

SASKATOON YOUTH SOCCER INC.



2026 OUTDOOR SEASON ZONE COACH PACKAGE U7 – U19

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Abbreviations: CA (Community Association), SYSI (Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc), SSA (Saskatchewan Soccer Association), SSC (Saskatoon Sports Centre), SKHRSC (Saskatoon Kinsmen Henk Ruys Soccer Centre)

IMPORTANT DATES

Date / Time	Item	Location
Fri Mar 27, 4:30 PM	Youth Coach Package – Available Online	SYSI website
Before Tues Mar 31, 11:59 PM	Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation – Free for SYSI Coaches if the training portion has been completed	Online
As of Wed Apr 1, 12:00 AM	Making Ethical Decisions Training and Evaluation eLearning Module - \$85.00	The Locker
Thurs Apr 9, 4:30 PM	League Schedules – Available Online	www.saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca
Fri Apr 17	RAMP Registration Deadline – Outdoor Players & Team Personnel	Online through Zone RAMP
Fri Apr 17, 11:59 PM	Deadline for Zones to assign players & team personnel in RAMP	Online – Zone RAMP
Tues Apr 21, midnight	Deadline: Coaches to have NCCP Part 1 online theory completed to register for NCCP Part 2 on-field clinic	Complete through CSA website
Wed Apr 22, midnight	Deadline: Coaches to register for NCCP on-field Part 2 clinics	Register with SYSI: https://www.rampregistrations.com/login?v3=0e
Thurs Apr 23	Google document provided to team coaches and Zone Registrars including team coach contacts	Email
Fri Apr 24	RESPECT IN SPORT deadline for U11-U19 Team Personnel	Online – free approx. 3hrs
Fri Apr 24	Start of U11-U19 City & Alliance Leagues	SSC, 150 Nelson Rd - City fields starting May 3
Fri Apr 24 – Fri May 8	Free Transfer Period Zones may move players up or down in division without transfer process no form or fee to SYSI needed but player must be re-assigned properly in RAMP prior to their game with such team.	Online through Zone RAMP
Fri May 1	RESPECT IN SPORT deadline for U7-U9 Team Personnel	Online – Free approx. 3hrs
Fri May 1, 6:00 - 9:00 PM	Fundamentals (U7-U9) NCCP Part 2 on-field clinic – Register by Wed Apr 22	SSC, Sherwood Field (150 Nelson Road)
Sat May 2, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Learn to Train (U11-U13) NCCP Part 2 on-field clinic – Register by Wed Apr 22	SSC, Sherwood Field (150 Nelson Road)
Sat May 2, 1:00 - 5:00 PM	Soccer for Life (U15-U19) NCCP Part 2 on-field clinic – Register by Wed Apr 22	SSC, Sherwood Field (150 Nelson Road)
Mon May 4	Start of U5-U9 Zone & Community Leagues	City Grass Fields
Mon May 11, 9:00 AM	Entry Deadline: Sask Cup (11v11) U15-U19 and U9-U13 Skills Festival	Register with SYSI: https://www.rampregistrations.com/login?v3=0e
Mon May 11, 4:30 PM	Green Drop Mini FOS Entry Deadline (U5-U9)	Email: operations@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca
Thurs Jun 25	Last Day of SYSI League Play (U5-U19)	Saskatoon
Sat Jun 27 – Sun Jun 28	City Finals: Alliance League U13-U19	SSC, 150 Nelson Rd – Indoor Turf
Sun Jun 28	City Finals: City League U13-U15	SSC, 150 Nelson Rd – Indoor Turf
Late June – Early July	Indoor Registration Opens	Online

TOURNAMENT & EVENT DATES

Date / Time	Item	Location
Fri May 8 – Sun May 10	Tournament: Lakewood Just Kick It Cup (U9+)	Saskatoon
May 8 – 10	SSA Showcase	Saskatoon
Fri May 22 – Sun May 24	Tournament: Hollandia Cup (U9+)	Saskatoon
Fri May 22 – Sun May 24	Sask Cup Rural (7v7) U15-U19 and U9-U13 Skills Festival	Humbolt
Fri May 29 – Sun May 31	Tournament: Aurora's Harder Avalon Classic Tournament (U9+)	Saskatoon
Fri Jun 5 – Sun Jun 7	Mini FOS Festival (U5-U9)	SSC (150 Nelson Road)
Thurs Jun 11 – Sun Jun 14	Sask Cup (11v11) U15-U19 and U9-U13 Skills Festival	Regina
Fri Jun 19 – Sun Jun 21	Tournament: SUSC U13 Cup	Saskatoon
Sun Jun 21	U5-U7 Timbit Jamboree (Community Association Leagues)	SSC (150 Nelson Road)
Thurs Jul 2 – Thurs Aug 20	O'Reilly Insurance and the co-operators Soccer Kids in the Park Program – free summer drop-in travelling program	Various playgrounds in Saskatoon
Sat Jul 11 – Sun Jul 12	SSA U13 Provincial Soccer League (PSL) Final Games	Saskatoon
Sat Jul 18 – Sun Jul 19	SSA U15-U17 Provincial Soccer League (PSL) Semi Finals	Saskatoon
Sat Jul 25 – Sun Jul 26	SSA U15-U17 Provincial Soccer League (PSL) Finals	Regina

OFFICE CONTACT INFO

Hours: Monday to Friday 10:00am – 4:30pm

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How to Find the SYS Office: The Saskatoon Sports Centre is located at 150 Nelson Road (off Attridge Drive) and is attached to the Centennial High School. The office is on the 2nd floor of the Saskatoon Sports Centre at the South end of the building (facing the outdoor turf fields and Attridge Drive). For best access during office hours, park across from St Joseph High School in the Saskatoon Sports Centre parking lot and enter through the doors facing the outdoor turf fields and proceed upstairs (After 5pm these doors are locked, and you will need to use the main entrance attached to the school).

REGISTRATION AGES

All Dates Are as of January 1st

Zone Association Programs (Zone coordinates registration, coaches, and additional player development):

Born 2019 / 2020	Under-7 D-League	Register with Zone of Residence
Born 2017 / 2018	Under-9 D-League	Register with Zone of Residence
Born 2015 / 2016	Under-11	Register with Zone of Residence
Born 2013 / 2014	Under-13	Register with Zone of Residence
Born 2011 / 2012	Under-15	Register with Zone of Residence
Born 2009 / 2010	Under-17	Register with Participating Zone (no boundaries)
Born 2007 / 2008	Under-19	Register with Participating Zone (no boundaries)

KIDS IN THE PARK - FREE SUMMER SOCCER DROP-IN PROGRAM




SUMMER 2026:



WHAT: Free Summer Drop-In Soccer for All Ages

WHEN: Mon to Fri, July 2nd to Aug 20th

WHERE: Various City of Saskatoon Playgrounds

CONTACT US:

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306-975-3413









Turn to the experts














SASKATOON YOUTH SOCCER INC. LEAGUE STRUCTURE

U5-U9 Player Driven Choice:

Outdoor Community League

U5 – U9

0-1 weekly practices
1 weekly game

U5 Coed – Mon games
U7 Boys – Wed games
U7 Girls – Thurs games
U9 Boys – Mon games
U9 Girls – Tues games

Lower Commitment
Recreational League
Lower Financial Demand

Predominate game location:
City Grass Fields

Outdoor Zone Development League

U7 – U9

2 weekly practices
1 weekly game

U7 Boys – Mon games
U7 Girls – Tues games
U9 Boys – Wed games
U9 Girls – Thurs games

High Commitment
Intensive Training
Higher Financial Demand

Predominate game location:
City Grass Fields

U11-U19 Player Driven Choice:

Outdoor Zone City Rec League

U11 – U19

0-1 weekly practices
1 weekly game

U11-U19 (7v7)

Sunday games with potential
of Fri or Sat games

Lower Commitment
Recreational League
Lower Financial Demand
Relaxed Transfer Rules
Optional Practice

Predominate game location:
Mostly - City Grass Fields
Some - Saskatoon Sports Centre

Outdoor Zone Alliance League

U11 – U19

2-3 weekly practices
1 weekly game

U11 (7v7)

U13 (9v9)

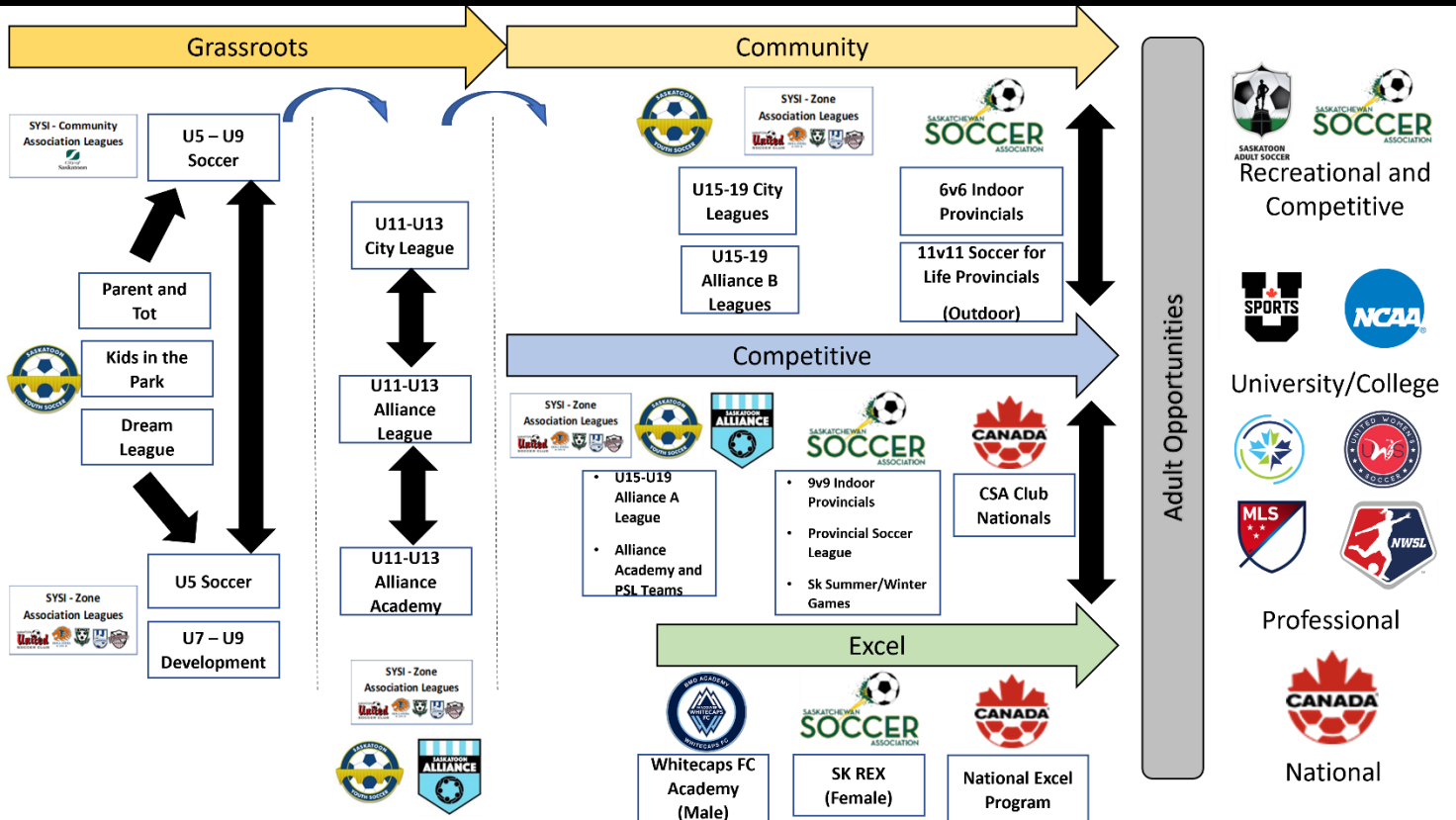
U15-U19 (11v11)

Weekday games with potential
of Fri or Sun games

High Commitment
Intensive Training
Higher Financial Demand
Player Evaluations
Three Levels: P, 2, 3
Alliance Academy Option

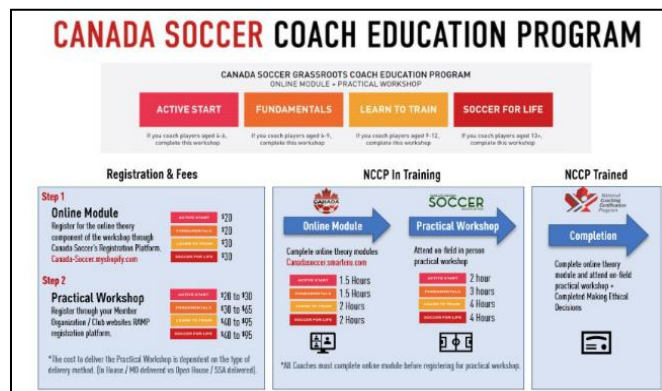
Predominate game location:
Saskatoon Sports Centre
& City Grass Fields

SASKATOON YOUTH SOCCER INC. PLAYER PATHWAY



CANADIAN SOCCER ASSOCIATION COACHING EDUCATION PATHWAY

As the governing body for soccer in Canada, the Canadian Soccer Association is responsible for training coaches from grassroots to national team level. With the increasing number of players registering with clubs across the country, this represents a considerable challenge. In order to meet this challenge, the Association has developed a Long Term Player Development (LTPD) Model and tailored the [Coach Education Program](#) to this Model. As a result, a two-streamed education program has been developed in conjunction with the NCCP and CSA's provincial/territorial partners, to meet the needs of both developing coaches and the sport itself. The Streams through which a coach may enter and/or advance are:



TEAM PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT

RAMP Registration: Every coach, assistant coach, manager, and volunteer parent or volunteer participating in any on-field activities with the team must be registered and insured through SSA. This does not mean certified with the correct coaching certification but registered to show due diligence in terms of the insurance. To ensure you are registered you must be listed on a roster submitted by your team or your Zone Registrar. The Saskatchewan Soccer Association hereby requires that all coaching staff on the bench be age-appropriate certification as listed below:

Task or certification to complete prior to first game/practice: Abbreviations: HC = Head Coach AC = Assistant Coach App/Dev = Apprentice/Developmental Coach PSL = Provincial Soccer League	FULL Safe Sport Roster Requirements for 7 – U19 teams who ARE entering zone or out-of-town tournaments & Dedicated Player or Skill Centre Coaches		Modified Safe Sport Roster Requirements for U5 – U19 teams who are NOT entering zone tournaments or out-of-town tournaments other than U5-U9 Mini FOS/SISCO	
	Head Coach Assistant Coach Development Coach	Manager Gender Rep	Head Coach Assistant Coach Development Coach	Manager Gender Rep
RAMP registration each season	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Criminal Record with Vulnerable Check uploaded into RAMP	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Respect In Sport online module (every five years) - free	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Gender Rep - one per team at all times	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
NCCP Understanding the Rule of Two Online Module - free	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
CSA's NCCP Coaching Soccer in Canada Online Module Please note to complete this module you must first sign up for one of the online age-appropriate online modules	REQUIRED	n/a	REQUIRED	n/a
CSA's NCCP Age Appropriate Online Module U5 - Active Start - \$20 reimbursed by comm/zone U7-U9 - Fundamentals - \$20 reimbursed by comm/zone U11-U13 - Learn to Train - \$30 reimbursed by comm/zone U15-U19 - Soccer for Life - \$30 reimbursed by comm/zone	REQUIRED	n/a	highly recommended	n/a
CSA's NCCP Age Appropriate On-Field Clinic U5-U9 - Fundamentals - free for SYSI coaches hosted by SYSI U11-U13 - Learn to Train - free for SYSI coaches hosted by SYSI U15-U19 - Soccer for Life - free for SYSI coaches hosted by SYSI	REQUIRED	n/a	highly recommended	n/a
MED hosted by Coaches Association of Canada - \$85 NCCP Making Ethical Decisions (MED) Online eLearning Module (Training + Evaluation)	REQUIRED	n/a	n/a	n/a
NCCP Making Head Way in Sport Module - free *Coaches who completed the former Making Head Way in Soccer module prior to March 7, 2025, will have this training recognized. While it's encouraged that all coaches complete the new module to stay updated on the latest guidelines, it is not required to maintain current qualifications for the Canada Soccer Safe Sport Roster and Coach Education Minimum standards. *	REQUIRED	n/a	n/a	n/a
NCCP Emergency Action Plan Online Module - free	REQUIRED	n/a	n/a	n/a
Coaching staff: Shall be defined as those individuals in the positions of head coach, assistant coach or apprentice/developmental coach and will typically include all individuals providing technical and tactical guidance to players during game situations.				
Team personnel: Shall include any individual eligible to appear on a game sheet and be on the bench during a league game, including the coaching staff, manager, assistant manager, trainer, therapist, gender representative, etc.				
RAMP Registration: Every coach, assistant coach, manager, and volunteer parent or volunteer participating in any on-field activities with the team must be registered and insured through SSA. This does not mean certified with the correct coaching certification but registered to show due diligence in terms of insurance. To ensure you are registered you must be listed on a roster submitted by your team or your Zone Registrar. The Saskatchewan Soccer Association hereby requires that all coaching staff on the bench be age-appropriately certified as listed above.				

COACH CERTIFICATION CLINICS & TRAINING

Coach clinics will use a blended format including online (theory) and in-person (on-field practical). Coaches will register for the online portion of the clinic through the [CSA grassroots coach education program](#) and the on-field portion through the SYSI RAMP registration portal.

Minimum Training Requirements – MODIFIED & FULL SAFE SPORT ROSTER

- 1) **Respect In Sport** ~ FREE Online **Time:** Approx. 3 hours
Website: <https://sasksrc.respectgroupinc.com/secure> ~ **ALL team personnel complete before first game!**
 Online anti-bullying, anti-harassment program that is a Provincial Government-led initiative through Sask Sport and is a requirement for all coaches in all sports in Saskatchewan. There are some equivalency acceptances for coaches that have received similar training through programs such as hockey's "Speak Out" training, the "Respect in School" program or NCCP's new "Empower+". The Respect in Sport program is structured over 5 online modules with their sub-modules which can be taken independently and at the coaches' leisure. The overall duration is 3 hours but that can be broken down as the profile will register every sub-module once completed. When registering, select Saskatchewan Soccer as your association.

- 2) **CSA's NCCP Coaching Soccer in Canada Module** (Online) **\$21.00 - \$31.50** **Time:** Approx. 1 hour
Website: <https://canada-soccer.myshopify.com/collections/grassroots-coaching-education-program> ~ **ALL team personnel complete before first game!**
 Register for the age appropriate Grassroots Coach Education Program – once you have completed the first module within the program you will have obtained the necessary minimum certification.

Additional Training Requirements – FULL SAFE SPORT ROSTER

- 1) **National Coach Certification Program (NCCP) Clinics:**
 - FUNDamentals (U7 / U9)** **Time:** Approx. 4.5 hours
 Is designed for coaches of Boys U6-U9 and Girls U6-U8. It consists of completing 1.5 hours of online training followed by a 3-hour Practical On-Field Workshop. Coaches are also expected to complete the NCCP Make Ethical Decisions Workshop and Online Evaluation; the NCCP Making Headway Concussion Awareness Workshop, the NCCP Online Emergency Action Plan Workshop and the Respect in Sport Activity Leader Course. No pre-requisites required. Cost for on-field clinic has already been collected through team league fees.
[Part 1](#) (Online) **\$21 – prerequisite – complete by Tues Apr 21**
[Part 2](#) (On-field): **Fri May 1, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, Saskatoon Sports Centre, Sherwood Field – Register by Wed Apr 22**

 - Learn to Train (U11 / U13)** **Time:** Approx. 4.5 hours
 Is designed for coaches of Boys U9-U12 and Girls U8-U11. It consists of completing 1.5 hours of online training followed by a 3-hour Practical On-Field Workshop. Coaches are also expected to complete the NCCP Make Ethical Decisions Workshop and Online Evaluation; the NCCP Making Headway Concussion Awareness Workshop, the NCCP Online Emergency Action Plan Workshop and the Respect in Sport Activity Leader Course. No pre-requisites required. Cost for on-field clinic has already been collected through team league fees.
[Part 1](#) (Online) **\$31.50 – prerequisite – complete by Tues Apr 21**
[Part 2](#) (On-field): **Sat May 2, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Saskatoon Sports Centre, Sherwood Field – Register by Wed Apr 22**

 - Soccer for Life (U15 / U17 / U19)** **Time:** Approx. 5.5 hours
 Is designed for coaches of Boys U13+ and Girls U12+. It consists of completing 1.5 hours of online training followed by a 4-hour Practical On-Field Workshop. Coaches are also expected to complete the NCCP Make Ethical Decisions Workshop and Online Evaluation; the NCCP Making Headway Concussion Awareness Workshop, the NCCP Online Emergency Action Plan Workshop and the Respect in Sport Activity Leader Course. No pre-requisites required.
[Part 1](#) (Online) **\$31.50 – complete by Tues Apr 21**
[Part 2](#) (On-field): **Sat May 2, 1:00 – 5:00 PM, Saskatoon Sports Centre, Sherwood Field – Register by Wed Apr 22**

- 2) **NCCP Making Ethical Decisions (MED) ~ Online \$85 (Zone to reimburse coaches and SYSI will reimburse Zone)**
Website: <https://thelocker.coach.ca/account/login> **Time:** Approx. 4 hours
 By successfully completing the Make Ethical Decisions (MED) workshop coaches will be fully equipped to handle virtually any ethical situation with confidence. MED helps coaches identify the legal, ethical, and moral implications of difficult situations that present themselves in the world of team and individual sport. Example: A coach that has attended Fundamentals, Learning to Train, or Soccer for Life will appear as "In Training". A coach needs to attend and pass the online evaluation for MED for the status to be changed to "Trained". ** MED and online evaluation not required for the US Active Start coaches.

- 3) **NCCP Emergency Action Plan ~ Free Online** **Time:** Approx. 60 – 90 min
Website: <https://thelocker.coach.ca/account/login?ReturnUrl=%2fonlinelearning#EAP-E>
 The NCCP Emergency Action Plan Module prepares coaches to respond calmly, quickly, and effectively if a sport participant is seriously injured practice or competition. After completing the NCCP Emergency Action Plan module, you will be able to: describe the importance of having an emergency action plan (EAP), identify when to activate your EAP, explain the responsibilities of the charge person and call person when your EAP is activated and create a detailed EAP that includes all required information for responding to any emergency.

- 5) **Understanding the Rule of Two ~ Free Online** **Time:** Approx. 15 – 30 min
Website: <https://thelocker.coach.ca/account/login?ReturnUrl=%2fonlinelearning>
 The Understanding Rule of Two e-learning module outlines how you can increase the safety and security of sport participants while protecting all those involved.

- 6) **Making Headway Module ~ Free Online** **Time:** Approx. 60 – 90 min
Website: <https://coach.ca/making-head-way-concussion-elearning-series-p153487>
 Making Head Way was developed by Canada's Active and Safe initiative to reduce the number of brain injuries that occurs in team sports, and to improve coaches decision-making process about when it is safe to allow their player to return to play after a head injury. The module takes approximately 60-90 minutes to complete and includes the following topics: What to do to prevent concussions, how to recognize the signs and symptoms, what to do when

Recommended Training Opportunities – Optional

- 1) **Keeping Girls in Sport Training** ~ \$17 Online **Time:** Approx. 90 minutes
Website: <https://sasksoccerkgis.respectgroupinc.com/>
 Keeping Girls in Sport was created to help everyone who coaches girls understand how girls develop physically, mentally, socially, and emotionally, so that we can help every young athlete stay in sport, reach their potential, remain active long after the competitions end, and become the next generation of inspiring female coaches and roles models.

- 2) **Commit to Kids** ~ \$20 Online Learning **Time:** Approx. 2.5 hours
Website: <https://www.protectchildren.ca/en/get-involved/online-training/commit-to-kids-for-coaches/>
 The Commit to Kids (C2K) for Coaches online training empowers coaches with practical information to help them enhance child and youth safety in sport. It highlights the importance of understanding boundaries, sexual misconduct, and reporting inappropriate behavior. The online training consists of eight separate modules that addresses the following: Child Sexual Abuse, The Grooming Process, Handling Disclosures Of Child Sexual Abuse, The Impact Of Child Sexual Abuse, Creating A Child Protection Code Of Conduct For Your Organization, Policies And Procedures To Use To Protect Children In Your Organization, The C2K Program For Child-Serving Organizations.

COACH RESOURCES

Online Coach Packages: Fri Mar 27

The coach package will include office contact info, important dates, coach certification information, game reschedule information, permitting guidelines, tournament information, field lists and locations, fair play codes, first aid inventory, player medical info forms, soccer centre facility usage guidelines, and emergency action plan forms.

Team Contact List: Thurs Apr 23

There will also be a Google document link that includes team contacts provided to the teams and coordinators.

Coach Resources and Education Opportunities:

- [Coach Decks](#) (handy deck of cards that fits in your pocket containing practice drills) SYSI Office \$15
- [Visit our website](#) (full list of certification clinics or additional training opportunities)

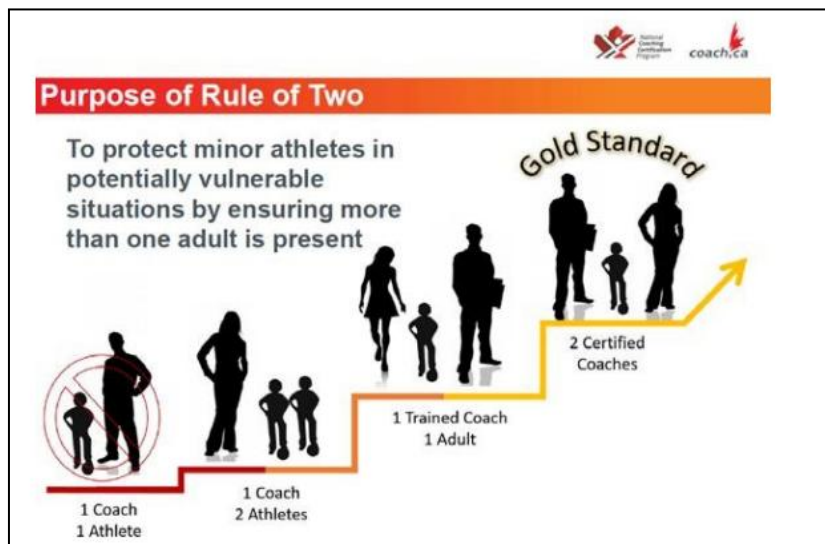
RULE OF TWO POLICY

General

- 1.1 The Rule of Two serves to protect minor athletes in potentially vulnerable situations by ensuring that more than one adult is present. Vulnerable situations can include closed doors meetings, travel, and training environments. SYSI Zone Associations are encouraged to create and implement policies and procedures that limit the instances where these situations are possible and can occur.
- 1.2 The Rule of Two states that there will always be two screened and Respect in Sport and NCCP trained or certified coaches with an athlete, especially a minor athlete, when in a potentially vulnerable situation. One-on-one interaction between a coach and an athlete, without another individual present, must be avoided in all circumstances except medical emergencies. SYSI expects that all organizations affiliated with SYSI will work toward attaining the Gold Standard.
- 1.3 In the event where screened and NCCP trained or certified coaches are not available, a screened volunteer, parent, or adult can be recruited. In all instances, one coach/volunteer must reflect the genders of the athletes participating or be of an appropriate identity in relation to the athlete(s).
- 1.4 As depicted in the diagram above, the Gold Standard is the preferred environment, it is not expected that it will be reached at all times. The alternatives presented, although increasing risk, are acceptable and would be considered to be in alignment with the Rule of Two. However, the one-on-one interaction between a coach and an athlete without another individual present, as depicted at the lowest stair in the diagram, is to be avoided in all circumstances.

2.0 Situational Guidelines

- 2.1 Saskatoon Youth Soccer recommends the following guidelines for organizations to ensure they are following the Rule of Two. In the guidelines below, a 'Person in Authority' is defined as an NCCP-trained or certified coach, a screened volunteer, or other adult. The organization is meeting the Gold Standard for the Rule of Two if the Person in Authority is always an NCCP-trained or certified coach.



2.1.1 Travel

- A Person in Authority may not be alone in a car with an athlete unless the Person in Authority is the athlete's parent or guardian
- A Person in Authority may not share a room or be alone in a hotel room with an athlete unless the Person in Authority is the athlete's parent or guardian
- Room or bed checks during overnight stays must be done by two Persons in Authority

2.1.2 Training / Competition Environment

The following guidelines are strongly recommended for the training and competition environment (including before, during, and after practices and games):

- A Person in Authority should never be alone with an athlete prior to or following a game or practice, unless the Person in Authority is the athlete's parent or guardian. If the athlete is the first athlete to arrive, the athlete's parent should remain until another athlete or Person in Authority arrives. Similarly, if an athlete would potentially be alone with a Person in Authority following a game or practice, the Person in Authority should ask another Person in Authority (or a parent or guardian of another athlete) to stay until all the athletes have been picked up. If an adult is not available, then another athlete should be present in order to avoid the Person in Authority being alone with a single athlete.
- Persons in Authority giving instructions, demonstrating skills, or facilitating drills or lessons to an individual athlete should always be doing so within earshot and eyesight of another Person in Authority.

2.1.3 Gender Identity

A Person in Authority who is interacting with athletes should be of the same gender identity as the athletes. The following guidelines are strongly recommended:

- For teams consisting of athletes of just one gender identity, a Person in Authority of the same gender identity should be available to participate or attend every interaction
- For teams consisting of athletes of more than one gender identity (e.g., co-ed teams), a Person in Authority of each gender identity should be available to participate or attend every interaction

COACH & PLAYER SAFETY

- [Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. Code of Conduct and Ethics](#)
- [Code of Conduct to Protect Children](#)
- [Guidelines for Interacting with Children & Adolescents](#)

ABUSE AND SAFETY POLICY

3.1 Saskatchewan Child Abuse Protocol

The Saskatchewan Child Abuse Protocol demonstrates a commitment by the Government of Saskatchewan to ensure that all efforts to protect children from abuse and neglect are integrated, effective and sensitive to the needs of children. To achieve this goal, all police, professionals, and organizations are being asked to collaborate with the Government of Saskatchewan in an effort to prevent, detect, report, investigate and prosecute cases of child abuse and support children who have been abused. Sask Sport has been asked by the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport to provide this information to all of the agencies and organizations and the community groups within who work with children and deliver sport activities. Although there will be many people in our sport community who are familiar with, or who already using, programs that build awareness and resources to help keep kids safe, such as RespectED and Respect in Sport, we ask that you pass along this information to reinforce the protocol to ensure that instructors, coaches and leaders in our communities are aware of their "duty to report" suspicions of child abuse.

3.2 Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc., counsels all Entities (zones and community associations) to be aware of and distribute this information to all instructors, coaches and leaders to reinforce the Saskatchewan Child Abuse Protocol and the obligations outlined in [The Child and Family Services Act](#) (Section 12, Subsection 1 and 4) which states that every person who has reasonable suspicion to believe that a child may be in need of protection shall report the information to a child protection worker, Ministry of Social Services, First Nations Child and Family Services Agency or Police officer.

3.3. Reporting Child Sexual Abuse and Misconduct

NOTE: The below information is not meant to be exhaustive or intended to or to use in place of legal counsel but is to be intended as a quick reference for use in a sporting environment. Consult with child welfare, law enforcement and legal counsel if child abuse is alleged or suspected.

3.3.1 There is a legal and ethical responsibility to act, when a person becomes aware that a child may be or has been abused.

3.3.2 Individuals are responsible for reporting concerns, not proving abuse.

3.3.3 A person has a legal duty to report incidences of abuse, sexual or otherwise, even if it has occurred in the past and is no longer occurring. The offender may still have access to other children and those children may be at risk.

3.3.4 Stepwise Action for Reporting Child Sexual Abuse

- Child discloses abuse or abuse is discovered with the adult involved in the abuse being a coach or volunteer
- Coach/Volunteer who receives disclosure
 - Notifies law enforcement and/or child welfare about the incident(s)
 - Consults with child welfare about notifying the parents; and
 - Notifies the supervisor/manager, as well as a representative from Saskatoon Youth Soccer. The supervisor/manager in turn notifies the head of the organization.
- Head of the organization suspends coach/volunteer suspected of abuse without pay until case is resolved.
 - If the individual is a volunteer or unpaid staff, consider if the individual should be dismissed from their position immediately.
- A child welfare agency and/or police will carry out any investigation. Organization(s) should conduct an internal follow up in consultation with police/child welfare and adjust(s) internal policies if needed. Potential outcome of investigation:
 - Substantiated/guilty. Coach/volunteer is dismissed from his/her position.
 - Inconclusive/not guilty. Seek legal counsel. Consider if coach/volunteer should be dismissed, with or without severance.
 - Criminal processes can be complex and lengthy. A finding of not guilty may not necessarily mean that the abuse did not occur. Consult with a lawyer.
- Document the outcome of the investigation on the incident report form. Document the results of the internal follow-up.

3.3.5 Many of the steps above would also apply when:

- A child divulges abuse by someone outside the organization
- A peer divulges on behalf of another child
- An adult suspects that a child is being/or has been abused
- The safety of the child and other children in the organization must always be ensured in the process.

3.3.6 Legal guidance should be sought prior to suspension or dismissal.



U7-U9 Zone Development League Game Format

To: U7D – U9D Coaches

From: SYSI Office

Re: Game Format & Breakdown

Dear Coaches,

Please be advised that all Under-7 & Under-9 games will be played in a festival format for the Outdoor 2026 season. Please see below for the format and breakdown of the hour time slot.

Zone U7-U9 Development League Game Format:

- Under-7 & Under-9 D-League teams will be playing a festival format
- There will be 2 games per night.
- Game Set-up
 - Teams will set up equipment (cones and nets as needed) for their first game of the evening, leave their equipment in place for the second game, and come back to collect the equipment after the conclusion of the second game.




Breakdown of the hour time slot:






- 5-minute warm up
- Game 1: 25-minute game; 2 x 12-minute halves with a 1-minute half time
- Field switch (5 minutes)
- Game 2: 25-minute game: 2 x 12-minute halves with a 1-minute half time



Regards,

Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.

U7 & U9 OUTDOOR MINI FIELD LIST & ZONE PRACTICE FIELD

U7 Fields	3v3 fields	Location Description & Google Link	Park Map	Neighborhood
Brighton Core Park 3 – A, B	27m x 18m	Brighton Boulevard		Brighton
Lions Century Park 1 – A, B, C, D	27m x 18m	Kensington Boulevard & Nightingale Road		Kensington
Wildwood 6 – A, B, C, D	27m x 18m	Beurling Crescent		Wildwood




U9 Fields	5v5 fields	Location Description & Google Link	Park Map	Neighborhood
Brighton Core Park 3 – C, D	36m x 25m	Brighton Boulevard		Brighton
Harold Tatler North 7 – D	36m x 25m	Jarvis Dr (behind the Abilities Counsel)		Nutana Park
Lions Century Park 1 – E, F	36m x 25m	Kensington Boulevard & Nightingale Road		Kensington
Lt. Col Drayton Walker 1 – C	36m x 25m	Cassino Ave & Mountbatten		Montgomery
Swick Park 1 – A, B	36m x 25m	1030 Rosewood Boulevard W		Rosewood
WJL Harvey North 2 – A, B	36m x 25m	Russell Rd - behind Brownell School		Silverwood
W.W. Ashley 2 – A, B	36m x 25m	814 2nd Street East		Haultain

Zone Practice Fields	Dimensions	Location Description & Google Link	Park Map	Neighborhood
Zone 1: SUSC – Scott Park 3 Available Mon – Fri 5:00 - 9:00 PM Available Sat / Sun 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	91m x 55m	1420 Rusholme Rd		Westmount
Zone 1: SUSC – Dr. Seager Wheeler 3 Available Mon – Fri 5:00 - 9:00 PM Available Sat / Sun 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	91m x 55m	Richardson Road		Westview
Zone 2: Hollandia – Wilson 2 Available Mon – Fri 5:00 - 9:00 PM Available Sat / Sun 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	91m x 55m	Between 10th Ave & King Cres		North Park
Zone 2: Hollandia – Funk Available M-Tu & Th-Fri 5:00 - 9:00 PM Available Sun 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	91m x 55m	835 Evergreen Blvd <i>Note: not available Wed & Sat</i>		Evergreen
Zone 3: Aurora – Arbor Creek 2 Available Mon – Fri 5:00 - 9:00 PM Available Sat / Sun 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	91m x 55m	Kenderdine Road <i>Note: Fri May 29 - Sun May 31 booked for Aurora Tournament</i>		Arbor Creek
Zone 3: Aurora – Ernest Lindner 6 Available Th-Fri 5:00 - 9:00 PM	91m x 55m	Cowley Rd – behind Father Robinson School <i>Note: not available Mon – Wed & Sat/Sun</i>		Erindale
Zone 3: Aurora – Ernest Lindner 7 Available Fri 5:00 - 9:00 PM	91m x 55m	Kenderdine Rd – beside Dr John G Egnatoff School <i>Note: not available Mon – Thurs & Sat/Sun</i>		Erindale
Zone 3: Aurora – Les Kerr 3 Available Mon – Fri 5:00 - 9:00 PM Available Sat / Sun 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	91m x 55m	Kellough Road		Forest Grove
Zone 4: Lakewood – Sid Buckwold 4 Available Mon – Fri 5:00 - 9:00 PM Available Sat 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Available Sun 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM	91m x 55m	Between McKercher & Boychuk Dr (near ball diamond) <i>Note: not available Sundays 6:00 – 8:00 PM</i>		College Park
Zone 5: Eastside – Churchill 1 Available Mon – Fri 5:00 - 9:00 PM Available Sat / Sun 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	91m x 55m	Haultain Ave & Cascade Street		Adelaide/Churchill
Zone 5: Eastside – Greystone 2 Available Mon – Fri 5:00 - 9:00 PM Available Sat 5:00 - 9:00 PM Available Sun 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	91m x 55m	14th Street E <i>Note: not available Sat 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM -- use greenspace</i>		Greystone Heights

Practice fields have been booked by SYSI free of charge for each Zone and are available **Monday through Friday 5:00 – 9:00 PM and Sat / Sun from 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM** unless otherwise noted above in location description notes. Check with your Zone for practice information.

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U11-U19 OUTDOOR YOUTH FIELD LIST

U11 Alliance & U11-U15 City	7v7 fields	Location Description & Google Link	Park Map	Neighborhood
WJL Harvey South 15 – A, B	48m x 36m	155 JJ Thiessen Crescent, Saskatoon, SK, S7K 5N9		Silverwood Heights
Blair Nelson 1 – A, B	48m x 36m	Victor Road		Stonebridge
Donna Birkmaier 5 – A, B	48m x 36m	Taylor Street and Slimmon Road		Rosewood
Kavia Auto Body East – Indoor Turf	1/4 field	150 Nelson Road		University Heights
Kavia Auto Body West – Indoor Turf	1/4 field	150 Nelson Road		University Heights
Sherwood Chevrolet	1/4 field	150 Nelson Road		University Heights
Trail Appliance East – Indoor Turf	1/4 field	150 Nelson Road		University Heights
Trail Appliance West – Indoor Turf	1/4 field	150 Nelson Road		University Heights
Umea Vast – A, B	48m x 36m	Corner of Primrose Dr & Pinehouse Dr - Behind Lawson Mall		Lawson Heights
U13 Alliance	9v9 fields	Location Description & Google Link	Park Map	Neighborhood
Forest Park 6 – A, B	75m x 49m	Corner of Nelson Road & Lowe Road		University Heights
Kavia Auto Body – Indoor Turf	half field	150 Nelson Road		University Heights
Trail Appliance – Indoor Turf	half field	150 Nelson Road		University Heights
Morris T. Chernesky 5 – A, B	75m x 49m	Hart Road & Bowlt Crescent – across from Shaw Centre		Blairmore
U15 – U19 Alliance	11v11 fields	Location Description & Google Link	Park Map	Neighborhood
Forest Park 3	91m x 55m	Corner of Nelson Road & Lowe Road <i>Note: Thurs, May 21, June 11, 18, 25, July 2, and Tues, May 5, 19 not available</i>		Evergreen
Aden Bowman 1	91m x 55m	1904 Clarence Ave S		Haultain
NS - Indoor Turf	full field	150 Nelson Road		University Heights
Kinsmen – Outdoor Turf	full field	150 Nelson Road		University Heights
West Field – Outdoor Turf	full field	150 Nelson Road		University Heights

CITY ALLOCATIONS (306) 975-3366

Prior to using City of Saskatoon greenspaces or sports fields, contact City Allocations to ensure no other team is on the same field at the same time. Also, make sure your team stays off charge fields unless you have rightfully booked and paid for them! If your team wishes to practice on these fields, you must book and pay for them with the City of Saskatoon or risk fines.

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SASKATOON SPORTS CENTRE, 150 Nelson Road, PARKING

Please park in the areas marked in **GREEN** only.

RED areas are not for public parking & patrons will be ticketed

Thank you for your cooperation

CITY OF SASKATOON SPORTS FIELD USAGE AND INCLEMENT WEATHER GUIDELINES

The City of Saskatoon Leisure Services Branch and the Parks Branch make sports fields available to user groups through Leisure Services Allocations (located at Cosmo Civic Centre – **306-975-3366**)

The use of sports fields when the turf is wet creates ruts, worn areas, and compacts the soil, which reduces turf grass growth (i.e. goal mouth areas). This use results in long-term damage to the turf, which reduces the quality of the playing surface. These problems create unsafe playing conditions and impact field availability, which results in lengthy and costly maintenance repairs to the fields.

Inclement weather sports field usage guidelines:

- ALL repair costs, resulting from sport groups using wet fields, WILL be charged directly to the offending team(s) or organization(s).
- The Onus is on the user group to assess playability, when deciding to use a field after or during rain:
 - **If there is standing water, i.e., puddles of water on the field -- do not use the field.**
 - **If water squishes under foot when you walk on the turf – do not use the field.**
- Play it safe – if unsure on whether to play or not error on the side of caution and do not play.
- In the event a field is covered with snow, the same conditions as above must be considered to decide playability and if wet conditions exist, use of the field is not permitted. If a group feels conditions are allowable for play and they want the fields cleared, they **MUST** get Approval from the Parks Branch. Approval will be based on the nature and scope of the event and all costs associated with the removal including any subsequent damage to the field will be charged directly to the requesting team(s) or organization(s).

Other Usage Guidelines:

- The use of herbicides/pesticides on sports fields is strictly prohibited unless approved by the Infrastructure Services Department, Parks Branch.
- The use of “Round-Up” mixed with line paint is strictly prohibited.
- Parking is limited at many parks. Encourage teams to park in designated parking lots or on the street. Parking in front of residential/commercial properties may result in receiving a parking ticket.
- Vehicles (other than Emergency such as ambulance or police) are not allowed on park surfaces. Damages from vehicles will be charged to the user group.
- When possible, perform non-game warm-up exercises along the edges of the field to save wear and tear on the main playing surface.
- Use garbage containers located adjacent to the playing fields.

Lining of Sports Fields:

- Priority field markings for the perimeters and goal creases of soccer/football fields and foul lines for ball diamonds will begin mid-April (weather permitting).
- Do not mark fields that conflict with the existing Parks Branch markings unless prior approval has been granted from Leisure Services.

By adhering to the sports field usage guidelines, you will be contributing to the longevity of our assets. Working together will ensure we have safe, quality playing surfaces for participants.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

PERFORMANCE FINES MEMO

1. Youth games will be defaulted as follows:
 - a. If one team does not have the minimum number of players (see “Number of Players” in *SYSI Operating Rules & Regulations*) at 10 minutes after the scheduled start time, that team will default the game. The defaulting team will be assigned a 3–0 loss.
 - b. 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.
2. The fine for defaulting or forfeiting games including team(s) not showing up for a scheduled game, team(s) not having enough players 10min after the scheduled time, or team(s) cancelling the game ahead of time will be as follows:
 - a. \$50 for the *first* forfeiture
 - b. \$100 for the *second* forfeiture and *each additional* forfeiture after two; plus, the possibility of disciplinary action on the third or more.
3. A team that defaults or forfeits three or more games in a season may be subject to disciplinary action.
4. Under 11 through to Under 19 Boys and Girls teams shall be responsible to their Zone for any Performance Fines.
5. Saskatoon Youth Soccer will hold the Zone accountable for the payment of any Performance Fines in which any of their Zone team(s) are responsible for. The Zone will then hold the team accountable for payment to the Zone. If the team does not pay the Zone fees owed within 30 days, the Zone may declare the entire team including all players and coaching staff in bad standing until fees are paid.
6. When a team incurs Performance Fines the Zone of the team will be notified by the SYSI Office with an invoice to be paid within 30 days.
7. Additional fines at the discretion of the Office could be charged for the following reasons:
 - a. Any damage to facilities or fields – This includes costs to replace or repair any damages including staff time.
 - b. Poor conduct subject discipline – This includes coaches, players, and spectators. (Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators).
 - c. Abuse of referees.
 - d. Other offenses not listed at the discretion of the Office.
 - e. **CHARGED PERFORMANCE FINES BECAUSE OF DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS WILL NOT LIMIT FURTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION!**
8. An appeal against the Saskatoon Youth Soccer decision can be filed by the team as per the “Game Protests” in *SYSI Operating Rules & Regulations*.

GAME SHEET INFRACTIONS

Team personnel must review the game sheet prior to the start of the game and ensure the game sheet is accurate by crossing out any players or team personnel not present; adding any additional registered team personnel present not listed on the game sheet; adding any eligible permit player names and jersey numbers present including a “P” next to the player’s name; and ensuring all players have the correct jersey number listed. 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 listed under *Number of Players rule 11.2*. Failure to properly fill in the game sheet or have ineligible players or team personnel listed on the game sheet will result in disciplinary action as per the game sheet infractions chart below.

The following chart is the SYSI game sheet infractions guideline. The chart lists minimum actions that will be imposed; however, the SYSI office may impose an alternate penalty:

Infraction	Overturning of Game	Performance Fine	
Exceeded number of permit players allowed on game sheet	Yes – This infraction results in the game being overturned and a default loss for the team.	1 st offense \$50	
Players laterally permitted on the game sheet		No – This infraction does not result in a game being overturned.	Each additional offense \$100 with potential suspension and further discipline of team personnel and/or zone (<i>discipline rule 17.11</i>).
Overage players permitted or listed on the game sheet without granted approval by SYSI			1 st offense warning
Non-registered players or team personnel listed on game sheet			2 nd offense \$50
Suspended players or team personnel listed on game sheet and not crossed out while serving suspension			Each additional offense \$100
Failure to cross off players or team personnel on the game sheet that is not present at the game			
Failure place a “P” next to permit players on the game sheet			
Failure to designate a gender rep on the bench/gamesheet			
Failure to list full player names on the game sheet, ie: listing number only and no player name			
Failure to list accurate jersey numbers next to each player on the game sheet			

GAME CANCELLATIONS / RESCHEDULES DUE TO WEATHER



The SYSI Office will not make any decisions as to whether or not games will be cancelled until 4:00pm. If any games are cancelled SYSI will notify the radio stations, leave a message on our MAIN LINE **306-975-3413** and will post notice on our website with the final decision after 4:00pm. DO NOT call the office until after 4:00pm!

Referees or coaches in the absence of a referee may call a game if the cancellation aligns with SYSI weather protocols.

All youth U11-U19 reschedules will be posted on the website within 48 hours of the cancellation. It is the teams' responsibility to check the website for reschedule information. It will not be sent out to teams.

Mini U7-U9 games are not rescheduled by SYSI – teams may coordinate a reschedule if they wish.

SYSI RESCHEDULING POLICY

[Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. Online Rescheduling Request Form](#)

21.1.2 Youth regular league games will be rescheduled as follows:

21.1.2.1 A rescheduling request form must be completed and signed by both teams involved.

21.1.2.2 The form and applicable fee (paid by the team requesting the reschedule) must be received in the SYSI office in accordance to the below timelines or it shall not be considered. Accepted forms of payment include: e-transfer to executivedirector@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca or cash delivered in-person to the office.

- 1) \$25 for requests received 10 or more business days in advance of the scheduled game date.
- 2) \$50 for requests received 7 to 9 business days in advance of the scheduled game date.

21.1.2.3 The SYSI office will attempt to notify teams of the time and place of a rescheduled game at least 7 days in advance of that game. In the case where games have been rescheduled due to inclement weather the games will be rescheduled and posted on the website within 48 hours. The SYSI office will aim to give at least 7 days' notice prior to a rescheduled game; however it may not always be possible with the shortness of the season or availability of fields.

21.1.2.4 While the SYSI office may consult with teams regarding game rescheduling, the limited availability of playing facilities requires that the SYSI office reserve the right to set the time and date of rescheduled games; or refuse the request outright with a full refund for the request.

21.1.2.5 The SYSI office does not accept reschedule requests for semi-finals or final matches. If a qualifying team is unable to attend, they are to provide at least 48 hours' notice to the SYSI office for the office to communicate and award the match opportunity to the next qualifying team according to standings. Without receiving 48 hours' notice, the team that is unable to fulfill their semi-final or final match obligations shall be subject to forfeit guidelines and fines.

Soccer (U5 – U9) games will not be rescheduled by the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. office. If a team is unable to attend a game for whatever reason, they are to notify the other team of the cancellation. The remaining team may use the field for a practice.

FAIR PLAY CODES FOR ATHLETES, COACHES, PARENTS, AND SPECTATORS

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY: Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. has a “Zero Tolerance Policy” for offensive language, insulting, abusive language and/or gestures. Please instruct your players, coaches, parents and spectators accordingly! It is the coaches’ responsibility to ensure their team as well as themselves act appropriately!!

FAIR PLAY CODE FOR ATHLETES:

1. I will participate because I want to, not just because my parents or coaches want me to.
2. I will play by the rules, and in the spirit of the game.
3. I will control my temper – fighting and “mouthing off” can spoil the activity for everybody.
4. I will respect my opponents.
5. I will do my best to be a true team player.
6. I will remember that winning isn’t everything – that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are also important.
7. I will acknowledge all good plays/performances – those of my team and of my opponents.
8. I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.

FAIR PLAY CODE FOR COACHES:

1. I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices, remembering that young athletes have other interests and obligations.
2. I will teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents.
3. I will ensure that all athletes get equal instruction, support and *playing time*. (Check with your zone’s philosophy on equal or fair playing time).
4. I will not ridicule or yell at my athletes for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
5. I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the athletes’ ages and abilities.
6. I will remember that children need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
7. I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.

FAIR PLAY CODE FOR PARENTS:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
3. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
4. I will teach my child that doing one’s best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game/event.
5. I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
6. I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
7. I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays/performances by both my child’s team and their opponents.
8. I will never question the officials’ judgment or honesty in public.
9. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children’s sporting activities.
10. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child.

FAIR PLAY CODE FOR SPECTATORS:

1. I will remember that children play sport for their enjoyment. They are not playing to entertain me.
2. I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that child athletes are not miniature professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
3. I will respect the officials’ decisions and I will encourage participants to do the same.
4. I will never ridicule an athlete for making a mistake during a competition. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
5. I will condemn the use of violence in any form and will express my disapproval in an appropriate manner to coaches and league officials.
6. I will show respect for my team’s opponents, because without them there would be no game.
7. I will not use bad language, nor will I harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators.

FAIR PLAY IT’S YOUR CALL!!

GREEN WHISTLE CAMPAIGN

The Green Whistle campaign is dedicated to establishing a respectful and appropriate environment for all referees, with a specific focus on referees under the age of 18.

During competitive games, some adults may lose perspective. This can have detrimental effects on participants, particularly those under the age of 18.

Recent referee clinics in Saskatoon have successfully trained 24 new referees under the age of 18, joining a roster of 51 current referees in the same age group.

Given the crucial role of referees under the age of 18 in ensuring the enjoyment of the sport for all, it is imperative that we collectively assume a strong responsibility to protect and safeguard them.

If their Whistle is Green, they are Under 18!




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**IF THEIR
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THE GAME BELONGS TO THE KIDS

What does this mean?

The “Game Belongs to the Kids” campaign’s main objective is to create awareness and help bring back the fun in the sport of soccer. The core idea is to remind everyone involved with the game why we are there: to let the kids have fun. We want to encourage everyone to think foremost of the players and let them enjoy the game. The game means a lot to them as it is; they will give it their best and have the most fun if they don’t feel additional undue pressure to “win”.

Reports from other associations that have tried this idea have been very positive. The kids overwhelmingly said the game was more fun; they liked playing and not being yelled at. Coaches/parents admitted to having a difficult time initially remembering the silent part, but also reported being pleased with the results, particularly the happy kids. Kids surveyed were happier because they had fun. Most of them were happy to see a progress in their game and did not mention wins or losses.

Goals:

1. Develop our players' thinking and creative ability to make decisions on the field without constant sideline intervention.
2. Improve the players' ability to communicate with each other on the field by reducing the un-necessary outside noise level.
3. Support all of our referees by eliminating all sideline dissension and intervention.
4. **Bring back the fun in the soccer game and make sure our players improve at a rate that they have chosen to.**

It is recommended that all youth teams participate in the “Game Belongs to the Kids” Campaign by following these guidelines:

1. Spectators/Parents can encourage the players. Please do that by all means as long as there is no negative connotation towards the other team/players. You know your kids better. Many times, they succumb to the pressure from the stands/sideline and not perform their best. They don’t like a high pitch scream or to be told where they need to be, how they need to pass. Any loud, potential negative comments that can be heard by players, referees, or opponents are unnecessary and should be avoided.
2. Coaches should try to be quiet and "let them play," giving only normal coaching instruction before the game, at the half, after the game, and to players on the sideline before or after substitutions.
3. Coaches should try to address the referee only to request player substitutions (if applicable) or in case of a prolonged injury not noticed.
4. When the games are over, ask your kids if they liked it the game. Explain to them the positive aspects of this game and ask them if they had fun.

We are not asking anybody not to be competitive. We are not asking anybody to not try their hardest. The game will still be about the two teams trying to better each other on the field. They will be experiencing the highs and lows of the competition. This is our players game; we (adults) are there to facilitate it. Our main objective plain and simple is to make sure they have fun. Underneath that, we must foster the desire to play and help them on their chosen path of development. Their individual and team progress is more important than the “perceived” success of qualifying for the playoffs, winning the championship etc.

SYSI’s intention is not to enforce this Campaign on anybody. We cannot, and we will not be supervising each game making sure that you are adhering to it. It will be YOU that will make it successful and ultimately OUR kids will enjoy and reap the multitude of benefits the sport of soccer brings. This is their game!



**the reason they can play so good
is cause their parents aren't
yellin' at 'em from the sidelines**

“Difficulty lies not in new ideas but in escaping the old ones.” (John Maynard Keynes)

U11 – U19 FIELD MARSHALL PROGRAM

Background:

- Referee retention issues seem to have been an increasing issue over the past few years in Saskatoon. This referee shortage is caused by many reasons, but the most worrisome is the abuse from team officials and spectators towards the youth referees, especially during the outdoor season. The abuse can come in many forms but, it is the verbal abuse, which is personal, provocative, and public regarding the referee's on-field performance that causes the youngest referees to quit. It is a possibility they will make a mistake every game, but we must encourage them to learn and improve rather than to insult/degrade their refereeing.
- This unacceptable behavior towards our youth and new officials must be addressed as a **priority** particularly if soccer is to have an adequate supply of referees.
- A similar program was started by Calgary Youth Soccer in Outdoor 2008 and within one season they saw improvements in the retention of youth referees.

Specifics:

- The Field Marshall Program is intended to assign one individual from each team to speak up on behalf of the referee among their fellow parents/spectators. The program started in Outdoor 2015 and includes U11 to U19 levels of play.
- All teams participating in the U11, U13, U15, and U19 SYSI league play are encouraged to designate an individual at each game (home and away) to act as a Field Marshall.
- The individual acting as the Field Marshall (FM) does not need to be named on the team's game sheet. **Teams will not be fined if they do not list their FM on the game sheet (U11, U13, U15, and U19).**

Responsibilities of Field Marshall:

- Position yourself in the middle of your team's half of the spectators' seating area.
- Monitor the behavior of your team's parents.
- The Field Marshall is encouraged to remind parents to refrain from vocalizing their complaints during the game.
- Quickly diffuse potential problems before they arise by speaking with the individual(s) involved.
- Deal with, and act on, inappropriate comments, gestures and/or general unsporting behavior directed at referees, players or any other individual by your teams' spectators but please avoid getting into a confrontation. If someone is still hostile after being asked to calm down, please gather as much information but do not put yourself in a dangerous position. **The Field Marshall will not interfere with the coach but can gather information should he/she deems it necessary.**
- The FM's are **not** expected to put themselves in a situation which may compromise their safety and instead are asked to contact SYSI at admin@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca and fill a [Game Misconduct/Incident report](#) form located on SYSI website. When dealing with this type of issue, the Game Misconduct Report of the FM will be used to make a decision as a third choice (main two being the game sheet and Game Misconduct Report and/or Incident Report filled by the referee). If only the FM will submit a Game Misconduct/Incident Report, that form will be filed for future reoccurrences.

Zone Discipline:

- Based on any official report, SYSI will forward the zones the appropriate documents and each zone will investigate the incident and act accordingly. If the issue has not been dealt with on a satisfactory manner by the zone, SYSI's Discipline Committee will decide on a resolution.
- The number of games suspensions should follow the same format as the Ejections paragraph in the SYSI Rules and Regulations (more specific to the Abusive Language/Indecent Gesture paragraph).

Referee Evaluation Form: Parents or coaches are encouraged to provide positive or constructive feedback by submitting [this form](#).

Guideline for scheduling:

- Scheduling the FM is at the discretion of the team manager/coach and could be one of the following options (but not limited to):
 - a) 1 game per parent/game in alphabetical order (but not necessarily) at the first team meeting;
 - b) 2 or 3 parents that want to share the duties decided at the team meeting;
 - c) Or one parent assigned on the spot right before the game.
- SYSI recommends that the assigning of the FM be done in advance in collaboration with the parents and if a parent will not be able to make it to the assigned game, they can always find a replacement.

GREEN DROP MINI FOS TOURNAMENT

Green Drop Mini FOS (Festival of Soccer) - is scheduled for all interested Under 5, Under 7, Under 7 D-League, Under 9, and Under 9 D-League Saskatoon teams. Each participant in the tournament will receive three games and a medal. The Green Drop Mini FOS tournament fee is included in each team's outdoor season fee, however, zones/coordinators must indicate to the SYSI office which teams will participate and the strength of the team (strong/average/weak) the registration excel sheet will be emailed to zones/coordinators.

Event Date: Fri Jun 5 – Sun Jun 7
Event Location: Saskatoon Sports Centre fields, 150 Nelson Road
Deadline to confirm teams: Mon May 11

Cancellation Policy:

Teams that cancel their entry after **Mon May 11** will forfeit their entry fee. Teams not fulfilling their entire tournament obligations (scheduled games) need to contact the office prior to the tournament so that the office may contact the other team. If the tournament is rained out, all teams will still receive a medal however there will be no refund and no rescheduling of the tournament game.

2026 OUTDOOR SASKATOON TOURNAMENTS

May 8 - 10, 2026	Lakewood "Just Kick It" Cup Tournament (U9 - U19) Deadline: Apr 17, 2026 ; Website: www.lakewoodsoccer.com/just-kick-it-cup
May 22 - 24, 2026	Hollandia Cup (U9 - U19) Deadline: TBA ; Website: https://hollandiatournaments.ca/hollandia-cup
May 29 - May 31, 2026	Aurora Harder Avalon Classic Tournament (U9 - U19) Deadline: TBA ; Website: www.aurorasoccer.ca/Harder-Avalon-Classic
June 5 - 7, 2026	Green Drop Mini FOS (U5 - U9) Deadline: May 11, 2026 ; Website: www.saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca
June 19 - 21, 2026	SUSC U13 Cup Outdoor Tournament (U13) Deadline: May 19, 2026 ; Website: www.susc.ca/U13-Cup-2026

PLAYER & COACH ID CARD

WHO NEEDS A CARD:

- Only players/coaching staff participating in out-of-town tournaments (U9-U19) or provincials (U13-U19) that do not have another form of photo identification with birthdate (passport, driver's license, other sport ID card, school issued ID card).
- ID Cards are NOT necessary for Saskatoon youth league games.

WHO DOES NOT NEED A CARD?

- Out-of-town teams that are playing in the SYSI League (i.e.: VSA) which belong to another district.
- Those not listed on the team roster.
- Teams who are not participating in any out-of-town tournaments or provincials.

REQUIREMENTS:

Getting an ID card ~ cost \$20.00 per ID card.

To request a player ID, submit your request via [the player ID request form](#). Requests are due at the start of the week Monday @ 4:30 PM and will be ready the following Friday for pick-up during office hours 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM. You must have your request including the required documents provided by Monday @ 4:30 PM, for the card to be ready by Friday of the same week. Requests received on a Tues or later in the week may not be ready within the same week on Friday. Payment can be made by cash when picking up the card or by e-transfer to executivedirector@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca. Cheques will not be accepted for ID card payment, and we are not set up to accept in-person credit or debit card payments.

TRAVEL PERMITS & ROSTER CHECKS

Travel Permits are issued to teams who wish to travel outside of the province of Saskatchewan. Each team wishing to travel outside of Saskatchewan must send an application form into the Saskatchewan Soccer Association via Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. These forms are available from the SYSI office and [online](#).

The following are the rules and regulations that apply to Traveling Teams:

1. A team wishing to compete in another province/territory/country must obtain permission to do so by the SSA.
A team must submit its request to the SSA through SYSI by the form provided within the following time limits:
Inter- Provincial Tournaments14 Days before event
United States Tournaments.....30 Days before event
International Tournaments90 Days before event
**The Deadline for a tournament in Canada is 30 days prior to the tournament. For an International Tournament the deadline is 60 days.*
2. The SSA will contact SYSI as to whether travel is permitted.
3. A team travelling must present its list of players to the organizers of the tournament including names of players birth dates and addresses as well as any other people (officers, dignitaries) who will accompany the team.
4. Only teams made up of players and team personnel registered with the SSA can obtain a travel permit.
5. Teams traveling can only compete in the event listed on the permit, and must adhere to the rules governing the event that it is competing in.
6. The cost of the permit is as follows:
Domestic travel permits for those teams wishing to compete in tournaments outside of Saskatchewan, the fees are:
 - a) For requests received more than 30 days prior to the event - **\$30.00**
 - b) For requests received less than 30 days but more than one week before the event - **\$100.00**
 - c) For requests received less than one week before the event - **\$200.00****International travel permits** for those teams wishing to compete in tournaments outside of Canada require *additional payment of insurance quote plus:*
 - a) For requests received more than 30 days prior to the event - **\$50.00**
 - b) For requests received less than 30 days but more than one week before the event - **\$100.00**
 - c) For requests received less than one week before the event - **\$200.00**
7. The SSA will honor any sanction levied against players or teams on return by the players or teams to the province.
8. Traveling teams shall remain subject to the rules and regulations of the SSA in so far as disciplinary matters and behavioral conduct are concerned.

PROCEDURES TO OBTAIN TRAVEL PERMITS – OUT OF PROVINCE

1. Travel Permits are available at the SYSI office upon request and [online](#). (email: admin@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca)
2. In order to process the forms properly, the entire form must be filled out correctly and fully. Forms will not be accepted if they are not entirely filled out.
3. A complete roster list is required to accompany the form and must contain: Name, Birthdates, and Member Organization.
4. These Permit Forms and Roster Lists Must Be in The SYSI Office **No Later Than 7 Days Prior To The SSA Deadlines Listed Previously.** This is so that we can forward the information (via mail) to the SSA offices in Regina before the deadline passes. If forms are submitted after this deadline, then there will be a \$50 fee charged to the team.
5. The confirmation of acceptance will be emailed to the teams involved as well as sent to the SYSI office.
6. Please note that it is not the responsibility of SYSI to ensure that the information on the forms is accurate. Player's names will be checked to see that they are registered with SYSI and thus SSA. - **It is the responsibility of SYSI to confirm that players are registered before signing off on the roster.*

PROCEDURES TO OBTAIN TEAM STATUS FORMS – IN PROVINCE

1. Team Status forms are available at the SYSI office upon request and [online](#). (email: admin@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca)
2. In order to process the forms properly, the entire form must be filled out correctly and fully. Forms will not be accepted if they are not entirely filled out.
4. These Status forms Must Be in the SYSI Office **No Later Than 7 Days Prior to the tournament start date.** This is so that we can verify team information and allow coaches to update any outstanding credentials. If forms are submitted after this deadline, then there will be a \$50 fee charged to the team.
5. The confirmation of acceptance will be emailed to the teams involved as well as sent to the SYSI office.
6. Please note that it is not the responsibility of SYSI to ensure that the information on the forms is accurate. Player's and coaches' names will be checked to see that they are registered with SYSI and thus SSA. - **It is the responsibility of SYSI to confirm that players and coaches are registered before signing off on the roster.*

CSA POLICY ON PLAYERS WEARING CASTS



This Canada Soccer policy document is designed to reduce inconsistencies in rulings over players wearing casts. All referees are expected to follow these policies in all matches sanctioned by Canada Soccer. Law 4 states that a player may not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous [to anyone]. It further states that non-dangerous protective equipment is permitted as long as it has the sole purpose of protecting the individual physically providing that it poses no danger to the individual or any other player. Modern protective equipment made of soft, lightweight, padded materials are not considered dangerous and are therefore permitted. Hard casts are considered to pose a danger to both the wearer and other players and are not permitted to be worn. The practice of padding a hard cast does not reduce the element of danger. Players wearing a soft cast will be permitted to play if the cast does not present a danger to the individual or any other player. The referee or Supervisor of Officials (if one has been appointed to the match/tournament) will make the final decision as to the acceptability of any cast. Any player who uses a cast with the intent to intimidate or injure an opponent shall be sent off.

FIRST-AID KIT INVENTORY LIST

Here is a suggested inventory for your first-aid kit. Check the items included in your kit and remember to restock them when they are used up.

- ❖ Antibiotic ointment
- ❖ Athletic tape
- ❖ Adhesive bandages
- ❖ Cotton swabs
- ❖ Gauze pads
- ❖ Change for the telephone
- ❖ Towel
- ❖ Triangle bandage
- ❖ Player medical information cards
- ❖ Neosporin (instead of hydrogen peroxide)
- ❖ Emergency action plan sheet
- ❖ Sun screen
- ❖ Plastic bags
- ❖ Safety pins
- ❖ Scissors
- ❖ Small mirror
- ❖ Splint material
- ❖ Ice (use a cooler)
- ❖ Note pad and pen
- ❖ Tweezers
- ❖ Insect repellent



SSA INSURANCE INFORMATION

[There are four easy steps for completing your insurance claim correctly.](#)

Step One - Download the Insurance Consent Form - see below

Step Two - Download one of or both - Insurance Dental or Insurance Medical

Step Three - Fill out both forms completely and send to the Saskatchewan Soccer Association Office in Regina (do not send directly to Knight Archer Insurance); include with your form all your receipts related to your claim.

Step Four - The Saskatchewan Soccer Association will review the form and supporting documentation to make sure all necessary information and supporting documentation is completed and forward. The office will then approve the claim.

Your completed forms will be forwarded to our insurance agent at Knight Archer Insurance and notification will be given to the claimant by the SSA office by email or by mail that the claim has been forwarded or notification will be given that more information is required.

The SSA Accident Insurance policy is a SECONDARY PAYABLE policy. This means, if employer coverage exists, the claim must first be made through your employment coverage and then through the SSA policy.

The insurance forms can be found on the Saskatchewan Soccer website, www.sasksoccer.com under *Member Services*.

PLAYER MEDICAL INFORMATION

Player Name: _____ Date of Birth: DD / MM / YYYY
Emergency Contact Person: _____ Day Phone: _____
Relation to Player: _____ Evening Phone: _____
Alternate Contact Person: _____ Day Phone: _____
Relation to Player: _____ Evening Phone: _____
Family Doctor: _____ Phone: _____

Health Insurance #: _____ Email: _____

Medications: _____

Allergies: _____

Previous Injuries: _____

Does the player carry and know how to administer his/her own medications? Yes No

Other Conditions: _____

Note: Medical information is confidential. Only authorized individuals should have access to this card. Keep this card with the team at all times.



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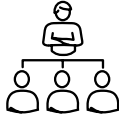
EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN



EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN (EAP)

Date:

Event: _____ Location: _____



Charge Person

Blank area for Charge Person details.

Backup

Blank area for Charge Person Backup details.

Backup

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Call Person

Blank area for Call Person details.

Backup

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Important Addresses

Site or Facility (Address, City, Province)

Blank area for Site or Facility address.

Nearest Hospital (Address, City, Province)

Blank area for Nearest Hospital address.

Additional Location Information

Blank area for Additional Location Information.



Emergency Phone Numbers

Emergency Services

Blank area for Emergency Services phone numbers.

Facility Manager or Superintendent

Blank area for Facility Manager or Superintendent phone numbers.

Other

Blank area for Other phone numbers.

Event: _____ Location: _____

Directions to site/facility**Charge Person Responsibilities**

1. Conduct an initial assessment of the injury.
2. Designate someone to watch the other participants (stop all activities and ensure all participants are in a safe area if nobody is available to supervise).
3. Wait with the injured participant and help keep them calm until emergency medical services arrive and conduct their assessment of the injury.
4. Record the injury using their club's accident report form.

Call Person Responsibilities

1. Call for emergency help.
2. Provide all necessary information to dispatch.
 - The facility location
 - The closest access door to the injured participant
 - The nature of the injury
 - A description of first aid that has been performed
 - Other medical information, such as allergies or medical conditions
3. Clear any traffic from the facility entrance or access road before the ambulance arrives.
4. Wait by the entrance to direct the ambulance.
5. Call the participant's emergency contact person.
6. Assist the charge person as needed.

REMINDERS

- You can save and re-use this form to prepare an EAP for your usual practice site and for any site where you host competitions.
- When preparing for away competitions, ask the host team or host facility for a copy of their EAP in advance.
- Attach the medical profile and parent or caregiver contact information for each participant to this emergency action plan.



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Example

IF 20 players hand out 10 coupons each = 200 vouchers

If 100 are used



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