



**SASKATCHEWAN**  
SOCCER ASSOCIATION



## **Manager, Coach, and Player Development**

We are pleased to formally announce the transition of Ashlyn Therens into the role of Manager, Coach, and Player Development. Ashlyn brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this position, having navigated the intricate realm of coach and player development for numerous years. Her extensive coaching background, coupled with experience as a coach developer, uniquely positions her to excel in this multifaceted role.

The skills Ashlyn possesses make her exceptionally well-suited to mentor and cultivate the next generation of coaches within our province. She will continue to oversee the Club Licensing program and will continue to drive the implementation of Skill Centre programming.

Ashlyn can be contacted via email at [a.therens@sasksoccer.com](mailto:a.therens@sasksoccer.com) or by phone at (306) 510-2481. We are confident that Ashlyn will bring significant value to her expanded role and contribute to the continued success of our organization.

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## **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](mailto:a.theres@sasksoccer.com)



## Vancouver Whitecaps Visit – Community Coach Workshop Opportunity

Over the 13th, 14th & 15th of February, Saskatchewan will be visited by Vancouver Whitecap's NDC Program Assistant Coach, Esteban Mora. During his visit, Esteban will be working with both male and female EXCEL Programs to scout potential players, as well as running an EXCEL Staff Education Session & finally a Community Coach Workshop. This will be a great opportunity for any, and all, Saskatchewan coaches to be a part of a free presentation by one of the country's best coaches. If you are interested, please see below for details and registration.

**Date** – Thursday February 15th

**Time** – 7pm-8pm (6:45pm arrival)

**Location** – Saskatoon Soccer Centre Boardroom

**Registration Deadline** – Wednesday February 7th at 11:59pm

**Cost** – Free

**Maximum Attendance** – 30 Registrants (first come first serve)

**Topic** – Creating & Designing a Session Plan








**Presenter** – Esteban Mora

Register Today

## Canada Soccer Advanced Coach Education are open for the 2024-2025 application cycle.

The application window for the Canada Soccer Advanced Coach Education Program is now open. All applications must be submitted online 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.

## Minimum Coaching Standards

	<p>Online theory modules for:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <span style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 5px;">ACTIVE START</span> <span style="background-color: #ff9800; color: white; padding: 5px;">FUNDAMENTALS</span> <span style="background-color: #ffc107; color: white; padding: 5px;">LEARN TO TRAIN</span> <span style="background-color: #d32f2f; color: white; padding: 5px;">SOCCER FOR LIFE</span> </div> 
	<p>In person on-field practical modules for:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <span style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 5px;">ACTIVE START</span> <span style="background-color: #ff9800; color: white; padding: 5px;">FUNDAMENTALS</span> <span style="background-color: #ffc107; color: white; padding: 5px;">LEARN TO TRAIN</span> <span style="background-color: #d32f2f; color: white; padding: 5px;">SOCCER FOR LIFE</span> </div> <p style="text-align: right;">Member Organizations / SSA</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NCCP Making Ethical Decisions Module and/or Online Evaluation</li> <li>NCCP Making Headway Module</li> <li>NCCP Emergency Action Planning Module</li> <li>NCCP Rule of Two Module</li> </ul> 
	<p>Respect in Sport training is FREE for Coaches in Saskatchewan courtesy of Sask Sport.</p> 

As we enter the 2024 competition season, all coaches and team personnel must meet the minimum standards outlined below. It is each member organization's responsibility to ensure that these standards are being met before coaches and team personnel work with athletes. Note that failure to adhere to these standards may result in the removal of Club Licensing and/or member benefits.

## SSA MINIMUM COACHING STANDARDS

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GRASSROOTS STREAM				
	U5	U7 to U9	U11 to U13	
<b>*MODIFIED Safe Sport Roster requirements</b>	Coaching Soccer in Canada online module + [CRC / VSC   RIS]	Coaching Soccer in Canada online module + [CRC / VSC   RIS]	Coaching Soccer in Canada online module + [CRC / VSC   RIS]	
OR				
<b>FULL Safe Sport requirements</b>	Active Start – Theory and Practical Modules + CRC / VSC   RIS   MED   MHW   EAP   RoF2	Fundamentals – Theory and Practical Modules + CRC / VSC   RIS   MED   MHW   EAP   RoF2	Learn 2 Train – Theory and Practical Modules + CRC / VSC   RIS   MED   MHW   EAP   RoF2	
*Modified Safe Sport Roster is for Member Organizations whose Programming / competition is delivered within their member organization or community only. ii. Programs do not travel outside their community for competition, league play or Tournaments against other member clubs or associations. iii. Parents/guardians are present and able to observe all components of the program				
COMMUNITY STREAM				
	U15   U17   U19	ADULT (Youth teams playing in Adult Leagues/Competitions)		
<b>Head Coach &amp; Assistant Coach</b>	Soccer 4 Life – Theory and Practical Full Safe Sport Roster: CRC / VSC   RIS   MED   MHW   EAP   RoF2	Soccer 4 Life – Theory Full Safe Sport Roster: CRC / VSC   RIS   MED   MHW   EAP   RoF2		
COMPETITIVE STREAM				
	U15   U17   U19 (9v9 Indoor Provincials / SK Games / NAIG)	U13 (PSL)	U15   U17 (PSL)	ADULT
<b>Head Coach</b>	C Diploma	C Diploma	C Diploma	Soccer4Life Theory and Practical Module
<b>Assistant Coach</b>	Soccer4Life Theory/Practical	C Diploma (in training)	C Diploma	Soccer4Life Theory
<b>Development Coach / Trainer</b>	Soccer4Life Theory/Practical	Soccer4Life Theory/Practical	Soccer4Life Theory/Practical	Soccer4Life Theory
<b>All Coaches: Full Safe Sport requirements</b>	CRC / VSC   RIS   MED   MHW   EAP   RoF2	CRC / VSC   RIS   MED   MHW   EAP   RoF2	CRC / VSC   RIS   MED   MHW   EAP   RoF2	CRC / VSC   RIS   MED   MHW   EAP   RoF2
DEVELOPMENT STREAM				
	U15   U17 Player Development Program for National Youth Club Licence holders	Canada Games Program		
<b>Head Coach</b>	B Diploma	B Diploma		
<b>Assistant Coach</b>	B Diploma (in training)	B Diploma (in training)		
<b>Development Coach / Trainer</b>	C Diploma (in training)	C Diploma (in training)		
<b>All Staff: Safe Sport requirements</b>	CRC / VSC   RIS   MED   MHW   EAP   RoF2	CRC / VSC   RIS   MED   MHW   EAP   RoF2		

\*All Team Personnel (Managers / Gender Reps / Athletic Therapists / Trainers) must have CRC, RIS & RoF2 Training. †Support Coaches who are under the age of 16 must be registered through RAMP and have completed Respect in Sport Training. In addition, they must be accompanied / supervised by adult who meets the full Safe Sport Roster requirements.

CRC = Criminal Record Check | VSC = Vulnerable Sector Check | RIS = Respect in Sport Activity Leader | MED = Making Ethical Decisions | MHW-S = Making Head Way Soccer | EAP – Emergency Action Plan | RoF2 – Rule of Two | TBD = To Be Determined

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## Nominations for the 2024 SSA Recognition Awards

Is there someone in your soccer community that goes above and beyond on or off the field? Saskatchewan Soccer is accepting nominations for our Annual Recognition Awards. Nominate players, teams, coaches, referees, and volunteers from your club that exemplify our mission, vision, and values. Award nominees and winners will be celebrated during the recognition celebration on March 23, 2024. The deadline to submit nominations has been extended to February 15, 2024.

## In Memoriam Request

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](mailto:ea@sasksoccer.com) by March 15.



## Save the Date

We look forward to seeing you all at the AGM and Recognition Awards on March 23, 2024 in Regina SK!

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## Reminder from the Registrar

### 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**

### Travel Permits

With lots of out-of-province tournaments coming up, this is just a reminder to make sure that your teams have their travel permit! Don't forget - all permits need to be signed off on by a member organization contact, and all those listed on the travel roster (players, coaches, and team personnel) **must** be registered on RAMP. Permits can be sent to the registrar for approval and info on payment. Don't forget that the earlier it's sent, the lower the permit fee will be!

### 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](mailto:registrar@sasksoccer.com)

## Registrar's Fun Fact

The first recorded soccer team in Saskatchewan was called the Regina Fairmede, established in 1888!

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## FSQ Club Operating System

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## EVERYONE'S GAME

### Resource Centre



#### **Mental Health: Beyond the Scoreboard: 5 game-changing mental health benefits of team sports**

A 2023 review of studies looking at the impact of sport participation on mental health and social outcomes in adults revealed that participating in sport is linked to greater mental health and well-being in adults. The review also highlighted that the more adults participate in sport, the lower their levels of mental distress, and the higher their self-esteem and overall life satisfaction.

[Read More](#)



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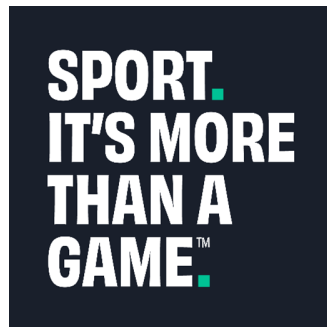
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