



Annual General Meeting (AGM), Member Sessions & Awards

Location:

Conexus Arts Centre, 200 Lakeshore Drive, Regina SK

Friday, March 22

Evening: Come & Go Social

Saturday, March 23

Morning: Annual General Meeting Afternoon: Member Sessions & Awards

Afternoon: Walking Soccer Game (Bring your walking shoes! Members in attendance are

encouraged to take part) Evening: Awards Banquet

Please Note:

The AGM Working Papers and official schedule along with a request for RSVP will be released at a later date.

Hotel: Book by February 22

A block of rooms for Friday and Saturday night have been set aside at the Sandman Hotel and Suites (link https://www.sandmanhotels.com/regina). These rooms can be accessed by using this link: https://reservations.sandmanhotels.com/113179?&groupID=4073249 or call 306 757 2444 and use block ID "325714".

The rooms will be held until February 22 and will be released for general sale at that point. There are limited hotel rooms available, so please be sure to confirm your bookings as early as possible.

In Memoriam Request - Due March 15

SSA wishes to recognize those in the Saskatchewan soccer community that passed in 2023. We are requesting your support by providing names to bring forward for recognition as part of the Saskatchewan Soccer Association and Canada Soccer in Memoriam. Please submit names for any soccer participants or supporters that you wish to honour to ea@sasksoccer.com by March 15.

Member Assistance Program (MAP) Grant

SSA is pleased to distribute over \$239,000 in funding from Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation's Membership Assistance Program to Member Organizations (MO) to allocate funds directly to members, to support MO to align their efforts with SSA, increase the number of participants, expand sport and organizational development opportunities, strengthen local capacity to grow the game, and assist with promotion of soccer in Saskatchewan.

Reminder: Do not submit your MAP grant application until you have received the communication indicating the minimum amount of funding. You can begin completing the application as a **draft** but do not submit it until the letter is received.

Learn More



Competitions Corner

PSL Season is Coming Soon!

Declaration of Interest is due by March 1 for all competing teams for 2024 PSL. Please submit declarations to Kellin Enslev, Manager of Competitions and Partnerships before the deadline.

The 2024 PSL will kick-off the week of May 6 and PSL Finals (U15 & U17) will be held July 20-21 in Regina. No games will be played on the May Long Weekend or Canada Day Weekend.



U13 will play their final matches coinciding with U15/U17 Semi Final Weekend on July 12 to 14 in Saskatoon.



Sask Cup - Feb 22-25

Good Luck to the 66 teams competing in the inaugural Sask Cup and the SaskTelBe Kind Online Skill Centre Festival next week in Saskatoon.

We are excited for a weekend filled with top-level talent, comradery, fellowship, and fun!



Canada Soccer Advanced Coach Education - Applications due March 31

The application window for the Canada Soccer Advanced Coach Education Program is now open. All applications must be submitted <u>online</u> to Canada Soccer by March 31, 2024. Any coach applying for advanced coaching education must hold a C License and meet all requirements of the Safe Sport Roster.



Canada Soccer Club Licensing Program

The 2024-2025 Club Licensing intake cycle has been opened. Declaration of Interest can be completed via **submittable until May 15**, 2024.

Please direct any questions to Ashlyn Therens at a.theres@sasksoccer.com



Time to Register Referees

Preparations for the outdoor season are under way. Match officials represent a vital part of the game. Please encourage all returning referees to head over to your Member Organization's RAMP registration portal and register if they have not done so already. Referees have a significant role in sport, and having a trained referee pool is vital to the success of your local programming.

Referee Registrations are due March 31, if you need

to submit a Referee Registrar Report, you can find it on our website here.

REMINDER: 2024 Referee season will not be active until the Member Organization activates it; this can be done in the season settings.

RAMP Season Set Up Tutorial: RAMP Registration System Admin Tutorial

What if not enough match officials are returning?

The time to recruit more participants and book a referee clinic is now. Head over to the Saskatchewan Soccer Referee Courses page for more information. Future referees are required to complete the 'Entry Level Referee Online Theory Module' (accessible through the individual Ramp account) before registering for the one day 'In Classroom/Practical component.'

If your Member Organization has any questions, please contact Octavian at o.iliuta@sasksoccer.com.

Reminder from the Registrar

Scam Email Alert

There has been a recent instance of an email scammer impersonating a SSA staff member which serves as a good reminder to be aware and on the look out for email scams. One key thing to look closely at if you suspect that an email might be a scam is the senders email address – sometimes the differences may be small and tricky to spot when just taking a glance. As well, if you receive an email that appears to be from SSA asking you to send money to an address or e-transfer email that is unfamiliar it is likely a scam. When in doubt, you can always call SSA to confirm if the email is legitimate.

2024 SSA Membership Renewal

All Member Organizations are required to renew each year to be eligible for SSA Member Benefits. Members who renew on time are rewarded through Member Assistance Program Funding (MAP) and are eligible to vote at the SSA AGM. The deadline for renewal is March 15.

Regular Member Organizations (register players): \$75.00 Association Member Organizations (do not register players): \$50.00 Renewal fees increase after March 15.

Click Here to Renew Today

Outdoor 2024 RAMP Season - Open

RAMP Registration for Outdoor 2024 Season and 2024 Referee Season will be available December 1.

REMINDER: The season will not be active until the Member Organization activates it under the season settings. To learn more visit: http://www.sasksoccer.com/content/RAMP-Sports-Management-System

Registration Fee - Outdoor 2024

Effective Outdoor 2024, player registration fees will increase by \$2.00/player. The resulting fee structure for soccer and futsal participants starting in Outdoor 2024 and going forward will be:

• Mini Player: \$18.00 per season

• Youth & Adult Player: \$34.00 per season

If you have any questions or require assistance contact: registrar@sasksoccer.com

Registrar's Fun Fact

In 1988 Randy Samuel became the first black athlete to captain the Canadian national soccer team!

FSQ Club Operating System

Are you tired of juggling endless tasks in your soccer organization? Ready to revolutionize your club's management and unlock its true potential? Look no further! FSQ's Club Operating System, an easily accessible, streamlined approach to member engagement.



Learn more about this innovative system here: https://www.sasksoccer.com/content/Club-Operating-System







Canadian Women in Sport – Sport Belongs to Everyone

February, also known as Black History Month, is an important time for sport leaders to continue (or begin) learning how to create a more inclusive sport system for participants, who are representative of the black community. Here are a few resources to get you started:

- We Are Sport: Diversity and Leadership webinar webinar hosted with She's4Sport which discusses anti-racist action from leaders in sport
- Anti-Racism in Coaching training provided by the Coaches Association of Canada
- Anti-Racism in Sport's list of educational tools for parents and sport leaders
- Anti Racism in Sport Campaign Video (below) features Winnipeg athletes and sport stakeholders sharing their experiences with racism and their recommendations for how to take anti-racism actions in sport



SSA Calendar of Events & Deadlines

To view and subscribe to our full <u>Calendar of Events</u> visit our website!







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