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To: Community Associations – Presidents or Soccer Coordinators
From: Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.
Date: May 5th, 2010
Re: SYSI Membership Status

Community Association Memberships Terminated:

Effective April 26th, 2010, the Community Associations are no longer members of Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. A motion was passed by the SYSI Board on April 26th to terminate Community Association memberships in order to keep mini soccer fees down. All services that were provided in the past to Community Associations such as entering teams into mini soccer leagues and tournaments and free technical coaching sessions will not be affected by this decision and Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. will continue to offer our services to Community Associations who wish to register their teams into mini leagues. SYSI continues to consider the Community Associations key partners in enabling us to provide quality programs and services for community-age kids who are interested in participating in soccer. Furthermore, we are committed to developing new and innovative programming for this age group as we move ahead, in consultation with the Community Associations.

What Triggered This Decision:

On February 23rd, 2010, Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. received notice from the Saskatchewan Soccer Association advising us that our district must register and submit fees for all U6, U8 and U10 players to the provincial organization. The following statement came from the SSA: *"After a review of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and the Policies and Procedures of the Saskatchewan Soccer Association; the Association will collect registration fees from its District Associations in Membership and its Affiliate Districts for all the Districts members, as defined by their Bylaws, including those participating in programs for under ten and younger, known as mini soccer players"*. This being said, the Community Associations were declared as members in the SYSI Bylaws, therefore our district would be held in bad standing by the SSA if we did not produce fees and register all U6 through to U10 players, coaches and managers to the SSA starting Outdoor 2010. In order to do this a fee increase of \$15.00 per player would have been put in place constituting roughly \$150 to \$200 increase per team. In order to protect the U6 and U8 players from this fee increase the SYSI Board decided to remove Community Associations as our members so that we weren't legally bound by our bylaws to submit these registrations. In the past, SYSI has always and will continue to register the U10 age group with the SSA and this is due to the fact that there are Zone Tournaments offered in Saskatoon for this age group and many players affiliate up to play on Zone teams as extra players throughout the season and require this additional insurance and registration. Another reason we register U10's is so that the SSA recognizes our district as having a mini program so that we may apply for additional grants.

History of Community Associations and Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. Relationship:

Starting in the late 1980's the City of Saskatoon's Recreation Department used to organize soccer for the Community Associations. As the city grew and Community Associations became more involved in programming and the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. grew, the City approached SYSI and asked that we take on the leadership role of assisting the Community Associations with their mini soccer program. All players of mini soccer are deemed members of their respective Community Association that they pay their membership fee too. SYSI simply provides a service to the Community Associations by coordinating schedule compositions and one tournament per season.

Terminated Members Right to Representation:

If you so choose, your Community Association has the right to make representation at our next SYSI Board meeting with respect to the Board's decision to terminate the membership. The SYSI Board strongly encourages someone from your Community Association to attend the next board meeting on Wed May 26th or if you are unable to attend and would like to ask further clarification on this decision to please contact Amanda Romfo, Executive Director 975-3413 or email ed@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca.