



Last Call for Annual General Meeting (AGM) Registration

Location:

Conexus Arts Centre, 200 Lakeshore Drive, Regina SK

Please refer to the Annual General Meeting <u>Working Papers</u> for full details about the weekend's schedule of events.

Annual General Meeting <u>Working Papers</u> – these are the official working papers for the AGM, please take time to review them in detail.

The SSA Annual report will be released in an alternate email early next week.

- AGM Agenda
- 2023 AGM Draft Minutes
- Voting Information, Form and Procedures
- Director Candidate Biographies
- 2023 Audited Financial Statements
- Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Member Organization Renewal Requirements

Membership Renewal

Each Member must renew in order to be eligible to vote at the AGM.

Regular Member Organizations (register players): \$75 Associate Member Organizations (do not register players): \$50

Renewal fees increase after March 15.

AGM Weekend Registration

There is still time to register!

In order to attend, delegates and participants must register, click the link below for more information.

AGM Registration



Coming up in April, surveys pertaining to Individual Participant and Non-Returning Participants will be distributed out via email. Once again, these will be distributed by Satori Soccer to every participant in the SSA community including individuals who did not return to the 2023-24 Indoor season. The survey conducted

will be based on the participants' experience with the club in delivering an enjoyable and valued experience. After the survey is completed, each Member Organization will receive a chance to access this information, along with a 1 on 1 assessment of the data with Satori to assist with future planning and club development.

We look forward to welcoming Satori Soccer to our 2024 AGM weekend to further discuss how clubs can benefit from this data and learn how they can engage their membership to support the survey strategy.

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.

To better assist you there will be 2, 30-minute webinars going through the application process (registration required, only 1 webinar is required). The webinars will contain a walk-through of the applications, a review of best practices, and answer any questions regarding the grant.

Tuesday April 2, 7:00PM - Register Here

Wednesday April 3, 12:15PM - Register Here

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



Soccer in Schools - Deadline March 18

The Soccer in Schools program allows Canada Soccer to reach a wider audience through the public school system, providing opportunities to kids who may not have the means to participate

in organized sports. The Soccer in Schools grant provides teachers with enhanced tools and education to deliver an outstanding in-school soccer experience for everyone involved. By connecting a local soccer organization to their local public schools, we increase the ability for participant engagement and to experience organized play in their community.

Last Friday SSA hosted a Q&A with Canada Soccer to go over the requirements for the grant, to watch the recording click here.

Saskatchewan Soccer is proud to be part of their initial partners in the project. To learn more about how your club can access this grant below:

Learn More



Calling All Rural Members!

The Sask Cup – Rural Weekend is Rapidly Approaching and we can't wait to have you join us!

Details have been distributed to clubs – but if you missed it; contact Kellin Enslev (k.enslev@sasksoccer.com) to collect more details!

Sask Cup Futsal - March 1-3

On behalf of the Saskatchewan Soccer Association, we want to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to our participating member organizations, teams, match officials, coæches, participants, and spectators for a well-played 2024 Sask Cup Futsal, and SaskTel Be Kind Online Skill Center.

SaskTel Be Kind Online Skill Centre

Participating Member Organizations: FC Regina, JJ Soccer, Queen City United, Saskatoon Futsal League, Yorkton United

Results from the 2024 Sask Cup are as follows:



Under 14 Girls

Gold Medal: Swift Current United Silver Medal: TDSoccer Futsal Academy

Fair Play: Swift Current United

MVP: Annika Cook (TDSoccer Futsal Academy)



Under 14 Boys

Gold Medal: QC United Silver Medal: Yorkton United FC

Fair Play: Excelsior FC

MVP: Maddox Eliese (QC United)



Under 16 Girls

Gold Medal: QC United Silver Medal: Yorkton United

Fair Play: QC United

MVP: Lea Mickle (Yorkton United)



Under 16 Boys

Gold Medal: Swift Current United

Silver Medal: QC United

Fair Play: Swift Current United

MVP: Griffin Striker (Swift Current United)



Under 18 Girls

Gold Medal: Yorkton United Silver Medal: QC United Fair Play: Yorkton United

MVP: Addisyn Jakubiec (Yorkton United)



Women's

Gold Medal: Saskatoon G&W Silver Medal: Impact FC

Fair Play: Impact FC MVP: Erica Hindmarsh (Impact FC)



Men's

Gold Medal: Olimpia SK FC Silver Medal: FC Regina Fair Play: Olimpia SK FC MVP: Ethan Cabral (Olimpia SK FC)

*Tournament MVP is established through opposing coaches voting the top-two players of the prior match

for the opposing team. Points accumulated towards recognition of the top player.

**Fair Play Award is establishing through accumulation of points awarded by the match officials based on the conduct of the players, coaches, and spectators of the team throughout the round robin of the tournament.

Entry Level Referee Course Online Modules Update

Canada Soccer has launched the new updated Entry Level Referee, Online Modules. This has replaced the SSA Google Classroom approach aligning entry-level coach and referee development at the National level. The access keys for the online modules (purchased by each participant) will cost \$10 for 2024 and \$50 in 2025.

All eligible Referee Entry Level Clinic participants (minimum of 14 years and older) are required to complete the online training via Canada Soccer's SmarterU platform before moving forward with a seven-hour in-person session to complete referee certification.

The Referee Course Registration Guide is outlined here. The Referee Entry Level Clinic process via Smarter U is available via this link. The Small Sided Referee /Futsal referee process is described here. All information is also available on the SSA Website on the Referee Courses page.

For more information on referee courses or to schedule a practical session in your community, please contact Octavian Iliuta – Manager of Referee Development: o.iliuta@sasksoccer.com



Community Referee Education Sessions

SSA will be offering Laws of the Game Refresher online education sessions (via Zoom) to all Saskatchewan Soccer referees. Sessions will be approximately 1-1.5 hours and will focus on several exciting topics spread over the course of four sessions. We will explore and learn together on challenges, offside, handball, tactical fouls, dissent, and even rare situations that may occur based on the Laws of the Game. You are welcome to attend all sessions or just

the ones that fit your schedule.

Sessions take place, March 20, April 3, April 11, and April 24 with a 7:30 p.m. start time.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested, <u>please register here</u>. Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation email with details on how to access the session of your choice.

Referees are essential to the participant's experience and advancement of the game. They deserve our respect and a supportive, abuse-free, environment. You can make a difference; always treat them well and thank them for their contributions every game!



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.therens@sasksoccer.com

Reminder from the Registrar

Final Indoor Registrar Report - March 31st

The final registrar report of the indoor season is right around the corner. This registrar report will cover all indoor registrations that your organization has received from December 8th, 2023 up to March 31st. The form for this report can be found on our website here.

RAMP Season Set-Up Webinar Recording

Missed out on the season set up training webinar? A recording of the training can be found at the link below. Passcode to access is: AM?b56i

Click here for the Zoom recording

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

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

There are almost 85,000 girls registered in soccer across Canada!



The 2024 CIBC Soccer Fests season application portal is now live! Submit your application online before the deadline of Wednesday, May 1 to secure your spot!



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



Resource Centre



Thursday 21 March, Canada Soccer's 2024 Women & Girls IDEA Day, presented by Visa, will feature Women's National Team legend Erin McLeod as the keynote speaker. As a pioneering athlete and advocate for gender equality in sports, McLeod brings a wealth of experience and passion, sharing invaluable insights on overcoming obstacles and achieving success in soccer.

Alongside McLeod, the Women & Girls IDEA Day, presented by Visa, will also shine a spotlight on three fantastic community club leaders who are making a real difference at the grassroots level. These three leaders are dedicated to getting girls into soccer and ensuring they stay involved.

Sign Up Today!



SSA Calendar of Events & Deadlines

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







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