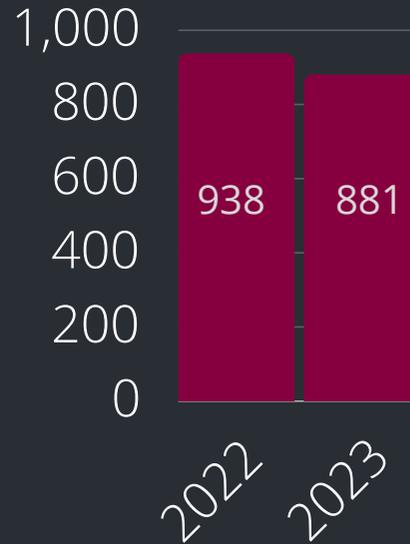
2022-2023

11V11

TEAMS



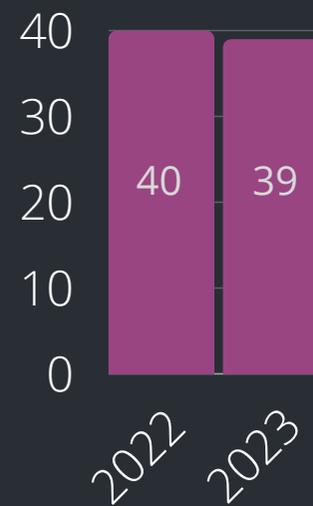
PLAYERS



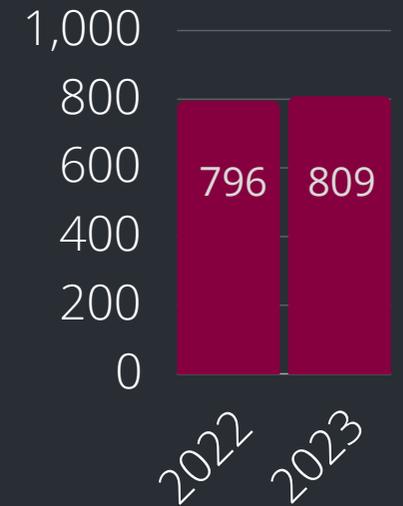
4.4% decrease in number of **Teams**
5.6% decrease in number of **Players***

8V8

TEAMS



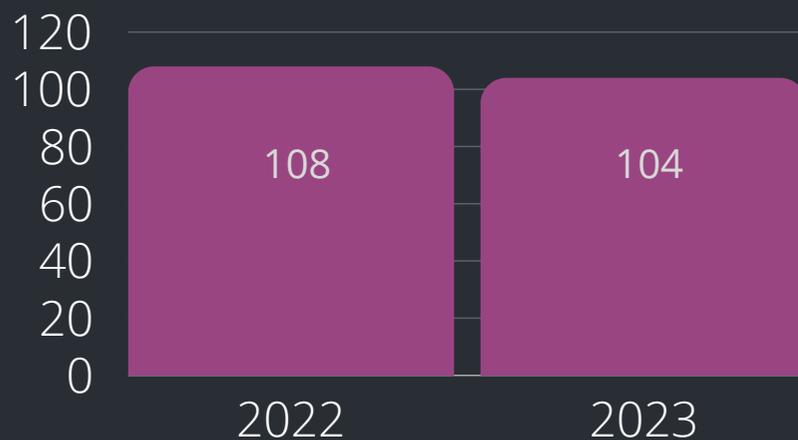
PLAYERS



2.5% decrease in number of **Teams**
1.6% increase in number of **Players***

ALL OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

TEAMS



PLAYERS



3.7% decrease in number of **Teams**
3.2% decrease in number of **Players***





2023 AWARDS & RECOGNITION



CALGARY WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION

DIOGO RAPOSO

Over the past 7 years, Diogo has significantly contributed to women's soccer in Calgary, spanning the CWSA, the club system at both youth and senior levels, and the ASA/USport structures. As the former Girls Technical Director and current Sporting Director at Calgary Blizzard, he played a pivotal role in developing a successful female program. Diogo guided players to achieve success and transition smoothly from minors into women's and collegiate environments.

He has continued to support the CWSA system to ensure the growth of the club's programming while ensuring the league continues to have appropriate competition with returning Alumni making up a significant portion of Calgary Blizzard team's in the top divisions, alongside the youth teams preparing for their next steps within the same CWSA divisions.

Diogo's continued support, advocacy and contribution to the female game in Calgary and Alberta is worthy of recognition, and can be attested to by the hundreds of female players that have had the privilege to have him as a coach and mentor.



Recipient of the CWSA

Award of Merit



JESSICA WHYTE

Jess is an individual who not only exemplifies her contributions to the development of females in soccer but, more importantly, has inspired and empowered hundreds of young girls to fall in love with the game. She is a true inspiration to many.

A former collegiate player herself and now a coach for the SAIT Trojans, Jess Whyte brings her passion for the game to lead females in technical, fun-filled, and personalized programs. Currently serving as the Grassroots and Girls Director at McKenzie United Soccer Club, Jess became the founder of the innovative Girls Elite Training program, affectionately known as GET, in 2018. This program is unique to Calgary, as it is an all-female program designed for elite players, where Jess continues to make an incredible impact alongside her talented female posse. Jess has earned her National B License, Children's License, and Youth License, making her one of the most certified female coaches in Alberta.



Recipient of the CWSA

Award of Merit



DOUGLAS RATKE

Doug is recognized this year for his outstanding contributions to the CWSA board since 2015. He began as a director and later assumed the role of treasurer.

His financial acumen and dedication played a pivotal role in maintaining the CWSA's strong financial position while navigating the challenges posed by the pandemic. Doug dedicates countless hours annually to CWSA finances and investments and also volunteers extensively at CWSA tournaments and events. His thorough review of policies and proactive recommendations with supporting documentation showcase his commitment to the association's success.

The CWSA expresses gratitude for Doug's hard work and dedication, acknowledging his vital role in the association's achievements.

Congratulations to Doug on this well-deserved recognition.



Recipient of the CWSA

Award of Merit



ROBERT JIDO



Robert Jido was presented with the Silver Badge Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions as a soccer referee. Since beginning his refereeing journey in 2017, he has demonstrated unwavering dedication to the sport. Robert is a regular referee at CWSA league games and tournaments and also provides additional support when needed, showcasing his commitment to the game. His impact on the field is evident in the positive feedback from team referee evaluations, where multiple teams commend his great attitude, respectfulness, excellent communication, and ability to make the game enjoyable. Robert's commitment has not only solidified his role as an essential member of the referee community but has also significantly enhanced the overall sporting experience for players and coaches. Congratulations to Robert Jido on this well-deserved recognition, and may his dedication continue to inspire others both on and off the field.

Recipient of the CWSA

Silver Badge Award



Congratulations!



2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



TAYLOR WELLS
Calgary Blizzard WSC

ANGELA COLTEA
Cochrane Rangers

ANITA MALEKIAN
Rangers Royals

LEAGUE 1

League1 Alberta is the province of Alberta's pro-am, standards-based, senior league. Founded in 2023 with an inaugural exhibition season, the league launched with five-teams on both the men's and women's side.

League1 Alberta will serve as a stepping stone between the high-performance youth level, elite amateur and professional levels of the game within Alberta. League1 Alberta's goal will be to showcase and develop Canada's future soccer stars, coaches and match officials by providing an important platform for them to showcase themselves.

The CWSA had two teams in the inaugural season of League 1. Calgary Blizzard won the first Women's League1 Alberta trophy.



It's official: League 1 will be back in 2024!

Calgary Blizzard and Calgary Foothills will return, along with 2 new Calgary based teams:

- Calgary Southwest United
- National Development Centre



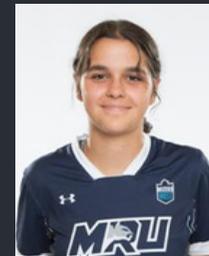
U SPORTS

University Sport in Canada



MRU Cougars

7th Canada West Pacific Division



Tamara Djuric

Canada West All-Rookie Team, USPORT All-Rookie Team

UofC Dinos

3rd Canada West Prairie Division



Rachel Barlow, Sofia DiGiacomo

Canada West First Team All-Star,
USPORTS Second Team All-Canadian

Julia Kittelson

Canada West All-Rookie Team,
USPORTS All-Rookie Team

Kaleigh Major, Danica Pullishy

Canada West All-Rookie Team



ACAC

Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference



SAIT Trojans

2nd ACAC South Division
ACAC Champions



Meagan Wiebe

ACAC Player of the Year
ACAC South All-Conference Team
CCAA All-Canadian

Nicole Charlton, Mykayla Rigio

ACAC South All-Conference Team



UWS

United Women's Soccer



Calgary Foothills WFC

2nd UWS West Division



Grace Stordy

All-UWS MVP, All-UWS First Team, West Conference Defensive Player of the Year, West Conference First Team

Maggie Zacsko

West Conference First Team

Momo Nakao

All-UWS Second Team, West Conference First Team



2023 - TOP 9

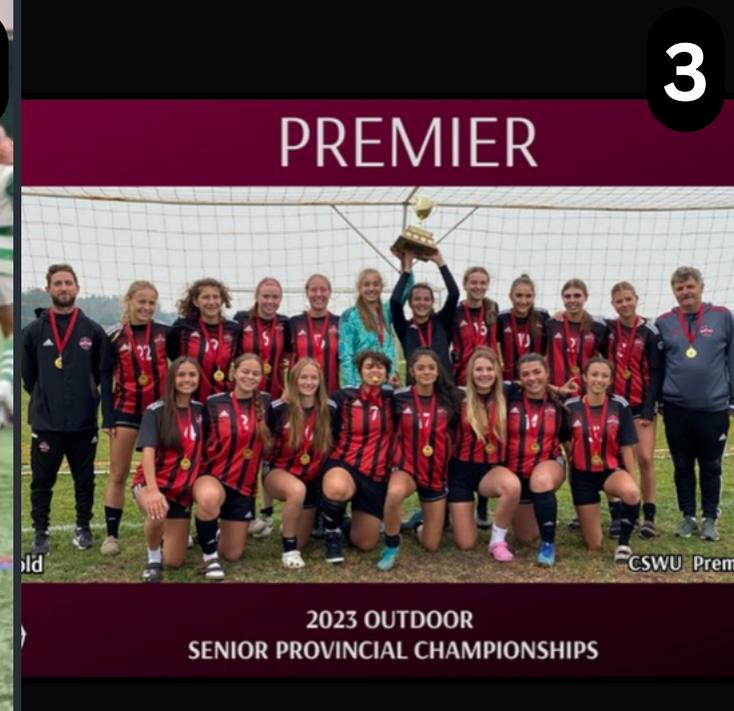
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PREMIER

2023 OUTDOOR SENIOR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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QUALIFIED

2023 OUTDOOR SENIOR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS




<u>AMSL</u> Calgary Blizzard Major League Foothills WFC (AMSL)	<u>PREMIER</u> CWSU Premiers II	<u>DIVISION 1</u> Villains FC CNS Fiore
<u>DIVISION 2</u> Impero FC Primo CJSC	<u>DIVISION 3</u> Impero FC Puma BB United Westwinds	<u>CLASSICS MAJOR</u> Alliance 030 Tsunami Blues

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GOLD



Alliance 030

SILVER



Impero FC Venom

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TIER 1

2023 INDOOR SENIOR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

