

# SASKATOON YOUTH SOCCER INCORPORATED



## GENERAL OPERATING RULES AND REGULATIONS

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- These rules apply to Saskatoon Youth Soccer programs.
- The Saskatchewan Soccer Association (SSA) governs provincial competitions and programs.
- The Canadian Soccer Association (CSA) governs national competitions and programs.
- Except where explicitly modified by Saskatoon Youth Soccer (SYSI) 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).
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FIFA Fédération Internationale de Football Association  
CSA Canadian Soccer Association  
SSA Saskatchewan Soccer Association  
SYSI Saskatoon Youth Soccer Incorporated  
SDSA Saskatoon & District Soccer Association  
SDSRA Saskatoon & District Soccer Referees Assoc.  
SKHRSC Saskatoon Kinsmen Henk Ruys Soccer Centre

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## I. GENERAL

1. The Saskatoon Youth Soccer Human Rights Policy and policies of our parent organizations concerning conduct and behaviour applies to all players, coaches, officials, staff and volunteers acting under the jurisdiction of Saskatoon Youth Soccer.
2. Saskatoon Youth Soccer has the power to deal with any violations of its Rules and Regulations, and By-Laws or misconduct by any of their parent organizations, teams, players, team officials, officials or spectators.
3. Players, officials and spectators are allowed to participate in games and other Saskatoon Youth Soccer activities only on condition that they observe the Rules and Regulations and the By-Laws of Saskatoon Youth Soccer.
4. Abusive or offensive language or behavior is prohibited in all venues and in all activities under the jurisdiction of Saskatoon Youth Soccer. In the case of breach of this rule, the appropriate official may order the offending person from the competition venue.

## II. PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

1. Parent organizations are those community associations, zone associations, and other associations and districts that have one or more teams registered with Saskatoon Youth Soccer.
2. All parent organizations must name an individual as their official administrative liaison with Saskatoon Youth Soccer.
3. Parent organizations must ensure that all those properly registered to play soccer under their jurisdiction are afforded the opportunity to do so.
4. All Parent organizations must comply with the Rules and Regulations and the By-Laws of Saskatoon Youth Soccer.
5. A zone parent organization is the governing body over a geographical area established by the By-Laws of Saskatoon Youth Soccer. The current zone parent organizations and boundaries of their zones are:
  - a. Saskatoon United Soccer Club (Zone 1): West of the South Saskatchewan River and west of Idylwyld Drive
  - b. Hollandia International Soccer Club (Zone 2): West of the South Saskatchewan River and East of Idylwyld Drive
  - c. Aurora Soccer Club (Zone 3): North of 8th Street, East of Circle Drive excluding the area East of McKercher Drive and South of College Drive
  - d. Lakewood Soccer Association (Zone 4): South of 8th Street, East of Preston Avenue and the area North of 8th Street, South of College Drive and East of McKercher Drive
  - e. Eastside Youth Soccer Association (Zone 5): East of the South Saskatchewan River, West of Circle Drive, excluding the area South of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and East of Preston Avenue

**NOTE:** At a Saskatoon Youth Soccer Special Meeting a motion was passed to change the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Zone boundaries effective the residency date (Sept 3, 2001) for the 2001-02 indoor season. Any players born 1991 or later must register using the new Zone boundaries outlined above. Any players born before 1991 must register under the old Zone Boundaries. The change only affects

the neighborhoods of Eastview, Nutana Suburban Centre, Brevoort Park and College Park East. If there are any questions please contact the Saskatoon Youth Soccer office.

6. Each zone parent organization must file with Saskatoon Youth Soccer within thirty (30) days following its Annual General Meeting:
  - a. A copy of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting.
  - b. A list of elected and appointed officers
7. Each parent organization is responsible to Saskatoon Youth Soccer for the activities of all players, coaches, staff and volunteers acting under its jurisdiction.

### **III. MINI SOCCER AND YOUTH SOCCER AGE GROUPS**

1. Saskatoon Youth Soccer recognizes the following player age groups: Under-6, Under-8, Under-10, Under-12, Under-14, Under-16 and Under-18.
2. 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. A player may participate in any age group provided they meet the age group requirements and the regulations of their parent organization.
4. Mini Soccer refers to players and teams registered in the Under-6, Under-8, or Under-10 age groups.
5. Youth Soccer refers to players and teams registered in the Under-12, Under-14, Under-16 or Under-18 age groups.
6. Saskatoon Youth Soccer will offer Boys, Girls and Coed mini soccer leagues as registration warrants.
7. Saskatoon Youth Soccer will offer Boys and Girls youth soccer leagues in Premier, II, III and IV Divisions and House League as registration warrants.
8. Saskatoon Youth Soccer will facilitate the entry of teams from Saskatoon in the Saskatchewan Premier Soccer League where offered.

### **IV. PLAYER REGISTRATION**

1. All zone parent organizations will hold player registration during a registration period set by the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Board of Directors for both the indoor and the outdoor season.
2. To participate in Zone evaluations all players must first be registered 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.
3. A player who knowingly submits false registration information to a parent organization is subject to disciplinary action.
4. A player may be registered with only one parent organization at any time.
5. A registration is valid for only one playing season.
6. Players falling under the jurisdiction of another provincial soccer district recognized by SSA require the written permission of that district to participate with the Saskatoon Youth Soccer parent organization.

7. Mini soccer players are strongly encouraged to register with the parent organization of 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.
8. Under-12, Under-14, Under-16 youth soccer players must register with the parent organization of the zone in which they are deemed to be resident.
9. Under-18 youth soccer players must register with the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Office.
  - a. An Under-age eligible player may register as an individual, a list of selected friends or players, or an entire team. If an entire team is being submitted to the office there must be a registration form filled out for each player on the team along with a complete list of players on the team and a contact name and phone number for the team.
  - b. Any player registrations received after the stated registration deadline may be subject to a \$25 late fee per player.
  - c. The player or team may choose which division they wish to play in, however the U18 Division Alignment Committee will pre-approve the team's choice of division prior to the start of each season. The U18 Division Alignment Committee will be chaired by a Saskatoon Youth Soccer staff person and the committee will be comprised of two zone representatives from each zone which are familiar with the players in the Under-18 age category. Teams that do not meet the minimum number of players required on the team may be subject to additional fees.
  - d. Each team will be assigned to a "home zone" which will be determined by the majority number of players residing in a particular zone on the team. Responsibilities of the "home zone" include the following: provide support to each assigned Under-18 team with a coach and manager, uniforms, soccer balls, first aid kit and other equipment necessary.
  - e. Player registration withdrawals may be subject to a \$25 withdrawal fee depending on circumstances. Once the season has started all withdrawals are subject to a \$25 fee plus additional deductions from registration fee refund depending on the circumstances and number of games played.
  - f. For Outdoor Season only: Under-18 PSL is treated as city-wide no boundaries and players may inquire with any zone to form a team if the zone is willing to host the team. The zone hosting a team may hold their own tryout. All Under-18 players must register with Saskatoon Youth Soccer and indicate preference to play PSL on their registration form. A list of interested payers will be supplied to any zone wishing to hold a tryout and host a PSL team.

## **V. RESIDENCY RULES**

1. Except as stated in paragraph 2 below, a player is deemed to reside in the zone in which the player's legal guardian is ordinarily resident:
  - a. on 1 February, for the outdoor season; or
  - b. on 1 August, for the indoor season.
2. Special Residency Rules for Youth Players Under-12, Under-14, Under-16:

- a. A player registered with a community association team as of May 15, 1996 may be deemed resident in the zone where that community association is located.
  - b. A player registered with a club team as of May 15, 1996 may be deemed resident in the zone to which that club affiliated.
  - c. A player falling under the Special Residency Rules may choose to register with the parent organization of the zone in which the residence of their legal guardian is located. In doing so, they relinquish their eligibility to be treated under the Special Residency Rules.
  - d. A player who does not register with a recognized parent organization for two consecutive soccer seasons relinquishes their eligibility to be treated under the Special Residency Rules.
  - e. Players residing in the Saskatoon Youth Soccer district recognized by SSA but outside the limits of the City of Saskatoon are treated as follows:
    - i) Players whose residence lies between the South Saskatchewan River south of the City and Highway 16 North are deemed resident in Zone 1.
    - ii) Players whose residence lies between Highway 16 North and the South Saskatchewan River north of the City deemed resident in Zone 2.
    - iii) Players whose residence lies between the South Saskatchewan River north of the City and Highway 5 extended due east deemed resident in Zone 3.
    - iv) Players whose residence lies east of Highway 11 and south of Highway #5 are deemed resident in Zone 4.
    - v) Players whose residence lies between Highway 11 South and the South Saskatchewan River south of the City are deemed resident in Zone 5.
  - f. Under-18 youth players are exempt from the above residency rules and must register with Saskatoon Youth Soccer.
3. Players that have received permission from another provincial soccer district recognized by SSA to participate in Saskatoon Youth Soccer programs will be assigned a zone of residency by Saskatoon Youth Soccer.
  4. 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. By notice in writing, the president or chair of a zone parent organization may call upon the Operations Committee to review the registration of any player by the following deadlines:
    - a. Indoor Season – January 31
    - b. Outdoor Season – June 15
  6. 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.
  7. Within 3 working days of receipt of a request for review, Saskatoon Youth Soccer shall notify the player whose registration has been called into question ("the responding player") and the president or chair of the zone parent organization in which that player is registered ("the responding zone"), and provide the responding player and zone with:

- a. a copy of the notice requesting the registration review; and
  - b. 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.
8. Saskatoon Youth Soccer 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.
9. Within 7 working days of receipt of a notice given under paragraph 7, the responding player shall provide the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Office as well as their Parent Zone 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:
  - a. driver's license
  - b. vehicle registration
  - c. property tax records
  - d. land titles or tenancy records
  - e. utility bills (any combination of utility bills will constitute only 1 item)
  - f. insurance documents
  - g. bank records
  - h. school records
  - i. medical records
  - j. other federal, provincial or municipal government records
10. The registration review will be conducted in private and all persons involved will treat all information presented as confidential.
11. The Saskatoon Youth Soccer Office and/or the Operations Committee will endeavor to render a decision within 10 working days of receipt of the documents submitted under paragraph 8 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.
12. After review of the information submitted to it, the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Office and/or the Operations Committee may:
  - a. accept the registration as valid; or
  - b. reject the registration.
13. In cases where a decision cannot be rendered by the Office it will be referred to the Operations Committee for further action. The Operations 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 Operations Committee must answer its questions truthfully. The Operations 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 Operations Committee will evaluate the credibility of the information presented to it.
14. If the registration of a player is rejected, the player is deemed not to have registered as required by Rule IV(2) above, 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.

15. If the player decides to submit an appeal to an Operation Committee decision, it will come before the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Board.
16. The Saskatoon Youth Soccer Board may report its findings to the Discipline Committee, which may take further action as it sees fit.
17. These rules supersede any previous rules, policies or requirements for proof of residency.

## **VI. PSL / PREMIER PRE-SEASON TRYOUT & DRAFT PROCESS**

1. Eligibility:
  - a. All Saskatoon Under-14 and Under-16 players not listed on a “protected roster” are eligible to participate in the PSL / Premier pre-season tryout & draft process.
    - i) A protected roster is a list of players that the coach of the PSL or Premier team submits to the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Office on the stated deadline typically early March for Outdoor and early September for Indoor. Any players listed on the protected roster do not need to attend the draft and are placed on that team’s roster. The “protected roster” form that will be used will be the SSA Team Roster Form.
    - ii) Any other Saskatoon players that did not make the zone’s protected roster or players from a zone which do not have a team may express interest to their Zone Registrar to be placed on the draft player list prior to the stated deadline. Players not on these lists will not be allowed to participate in the tryout/draft process. Coaches may not approach or talk to players from other clubs or zones at this time.
    - iii) A player cannot be removed from the draft list and placed on a protected roster after the deadline of draft list and protected roster submissions.
  - b. Any out-of-district players wishing to attend the tryout & draft for a PSL or Premier team may express interest to the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Office in writing along with a release letter from their district to be placed on the draft player list prior to the stated deadline. Any player that is not an official resident of the zone and did not participate in the draft/tryout process cannot participate on a PSL/Premier team through permitting, transferring, affiliating, or any other possible way of participating.
  - c. Players selected from the draft cannot be released afterwards and must be placed on the roster.
  - d. Players that are not selected from the draft must go back to their zone of residence to play a lower division or submit a request to be released to another district for the season.
  - e. After the tryout/draft takes place late registrations are not eligible to play in PSL or Premier.
  - f. New residents of Saskatoon that register after the tryout/draft are handled through the Player Placement Committee.
  - g. Starting Indoor 2008-09 players who withdraw from the draft but are not listed as an affiliate player cannot participate on a PSL/Premier team for that season. The

way a player can play on a PSL/Premier team is if they are on a protected roster, have participated in the draft process, or are listed as an affiliate player.

2. Evaluation Dates:

a. Outdoor:

- i) The draft and tryout process dates, deadlines and details as to which zones will be organizing which tryouts will be set in December of each year for Outdoor season.
- ii) The Player Placement Committee will meet mid-December to declare their intentions of holding a team by stating the number of players they have and/or need.
- iii) The protected rosters and Draft Forms to sign up players will become available to the zones two weeks prior to registration week. At this time each zone responsible for organizing one of the four tryouts will announce their Tryout Coordinator to the Office.
- iv) The PSL Team Bond deadline and deadline to submit protected rosters and list of draft players is early March and the draft typically takes place mid-March.
- v) The Player Placement Committee will meet after the draft to evaluate the process.

b. Indoor:

- i) The draft and tryout process dates, deadlines and details as to which zones will be organizing which tryouts will be set in July of each year for the Indoor season.
- ii) The Player Placement Committee will meet mid-August to declare their intentions of holding a team by stating the number of players they have and/or need.
- iii) The protected rosters and Draft Forms to sign up players will become available to the zones two weeks prior to registration week. At this time each zone responsible for organizing one of the four tryouts will announce their Tryout Coordinator to the Office.
- iv) The Premier Team Bond deadline and deadline to submit protected rosters and list of draft players is early September and the draft typically takes place mid-September.
- v) The Player Placement Committee will meet after the draft to evaluate the process.

3. Process Responsibilities:

The Saskatoon Youth Soccer Office and each of the Saskatoon Zones shall provide assistance with the running of the evaluation process. Each of the zones will make their registrars and a technical director or senior coach available to assist with the process.

i) Saskatoon Youth Soccer Office:

- a. The Saskatoon Youth Soccer Office will book and provide the fields that will be used for the tryouts. The Office will establish the PSL/Premier Tryout/Draft timeline and schedule and send it to the Zones at the time of setting dates/deadlines. Any field costs associated with this will be cost-shared by the zones and invoiced to all five zones after the Draft takes place.

- b. The Saskatoon Youth Soccer Office will provide forms to the zones and districts in order for the Zones/districts to list all players whom they are sending to the evaluation and draft process. This form will contain all pertinent player contact information as well as preferred position and second choice of position.
  - c. Once the Office has accumulated the names of all players who are eligible for the Premier/PSL Tryout/Draft, the office will provide the information to all zones or districts and to the Tryout Coordinators no later than the following day following the form submission deadline.
  - d. Following the completion of the draft the Office will contact any out-of-district players that did not get drafted within 3 days of the draft.
- ii) Zone Registrars:
- a. Zone Registrars are to submit the Team Bond Declaration forms and bond payments to the Office on or before the stated deadline.
  - b. Working with the zone coaches and using forms provided by SYSI for each age group and division, registrars will confirm eligibility of participating players and coaches and provide the lists to the SYSI Office on the specified deadline.
  - c. Starting Indoor 2008-09 the Zone Registrar must also submit a list of affiliate players which reside within their zone on the same deadline as protected rosters and draft player lists. Players that are on the affiliate list may attend the draft and/or be listed as an affiliate player.
  - d. The Zone Registrars will communicate with their own players participating in the PSL/Premier Tryout/Draft Process such as relaying details, dates, locations, times, etc.
  - e. After receiving the draft results from the Office the Registrars will then be responsible for contacting all players that did not get drafted within 3 days of receiving the results.
- iii) Premier/PSL Tryout Coordinator:
- a. Each Zone will appoint a Premier/PSL Tryout Coordinator who will be assigned to one age/gender group. Whether or not the Zone has a team in this age/gender group or not is not relevant to who is assigned to organize the tryout process. The assignment of tryout organization to the zones will be on a rotation each season.
  - b. The Tryout Coordinators will each be responsible for coordinating one age/gender tryout. These responsibilities will include obtaining the list of draft players from the Office, assigning numbers and bibs to all participants, supplying balls and other necessary equipment.
  - c. The Tryout Coordinators will ensure all participants are listed on the draft player list and divide the players into a workable number of teams, to suit a format decided upon by the zone coaches. Players

who do not appear on the SYSI approved list will not be allowed to participate.

- d. The Tryout Coordinator will not be responsible for contacting any players who are to be attending the draft process and will not be responsible for contacting the players with the results after the draft process.
- f. The Tryout Coordinators will not be responsible for taking part in the evaluations or draft. They are free to go once their tryout has finished and they have collected their equipment.

iv) PSL / Premier Coaches:

- a. Coaches are to fill out the Team Bond Declaration form and hand it into their Zone Registrars prior to the stated deadline. Once the Office has received the Team Bond Declaration Form and payment, the team/zone are committed to participating in the tryout/draft process otherwise the team and zone forfeit their team bond. If the team does not wish to draft any additional players to their team roster they must submit notice in writing to the office by the stated deadline to submit protected rosters.
- b. In the event that a zone folds their PSL or Premier team after the draft takes place their bond will be forfeited and the other teams will try their best to absorb as many players as possible at a table draft.
- c. Only coaches who are in charge of coaching participating PSL or Premier teams, and/or their Technical Directors or Club Head Coaches shall be involved in the tryout & draft process.
- d. Coaches must contact the players that they have drafted within 3 days of the draft.

iv) Draft Chair:

- a. A Draft Chair will be appointed for each tryout and will be a member of a zone which is not selecting players in that age/gender group.
- b. The Draft Chair will be responsible for chairing the draft following the respective tryout.
- c. The Draft Chair must forward the results immediately to the SYSI Office within 24 hours of the completion of the tryout/draft.

**VII. PERMISSION TO PLAY OUT-OF-ZONE – Under-12 all Div's & Under 14-16 Div II, III, IV**

1. Players wishing to play Under-12 all divisions or Under-14 and Under-16 Division II, III, IV may request special permission to play out-of-zone; that is, in a zone other than one in which they are otherwise deemed resident.
2. All Premier or PSL players must go through the PSL / Premier Tryout and Draft process in order to be placed on a team outside of their zone or district of residence. See Section VI.
3. Players who are granted permission to play out-of-zone will be assigned to a specific zone. They will be deemed resident of the zone in which they have been granted special permission to play.

4. A player or their legal guardian must make application for permission to play out-of-zone. Application is made by submitting an approved “**Request for Permission to Play Out-of-Zone**” form to Saskatoon Youth Soccer.
5. To be eligible to apply for permission to play out-of-zone, a player must be registered with the parent organization of a zone in which they are otherwise deemed resident.
6. The Permission to Play Out of Zone Committee will act on behalf of Saskatoon Youth Soccer to render decisions on requests for permission to play out-of-zone. The committee membership is as follows:
  - a. Chairperson of the Committee is a Saskatoon Youth Soccer staff member. (non voting member)
  - b. One member appointed by each of the zone parent organizations as well as each Zone Technical Director.
  - c. One Rep from each zone will be a voting member.
7. The Permission to Play Out of Zone Committee will maintain records of all its hearings and deliberations and will make those available, on request, to the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Board of Directors.
8. For both the indoor and outdoor seasons, the Permission to Play Out of Zone Committee will reach a decision on requests to play out-of-zone within 7 working days except for those requests received between the first day of the player registration period and the team registration deadline. The committee may defer a decision on these latter requests until the 7-day period following the team registration deadline.
9. The Permission to Play Out of Zone Committee will consider the following in their deliberations:
  - a. Acceptable reasons for granting requests include:
    - i) There is no team in the player’s age group in the zone of registration.
    - ii) Player numbers in the zone of registration are such that some players cannot reasonably be placed on teams.
    - iii) Goalkeepers without an appropriate playing opportunity will be given special consideration with the approval of the zone with which they are registered.
    - iv) 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.
    - v) 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 Committee 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.
  - b. Unacceptable reasons for granting requests include:
    - i) The player was not selected for a team in a desired division in zone of registration
    - ii) A player wishes to play with other siblings or a specific coach.
    - iii) A player wishes to play with friends/schoolmates.
    - iv) A player wishes to rejoin teammates from a previous season
  - c. Notwithstanding these guidelines, the Permission to Play Out of Zone Committee

- may consider other relevant aspects of a request to play out-of-zone to ensure that the best interests of the player and the soccer community are served by its ruling.
- d. When granting a player permission to play out-of-zone in a specific zone, the Permission to Play Out of Zone Committee will consider a player's wishes based on the available room in the Zone which was requested.
  - e. Permission to play out-of-zone is granted for one season only, unless explicitly indicated otherwise in writing by the Permission to Play Out of Zone Committee.
10. A player granted permission to play out-of-zone for more than one season might later choose to register with the parent organization of the zone in which the residence of their legal guardian is located. In doing so, they relinquish their permission to play out-of-zone.
  11. Any player has the right to appeal a ruling on a request to play out-of-zone. The appeal procedure is as follows:
    - a. A written appeal is to be made to the Saskatoon Youth Soccer office within 2 working days of the player being notified of a decision on the request to play out-of-zone.
    - b. The Saskatoon Youth Soccer Operations Committee will hear the appeal within 7 working days of the receipt of the appeal.
    - c. Saskatoon Youth Soccer will make available to the appellant at their request, a copy of all forms, notes and correspondence relating to the matter under appeal.
    - d. The appellant will be given a reasonable opportunity to present a case to the appeal committee in person or in writing.
    - e. A fee of \$30.00 must accompany all appeals. The fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

## **VIII. PRE-SEASON PLAYER PLACEMENT**

1. A committee with representatives from each zone will convene a special meeting approximately one week before the team registration deadline in both the indoor and outdoor season.
2. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the number of teams each zone plan to register in each age group and division for the upcoming season. Zone reps will forward cases where zone parent organizations have player numbers in age/gender/division categories such that all players cannot be reasonably placed on teams.
3. The Saskatoon Youth Soccer President (or designate) will chair the meeting.
4. Zone parent organizations are responsible for supplying, through their delegates, the following information to the meeting:
  - a. The number of teams and players the zone anticipates registering in each age/gender/division category.
  - b. The number of players in each age/gender/division category that cannot reasonably be placed on teams in Under-12 all divisions and Under-14 and Under-16 Div II, III, IV. Names of such players must be forwarded within 48 hours of the placement meeting.
5. After the special meeting the Permission to Play Out of Zone Committee will meet to deal with all permission to play-out-of-zone requests received to date as well as the players brought forward at the special meeting.

6. Minutes of the meeting will be recorded by Saskatoon Youth Soccer staff and distributed to the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Board of Directors, Permission to Play Out of Zone Committee and the official administrative liaison of each zone.
7. All players directly affected by decisions of the special meeting of the Permission to Play Out of Zone Committee must be advised of those decisions within 5 days of the meeting. The responsibility for advising such players lies with the parent organization of the zone in which the player initially registered. Failure to meet this responsibility may result in disciplinary action.
8. Following the announcement of team numbers and player placement the committee will discuss and review the PSL / Premier Tryout & Draft which just took place.

## **IX. POACHING**

1. No zone or team representative may counsel a player from another team to change team affiliation without first obtaining written permission from the parent organization with which the player is registered. To do so constitutes poaching and will result in disciplinary action.
2. Notwithstanding the preceding item, it is acceptable in the time between the end of one Saskatoon Youth Soccer 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 Saskatoon Youth Soccer team that is competing for a Provincial or National club championship.
3. The Saskatoon Youth Soccer Board of Directors will deal with any alleged poaching incident in a timely manner. The SSA will act as the appeal body for any Saskatoon Youth Soccer decisions regarding poaching.

## **X. TEAM REGISTRATION AND PLAYER AFFILIATION**

1. To be eligible to participate in Saskatoon Youth Soccer leagues, youth and mini soccer teams must be registered with Saskatoon Youth Soccer by a recognized parent organization by the deadline for the current season set by the Board of Directors.
2. All team registration and other fees (i.e. performance bonds) must be paid in accordance with the fee schedule established by the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Board of Directors for a team registration to be complete.
3. Any parent organization withdrawing a team from league play will lose all registration fees for the team.
4. Saskatoon Youth Soccer has the authority to decide in which division a team will play.
5. Every team registered with Saskatoon Youth Soccer must submit a properly completed SSA Registration Form to Saskatoon Youth Soccer by the deadline set for the current season by the Board of Directors. SSA Registration Forms delivered by mail will be considered received on the postmarked date.
6. Youth teams failing to submit an SSA Registration Form by the current deadline will forfeit all games played after that deadline until such time as a completed SSA Registration form is submitted.
7. Any youth team failing to properly submit an SSA Registration Form may not be eligible for Provincial Competition.
8. Any team or player submitting false information on an SSA Registration is subject to

disciplinary action.

9. Player signatures are required on the SSA Registration Form of a youth team. They are not required for a mini team.
10. All players listed on the properly completed SSA Registration Form for a team are affiliated with that team.
11. A player can only affiliate with a team under the jurisdiction of the parent organization with which the player is registered.
12. A player can only affiliate with a team playing in an age group for which the player is eligible to participate.
13. Any changes in player affiliation after the submission of a team's SSA Registration Form, must be approved by Saskatoon Youth Soccer. Note that some player changes are governed by the transfer rules set out in the "Player Transfers" section.
14. A player may not affiliate with more than one team during a season, except as the result of a transfer as set out in the "Player Transfers" section. Any player affiliated with more than one team, and the teams with which that player is affiliated, are subject to disciplinary action by Saskatoon Youth Soccer.
15. Saskatoon Youth Soccer may permit physically or mentally disadvantaged players to affiliate with a Division II or III team in an age group considered equal to their learning enjoyment and capacity, notwithstanding their birth date. Such permission must be received in writing. Saskatoon Youth Soccer may request a letter from the player's doctor and guardian attesting to the player's condition.

## **XI. NUMBER OF PLAYERS**

1. Mini teams
  - a. The suggested number of players that can affiliate with a mini team is:
    - i) 10 players for 3 v 3
    - ii) 10 players for 4 v 4
    - iii) 15 players for 5 v 5 and 7 v 7
  - b. A mini team may exceed these limits only with special, written permission from Saskatoon Youth Soccer.
  - c. There is no minimum number of players required for mini games and teams can exchange players to ensure that each has sufficient players.
  - d. Mini soccer coaches should advise the Saskatoon Youth Soccer office in the event that the opposing team fails to appear for a game.
2. Youth teams
  - a. The maximum number of players that can affiliate with a youth team is:
    - i) 14 players in the indoor season for U12 Premier Division
    - ii) 16 players in the indoor season for U12 Division II, III and IV
    - iii) 16 players in the indoor season for U14 & U16
    - iv) 18 players in the indoor season for U18
    - v) 20 players in the outdoor season for Under 14-18
    - vi) 14 players in the outdoor season for Under 12
  - b. A youth team may exceed these limits only with special, written permission from Saskatoon Youth Soccer.

- c. In all cases, the number of players dressed for any game may not exceed the player registration limit.
- d. Permission to exceed player limits may be subject to conditions set by Saskatoon Youth Soccer.
- e. The minimum number of players required for a youth game to proceed is:
  - i) 7 players per team in the outdoor season for Under 14-18
  - ii) 5 players per team in the outdoor season for Under 12 and for the 8v8 indoor leagues
  - iii) 4 players per team in the 5v5 indoor leagues
  - iv) 5 players per team in the 7v7 indoor leagues

## **XII. PLAYER TRANSFERS**

1. Under-12, Under-14 and Under-16 player transfers for league play are subject to Saskatoon Youth Soccer player residency and registration rules. Under-18 player transfers are exempt from player residency rules.
2. Player transfers for Provincial Championship competitions are not subject to Saskatoon Youth Soccer player residency rules.
3. To transfer to another team during the playing season, a player affiliated with a team (i.e. listed on the team SSA Registration Form) must:
  - a. Give seven days written notice to the team with which the player is currently registered of the player's intent to transfer
  - b. Obtain written permission to transfer from the team with which the player is currently registered
  - c. Obtain written permission to transfer from the parent organization with which the player is registered
  - d. At least seven full calendar days prior to the date on which the transfer is to take effect, submit a transfer form, supporting documentation and a fee set by the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Board.
4. During the seven-day period prior to the transfer taking effect, the player is not eligible to play for any team.
5. Teams utilizing the services of a player not eligible to play during the seven-day waiting period associated with a transfer will forfeit all games in which the player participated or was listed on the roster.
6. Players transferring to an Saskatoon Youth Soccer team for provincials from another district or a zone, may not play in any league games. The transfer is for provincial play only.
7. All transfers are subject to approval by Saskatoon Youth Soccer and may be governed by conditions set by Saskatoon Youth Soccer.
8. A player is entitled to the benefits of the Transfer Rule as follows:
  - a. A maximum of two transfers during a playing season so long as the second transfer is not to the original team.
  - b. A maximum of three players may be transferred to any one team during a playing season. Subject to SSA policy changes.

9. If an Under-18 age eligible player realizes they have registered in the wrong division or team after the season has started, they may obtain a transfer request form. The transfer form must be filled out and signed by the coach of the team releasing the player and the coach of the team receiving the player. The form must be submitted to the office with the \$7.00 transfer fee. There will be 7 days starting from the day the office has received the paperwork that the player cannot play any games.

### **XIII. PERMIT PLAYERS**

1. Players identified as PSL players are not eligible to permit in Saskatoon Youth Soccer league play.
2. A permit player is one who is playing temporarily with a team other than the one with which the player is currently affiliated.
3. 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.
4. Youth teams may use the services of a permit player registered on a mini team under the following conditions:
  - a. The permit player must reside within the zone of the youth team.
  - b. The permission of the coach of the permit player must be obtained.
  - c. The name of the permit player must appear on the game sheet with the word "PERMIT" or "P" written beside their name and with clear notation made on the game sheet to indicate if it is the permit player's 1st, 2nd or 3<sup>rd</sup> and so on, permit game of league play in the current season.
5. Youth teams may 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:
  - a. The permit player must be registered with another team in the same zone.
  - b. The permission of the coach of the permit player must be obtained.
  - c. The name of the permit player must appear on the game sheet with the word "PERMIT" or "P" written beside their name and with clear notation made on the game sheet to indicate if it is the permit player's 1st, 2nd or 3<sup>rd</sup> and so on, permit game during league play in the current season.
  - d. When two divisions (e.g. U14-Premier and U14-Div II) are amalgamated into one league, players from lower age/division teams are not eligible for permit play with higher age/division teams in the same league.
  - e. A player registered in the highest Division may not permit with the lowest Division team in the next higher age group (eg. U12 Boys Premier cannot permit to U14 Boys Div III but could permit to U16 Boys Div III).
6. As of Indoor 2006-07, there is no longer a maximum of five permits per season to play up. Unlimited permits are allowed to play up during the regular youth league season.
7. It is the responsibility of the team to ensure that all its permit players are eligible to participate in that capacity.
8. In circumstances where a youth team is unable to access a reasonable number of permit players from within their zone, the zone parent organization may request special permission from the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Board of Directors 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.

9. In the outdoor season, a maximum of 5 permit players may be used in any game.
10. In the indoor season, a maximum of 3 permit players may be used in any game.
11. For City 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 (eg. 11 players for U14-U18 outdoor, 8 players for U12 outdoor, 8 for U12-16 Premier and Div II indoor, 7 players for U18 Div II and III indoor and 5 for other indoor Youth divisions). The players permitting may not play in any other City Playoff or Championship games.
12. The use of permit players in exhibition, tournament, and non- Saskatoon Youth Soccer competitions will be governed by the organization of authority for the competition.
13. Senior teams may use the services of a youth player for league games under the following conditions:
  - a. All relevant SDSA rules are observed.
  - b. The permission of the youth coach is obtained.
  - c. Players under a Saskatoon Youth Soccer suspension are not allowed to play in any senior games unless given written permission to do so by the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Discipline Committee at the time of the discipline hearing.
14. Any youth player who affiliates with a senior team and subsequently has their youth status reinstated by the SSA must comply with Saskatoon Youth Soccer residency rules.
15. 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 Saskatoon Youth Soccer and SDSA is obtained.

#### **XIV. GAME SHEETS**

1. Game sheets are only used for youth soccer games, not for mini soccer games.
2. Coaches must enter the names and numbers of all participating and suspended players on the game sheet in a matter that will be recorded through all carbon copies (No Labels). 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:
  - a. 14 players in the indoor season U12 Premier Division
  - b. 16 players in the indoor season U12 Division II, III and IV
  - c. 16 players in the indoor season U14-U16 all Divisions
  - d. 18 players in the indoor season U18 all Divisions
  - e. 20 players in the outdoor season U14-18
  - f. 14 players in the outdoor season U12
3. The home team is responsible for providing the game sheet.
4. The completed game sheet must be submitted to the referee prior to the second half of play.
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.
6. Following the game, the referee shall sign, record the score and any cards or comments

on the game sheet in a manner that will be recorded through all carbon copies.

7. Games sheets consist of 4 copies. The distribution shall be as follows:
  - a. 1st Copy:
    - i) Indoor season: This copy remains at the playing facility to be collected by Saskatoon Youth Soccer.
    - ii) Outdoor season: This copy is given to the referee and is to be submitted to the Saskatoon Youth Soccer office.
  - b. 2nd Copy: This copy is given to the home team
  - c. 3rd Copy: This copy is given to the visiting team
  - d. 4th Copy: This copy is given to the referee
8. In the outdoor season:
  - a. Games results must be phoned into the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Office by the coach of the winning team or, in the event of a tie, by the coach of the home team within 48 hours of the game. Results provided by telephone will be considered official pending verification by the game sheet.
  - b. Failure of the responsible coach to report a win or a tie by the date required may result in a team not being credited with points earned by such a win or tie. The acceptance of game reports and game sheets after the due date will be at the discretion of Saskatoon Youth Soccer.

## **XV. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

1. An eligible player is one who is properly affiliated with a team on the team SSA Registration Form, is listed on the game sheet, and is not under suspension or acting in contravention of any Saskatoon Youth Soccer regulations.
2. Questions of player eligibility in mini soccer can be directed to the attention of Saskatoon Youth Soccer in the event that coaches cannot resolve the issue at the game time.
3. A youth team may protest a game on the grounds of player eligibility. Such a protest shall be made in accordance with the procedures in “Game Protests”.
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.
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.

## **XVI. CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS**

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.
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 Saskatoon Youth Soccer game of his/her own team, is subject to a discipline hearing (see 5 below), and may not play for any other team until such suspension has been served.
3. The ejection of a member of the coaching staff must be noted on the game sheet. That person is suspended for the next Saskatoon Youth Soccer game of his/her own team is subject to a discipline hearing (see 5 below), and may not coach for any other team until

such suspension has been served.

4. A player receiving a third caution (yellow card) in league play within a 12-month period will be suspended for the next Saskatoon Youth Soccer game of his/her own team following notification of such suspension by Saskatoon Youth Soccer. The player may not play for any other team until such suspension has been served
5. Any person suspended under the preceding items (2 or 3) is subject to a discipline hearing. It is the responsibility of the coach of the team with which the suspended individual is affiliated to contact the Saskatoon Youth Soccer office within 2 working days to arrange such a hearing. Any suspended individual will remain under suspension (i.e. ineligible to participate in any Saskatoon Youth Soccer activity) until such arrangements have been made.
6. Coaches are responsible for identifying on the game sheet, the name of any player serving a suspension. Any team found to be playing a suspended player shall forfeit all games in which that player participated. The coach and suspended player may be subject to further disciplinary action.
7. 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 Saskatoon Youth Soccer Discipline Committee).

## **XVII. DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES**

1. The Discipline Committee is responsible for dealing with discipline matters on behalf of the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Board of Directors.
2. The Discipline Committee will consist of a chairperson and up to five additional members appointed by the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Board of Directors. Members may name designates to serve on their behalf.
3. A quorum of the Discipline Committee will be three members (or their designates).
4. The Discipline Committee will consider other disciplinary matters at the request of the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Board of Directors.
5. The Discipline Committee will maintain records of all its hearings and deliberations and will make those available, on request, to the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Board of Directors.
6. The following Schedule "A" is the new Saskatoon Youth Soccer discipline procedures guideline. The following chart lists minimum suspensions that will be imposed, however the Discipline Committee may impose a greater penalty.

### **Schedule "A" Discipline**

<b>VIOLENT CONDUCT</b>	<b>1st Offence</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offence</b>
Threatening to kick, punch, head butt another player (no physical contact)	2 games	4 games
Push, slap, trip, elbow, kick, chop or step on another player	3 games	6 games
Physical Confrontation (no punches)	3 games	6 games
3 <sup>rd</sup> man in a physical confrontation (no punches)	3 games	6 games
Running the keeper (no attempt to avoid)	4 games	DBH
Deliberate elbow, kick, punch, head butt, choking, hair	5 games	10 games

pulling, chop, or step on another player (with intent to injure)		
Fighting (punches thrown)	7 games	14 games
Instigator of fight	Additional 2 games	Additional 2 games
3 <sup>rd</sup> man in a physical confrontation (punches thrown)	7 games	DBH
Boarding (attempt to injure)	8 games	DBH
Substitute entering field to join altercation	DBH	DBH
Any OTHER violent conduct not listed	DBH	DBH
Re-entering the field after ejection	Initial # of games x 2	
<b>SERIOUS FOUL PLAY</b>	<b>1st Offence</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offence</b>
Dangerous Tackle	2 games	3 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	DBH	DBH
<b>SPITTING</b>	<b>1st Offence</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offence</b>
Spitting	2 games	4 games
Spitting at another player	1 Year	DBH
<b>DENYING A GOAL SCORING OPPORTUNITY</b>	<b>1st Offence</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offence</b>
By deliberately handling the ball	1 game	2 games
By an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick	1 game	2 games
<b>FOUL/ABUSIVE LANGUAGE OR INDECENT GESTURE</b>	<b>1st Offence</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offence</b>
At official or other (i.e. 'you are a terrible ref')	1 game	2 games
At official or other (i.e. 'you are a f***** a*****')	2 games	3 games
At official or other (i.e. more than 2 words/gestures)	1 game per word	
Any OTHER foul/abusive language or gesture not listed	DBH	DBH

7. Infractions with a minimum of one game do not require a discipline hearing, however if this infraction is repeated a second time the player will then be required to attend a discipline hearing. Players who have received a minimum of two games or more must sit out their first game and then attend a discipline hearing before their next game.
8. Any individual summoned to a hearing by the Discipline Committee may request a copy of the relevant referee's report or other documentation from the Saskatoon Youth Soccer office.
9. Failure to appear before the Committee as required will result in the addition of at least one game to be added to the stated penalty.
10. In all cases the Referee's report will be accepted as an affidavit of the facts.
11. Spectators' and Coaches' violations will be adjudicated based on the referee's report.
12. Community mini soccer participants who violate the rules of soccer will be dealt with by the Discipline Committee as per written request by the coach of the opposing team. Concerns must be sent in to the office via email or letter by the coach of the team

requesting a review.

13. Any individual suspended by the Discipline Committee has a right to appeal that suspension. The appeal procedure is as follows:
  - a. A written appeal is to be made to the Saskatoon Youth Soccer office within 2 working days of the player/team representative being notified of the decision of the committee.
  - b. The appeal will be heard by Operations Committee of Saskatoon Youth Soccer within 7 working days of the receipt of the appeal
  - c. Mandatory one-game suspensions are to be served pending an Appeal. Further suspensions being appealed are lifted pending the outcome of the Appeal.
  - d. Saskatoon Youth Soccer will make available to the appellant at their request, a copy of all referee reports, notes and correspondence relating to the matter under appeal.
  - e. The appellant will be given a reasonable opportunity to present a case to the appeal committee in person or in writing.
  - f. The Operations Committee has the power to reduce, increase, modify or leave unchanged the decision of the Discipline Committee.
  - g. A fee of \$30.00 must accompany all appeals. The fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

## **XVIII. GAME PROTESTS**

1. Youth teams may protest the result of a game to Saskatoon Youth Soccer. Protests must be based on violations of the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Rules and Regulations.
2. 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 protest the referee's actions for the misapplication only.
3. Protests must be submitted in writing to the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Office, within 2 working days of the event being protested. All protests must outline the basis of the protest and be signed by the coach or manager of the protesting team.
4. A fee of \$30.00 must accompany the protest. The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld
5. A special committee consisting of the Saskatoon Youth Soccer president (or designate) and a Board member (or named alternate) from each zone will hear game protests within 7 working days of receipt of the protests. A quorum of this committee will be three members.
6. When a game protest is upheld, the protesting team will normally be declared 1-0 winners. If the committee hearing the protest considers such a result to unduly disadvantage or benefit any team, however, a more appropriate score may be assigned or the protested game may be rescheduled in whole or part.
7. The outcome of any game protest may be appealed as follows:
  - a. A written appeal of a protest decision must be submitted to the Saskatoon Youth Soccer office within 2 working days of the time when notification of the decision is given.
  - b. The Saskatoon Youth Soccer Operations committee will hear the appeal within 7

working days of receipt of the appeal. Any member of the Operations Committee who served on the initial protest hearing committee will not serve on the appeal committee.

- c. Saskatoon Youth Soccer will make available to the appellant at their request, a copy of all forms, notes and correspondence relating to the matter under appeal.
  - d. The appellant will be given a reasonable opportunity to present a case to the appeal committee in person or in writing.
  - e. A fee of \$30.00 must accompany the appeal. The fee will be returned if the appeal is upheld.
8. Notwithstanding the above, Saskatoon Youth Soccer 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.

**XIX. IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

- 1. All youth players (Under 12 to Under 18) will be required to obtain photo identification cards through Saskatoon Youth Soccer and will be assigned a lifetime soccer ID number as of Indoor 06/07.
- 2. Proof of age (hospitalization or birth certificate) 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 identification card.
- 3. Identification Cards will be required for Saskatoon Youth Soccer league competition beginning in the 06/07 Indoor season.
- 4. Valid ID Cards issued are required for all players competing in Provincial Competitions.
- 5. An Identification Card is the property of the player it identifies.
- 6. Out-of-district teams playing within the Saskatoon Youth Soccer league will be treated as visiting teams and do not require Saskatoon Youth Soccer Identification Cards (ie: Valley Soccer Association, Prince Albert, etc.)

**XX. COACHES AND COACHING QUALIFICATIONS**

- 1. Coaches are officially affiliated with teams by means of the team SSA Registration Forms (see “Team Registration and Player Affiliation”).
- 2. Other jurisdictions may impose additional requirements for the qualification and conduct of coaches. **For example**, any team entering a Saskatchewan Provincial Championship competition must have coaches certified as follows:
  - a. Each team must have a coach registered on the official SSA Team Registration Form who has a minimum of the following certifications:

Under 12 Premier / Division 2 & 3 & Under 14 Division 2 & 3	Head Coach – Community Coach Youth Asst. Coach – Community Coach Youth
Under 16 & Under 18 Division 2 & 3	Head Coach –Community Coach Youth and Senior Asst. Coach – Community Coach Youth
PSL – Under 14, Under 16 & Under 18	Head Coach –Community Coach Youth and Senior Asst. Coach – Community Coach Youth

**Please note that a person may not be listed as a Coach or Assistant Coach on the roster for provincial if they do not have the proper certification.**

**\*Note-For PSL 2008 and the Indoor 2008/2009 Season the following Provincial Coaching Certification requirements will be taking affect:**

Under 12 & Under 14 - All Divisions	Head Coach - Community Coach Child and Youth Asst. Coach - Community Coach Child and Youth
Under 16 & Under 18 - All Divisions	Head Coach - *Full Community Coach Certificate *(Child/Youth/Senior) Asst. Coach - *Full Community Coach Certificate *(Child/Youth/Senior)
PSL – Under 14, Under 16 & Under 18	Head Coach - *Full Community Coach Certificate *(Child/Youth/Senior) Asst. Coach - *Full Community Coach Certificate *(Child/Youth/Senior)

**\*Full Community Coach Certificate = (Child, Youth and Senior Certification)**

- b. All coaching staff registered on the teams SSA Team Registration form must have a CPIC (Criminal Records Check).

## **XXI. GAME MANAGEMENT AND REFEREES**

1. All Mini Soccer (Under-6, Under-8, Under-10) 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.
2. A referee has full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in connection with a match to which they are assigned.
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.
4. Under normal circumstances and subject to availability, referees will be assigned for all scheduled youth league and play-off games.
5. In the event an assigned referee fails to appear or is unable to finish a game:
  - a. The coaches of both teams should consult the referees on the contact list.
  - b. 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.
  - c. Any delay to the start shall be accommodated by reducing the length of the game.
  - d. Failure to agree on a replacement will result in a rescheduled time assigned by the Saskatoon Youth Soccer office.

## **XXII. RESCHEDULING AND CANCELING GAMES**

1. Rescheduling Games
  - a. Mini games will be done as follows:
    - i) Outdoor season: Rescheduling of all Under-6, Under-8 and Under-10 mini games will be done by agreement of the coaches of the teams involved.
    - ii) Indoor season: Rescheduling of Under-6 games will be done by agreement of the coaches of the teams involved. Rescheduling of Under-8 and

Under-10 mini games may be requested, however high school gym and soccer centre availability is extremely limited and Saskatoon Youth Soccer may not be able to accommodate all requests.

- b. Youth games will be done as follows:
  - i) A Rescheduling Request Form must be completed and signed by both teams involved.
  - ii) The Form and fee must be received in the Saskatoon Youth Soccer office 15 days prior to the original game date.
  - iii) 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.
  - iv) The Saskatoon Youth Soccer office will notify teams of the time and place of a rescheduled game at least 7 days in advance of that game.
  - v) While Saskatoon Youth Soccer will consult with teams regarding game rescheduling, the limited availability of playing facilities requires that Saskatoon Youth Soccer reserve the right to set the time and date of rescheduled games.

## 2. Canceling Games

- a. Saskatoon Youth Soccer 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 Saskatoon Youth Soccer Office telephone and distributed to local radio stations. Decisions regarding general cancellations will normally be made at 4:00 pm.
- b. Cancellation of Under-6, Under-8 and Under-10 mini games at the soccer pitch due to inclement weather or other circumstances will be by agreement of the coaches of the teams involved.
- c. Cancellation of all youth games at the soccer pitch due to inclement weather or other circumstances will be determined as follows:
  - i) If a senior referee has been assigned, the decision to cancel or continue a game will be at the sole discretion of the referee.
  - ii) 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.
  - iii) 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 Saskatoon Youth Soccer.
- d. Saskatoon Youth Soccer reserves the right to determine whether a canceled game will be rescheduled.

## **XXIII. DEFAULTED AND INCOMPLETE GAMES**

### 1. Defaulted Games

- a. Mini soccer games cannot be defaulted, however, coaches should advise the Saskatoon Youth Soccer office in the event that an opposing team fails to appear for a game.
- b. Youth games will be defaulted as follows:

- i) If one team does not have the minimum number of players at 10 minutes after the scheduled start time, that team will default the game. The defaulting team will be assigned a 1–0 loss.
    - ii) If both teams do not have the minimum number of players at 10 minutes after the scheduled start time, both teams will default the game and no points in the standings will be awarded to either team.
  - c. The performance bond of teams defaulting games will be forfeit as follows:
    - i) \$20.00 for first default
    - ii) \$50.00 for second default
    - iii) \$100.00 for third default
  - d. A team that defaults 3 games in a season is suspended from further Saskatoon Youth Soccer league and tournament play. The suspension continues until the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Board of Directors reinstates the team and the team performance bond has been renewed.
- 2. Incomplete Games
  - a. Youth league games will be considered complete once two-thirds of the scheduled time, as determined by the Referee, has been played. Incomplete league games will be rescheduled at the discretion of Saskatoon Youth Soccer.
  - b. 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.
  - c. In the event that a game is not completed because the referee abandoned it, the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Board will determine the outcome of the game.
  - d. When a team is removed from league competition for whatever reason, all games in which they participated will be removed from league standings.
  - e. Saskatoon Youth Soccer 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.

## **XXIV. SASKATOON YOUTH SOCCER RULES OF PLAY**

- 1. The rules under which Saskatoon Youth Soccer league games will be played are as follows:
  - a. Under-6 Saskatoon Youth Soccer 3 v 3
  - b. Under-8 Saskatoon Youth Soccer 5 v 5
  - c. Under-10 Saskatoon Youth Soccer 7 v 7
  - d. **Youth Indoor:**
    - i) 8v8 half-turf divisions (Premier and U14 + U16 Div II), and 7v7 half-turf divisions (U18 Div II + III) will play 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.
    - ii) 5v5 divisions (sport court or ¼ turf) will play with lined boundaries. Balls out-of-bounds will be restarted by goal kick, corner kick or indirect free kick from the sideline.
    - iii) The Referee: No assistant referee will be appointed. The home team will supply an official timekeeper.

- iv) Substitutions (U12-U18):
    - a. 8 v 8 divisions:
      - Max of 6 substitutions events per game during play with a max of 2 players per event
      - Unlimited at half and players may reenter the game
      - Occur from centre at stoppages in play and with permission of referee
    - b. 7 v 7 divisions - Unlimited at half on the fly
    - c. 5 v 5 divisions - Unlimited at half on the fly
  - v) Offside (U12-U18):
    - a. 8v8 + 7v7 divisions - Offside in the offensive 1/3 of the field as in U11-12 outdoor rules
    - b. 5v5 divisions - No offside
  - vi) 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.
  - vii) Fouls and Misconducts
    - a. 8v8 divisions - yellow and red cards as in outdoor game
    - b. 5v5 divisions - time penalties as outlined below.
    - c. All players receiving a time penalty shall serve the time penalty in a designated penalty area.
    - d. There shall be two categories of time penalties:
      - i. A Yellow Card time penalty is 4 minutes in duration and is assessed to the offender. The team is reduced in strength by one player for the duration of the penalty time. Players receiving a yellow card will remain in the penalty box for 4 minutes. If during the serving of a penalty a short handed team has a goal scored on them, they may have a player from the bench enter the game. The penalized player may re-enter the field of play after their four minutes have been served, unless the team is at full strength. If the team is at full strength when the penalty expires the player must remain in the box until the next stoppage of play. All players must exit the penalty box onto the field of play.
      - ii. A Red Card offense is 6 minutes playing time in duration and is assessed to the offender who is sent off the field of play. A team is obliged to put a player or a substitute in the penalty box to serve the 6 minute time penalty and the team plays shorthanded for the full 6 minutes playing time.
- e) **Youth Outdoor:** *The Laws of the Game* approved by FIFA, but with the following modification:
- i) Substitutions:
    - a. U14-U18 (all Divisions) - There is no limit to the number of substitutions in a game and up to 2 players per substitution at one time.
    - b. U12 (Premier Division) - There are 6 substitution events, up to a

maximum of 2 players and unlimited at halftime. Players that have been substituted may re-enter the game.

- c. U12 (Division II, III and IV) - There is no limit to the number of substitutions in a game and up to 2 players per substitution at one time.

ii) Off-side:

- a. The offside rule varies with the different formats of play. In 11v11 games are on full fields with the offside rule as it is in outdoor soccer, with the centre line marking the offside line. 8v8 games are played on half fields and use the attacking 1/3 as the offside line which is marked by a yellow dotted line. While 5v5 uses quarter field playing areas and has no offside.
- b. 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

2. The following general rules apply to all Saskatoon Youth Soccer competitions:

a. Game and Player Equipment

- i) The home team will supply the game ball unless, in the opinion of the referee, the visiting team has a more satisfactory ball.
- ii) The size of the ball will be as follows:
  - a. Size 3 for Under-6 and Under-8 (size 4 is acceptable if a size 3 is not available)
  - b. Size 4 for Under-10 and Under-12
  - c. Size 5 for Under-14, Under-16 and Under-18
- iii) For Saskatoon Youth Soccer 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.
- iv) 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.
- v) 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.
- vi) All Under-12 to Under-18 players are required to wear shin guards. Any player not wearing shin guards will not be allowed to play.
- vii) The goalkeeper must wear colors that are distinct from those of the other players and the referee.

b. Game Duration

- i) Outdoor season games will consist of 2 equal periods separated by a 5-minute halftime break. The periods will be:
  - a. 30 minutes for Under-12
  - b. 35 minutes for Under-14
  - c. 45 minutes for Under-16 and Under-18
- ii) Indoor season games for all age groups will consist of 2 equal periods of 25

- minutes separated by a 5-minute halftime break.
- iii) 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.
  - iv) 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.
  - v) Mini Soccer Teams will use the following guidelines for game duration for Indoor soccer:
    - a. All teams will play a game lasting 60 minutes.
    - b. There are 2 x 25 minute halves, with a 5 to 10 minute half time.
  - vi) Mini Soccer Teams will use the following guidelines for game duration for Outdoor soccer:
    - a. Under-6: one 30 minute game with 30 minute training session before each game.
    - b. Under-8: one 40 minute game with 20 minute training session before each game.
    - c. Under-10 = 2 x 30 minute halves
- c) Scoring and Tie Breaking
- i) In youth league competition, points will be awarded as follows:
    - a. Win: 3 points
    - c. Tie: 1 point
    - d. Loss: 0 points
  - ii) Tie Breaking Rules
    - a. Where 2 or more teams are tied in points:
      - i. Teams shall be ranked according to points awarded for the game results among the contending teams.
      - ii. If (a) fails to break the tie, contending teams shall be ranked according to the fewest goals allowed against the other contending team(s).
      - iii. 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.
      - iv. 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 Saskatoon Youth Soccer.
      - v. No City 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 Saskatoon Youth Soccer there shall be a playoff game at a time and place decided by Saskatoon Youth Soccer between the two most highly ranked teams, as determined by provisions (a) through (d) above if necessary.
    - b. In playoff competition if the game is still tied after regular game duration:

- i. 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.
- ii. 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.
- iii. No time out between overtime periods.
- iv. 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.

**XXV. RULES FOR SASKATOON YOUTH SOCCER REGISTERED PLAYERS IN THE SDSA LEAGUE**

1. Each season Saskatoon Youth Soccer teams playing in the SDSA League will receive two schedules:
  - a. One from the SDSA and one from Saskatoon Youth Soccer (Any games scheduled by Saskatoon Youth Soccer will follow Saskatoon Youth Soccer rules any games scheduled by the SDSA will follow SDSA rules.
  - b. For SDSA games Youth Teams must still follow Youth Permit Rules or **the Team will Lose their Youth Status**
2. Discipline
  - a. The Saskatoon Youth Soccer Discipline Committee will deal with discipline received in games scheduled by Saskatoon Youth Soccer.
  - b. The SDSA Discipline Committee will deal with discipline received in games scheduled by SDSA.
  - c. Suspensions received from either Discipline Committee will be served in the player's next game(s), no matter which association it was dealt by.

**XXVI. OUT-OF-PROVINCE TRAVEL**

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.
2. Saskatoon Youth Soccer must request such permission of SSA on behalf of its registered teams.
3. Teams must complete and submit a current Travel Permit Form to Saskatoon Youth Soccer by the following deadlines:
  - a. For Inter-provincial tournaments: 15 days before the tournament.
  - b. For tournaments in the United States: 30 days before the tournament.
  - c. For International tournaments: 90 days before the tournament.
4. A Travel Permit Form must be accompanied by a list naming all players, officials, and dignitaries who will accompany the team. The list must include the date of birth of each youth player.

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):
  - a. For events in Canada outside of the province of Saskatchewan: \$30
  - b. For events in the U.S.A: At Cost
  - c. For international events: At Cost

## **XXVII. PROVINCIAL COMPETITIONS AND PROGRAMS**

### 1. Saskatchewan Championships

- a. All Provincial Championship 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 Saskatoon Youth Soccer league play.
- b. Those competing in Provincial Championships are responsible for informing themselves of the rules of competition that apply.
- c. 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:

Indoor Season: Provincial Championship competitions are currently held for Premier and Division II Boys and Girls in the age groups of Under-12, Under-14, Under-16, and Under-18.

U12: Saskatoon Youth Soccer Premier is equivalent to SSA Premier  
Saskatoon Youth Soccer Division II is equivalent to SSA Division II

U14: Saskatoon Youth Soccer Premier is equivalent to SSA Premier see below  
Saskatoon Youth Soccer Division II is equivalent to SSA Division II

U16: Saskatoon Youth Soccer Premier is equivalent to SSA Premier see below  
Saskatoon Youth Soccer Division II is equivalent to SSA Division II

U18: Saskatoon Youth Soccer Premier is equivalent to SSA Premier  
Saskatoon Youth Soccer Division II is equivalent to SSA Division II

Outdoor Season: Provincial Championship competitions are currently held for Division II and Division III Boys and Girls in the age groups of Under-14, Under-16, and Under-18.

U14: Saskatoon Youth Soccer Div II is equivalent to SSA Div II  
Saskatoon Youth Soccer Div III is equivalent to SSA Div III

U16: Saskatoon Youth Soccer Div II is equivalent to SSA Div II  
Saskatoon Youth Soccer Div III is equivalent to SSA Div III

U18: Saskatoon Youth Soccer Div II is equivalent to SSA Div II  
Saskatoon Youth Soccer Div III is equivalent to SSA Div III

### 2. Saskatchewan Select Teams

- a. Provincial select teams are the responsibility of the SSA
- b. All Saskatoon Youth Soccer coaches whose players are chosen for a SSA select team should encourage their selected players involvement.
- c. In the case of a conflict between a player's obligation to a club team and an SSA

select team, SSA policy states that the obligation to the club team shall take precedence.

- d. Only those players registered with the SSA during the current season qualify to be chosen for a SSA select team.

#### **XXVIII. AMENDMENTS to RULES and REGULATIONS**

1. These Rules and Regulations can be amended, altered, or appealed in whole or in part by the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Board of Directors.