

A special thank you to all who attended last weekend's SSA social, AGM, member sessions, and awards in Regina.

Friday kicked off the RAMP Interactive Come & Go Social, it was great to see all the members taking the time to network with each other and meet the SSA Board of Directors.

Saturday began with the SSA AGM followed by member education sessions. We would like to thank Satori and Ramp Interactive for presenting. Satori discussed how to engage members to support the survey strategy. Ramp Interactive delivered an overview of safe sport best practices and reporting tools and there were some great questions.



Once the business was finished members joined in at the Annual Post-AGM Walking Soccer game held at Affinity Plex, shout out to FC Regina for welcoming everyone to their home turf!



Saturday evening concluded with the Recognition Awards. It was a magical evening of looking back and celebrating the past years' achievements!



2023 Provincial Soccer League

Golden Boot Awards:

U15 Girls - Navy Louma, FC Regina U15 Boys - Dominick Yaholnitsky, ASTRA Academy U17 Boys - Tristao Hein, Saskatoon Alliance U17 Girls - Jenna Muir, Queen City United



2023 Recognition Awards

Youth Players of the Year

Tristao Hein, Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. Morgan Barry, SSA EXCEL Program



Futsal Players of the Year Jackson Kovitch Erica Hindmarsh



Adult Players of the Year Jordan Schidlowsky, Saskatoon Adult Soccer Michelle Keene, Saskatoon Adult Soccer





Adult Coach of the Year

Stewart Gillott, Saskatoon Adult Soccer

Adult Team of the Year SK Impact



Community Referee of the Year Mingyang (Phil) Chen, Regina Louisa DeBusschere, Regina



Referee of the Year Alex McGreavey, Saskatoon Nadia Kuntz, Regina



Coaching Dedication John Philson, FC Regina Astrid Baecker, University of Regina



Youth Team of the Year QC United 17G U17 Boys Saskatoon Alliance Arsenal



Member Organization of the Year

Saskatoon Adult Soccer

Volunteer of the Year

Eileen Zagiel, Saskatoon Adult Soccer



David Newsham Award Kathy Chisholm





Satori Notice – Surveys being sent out April

Coming up on April 13, 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.

How can you help increase membership responses? Visit here are some tips!

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.

Member Assistance Program (MAP) Grant

MAP Grant application letters have now been sent out, please check your inbox for

important information pertaining to Population Based and Special Project MAP funding. **The** deadline to register for MAP grant is April 15.

To better assist you there will be 2, 30-minute webinars going through the application process (registration required, only 1 webinar is needed). 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

Learn More

Staffing Update - Jennifer Wood

Please join us in welcoming our new Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility Coordinator, Jennifer Wood to the SSA team. Jennifer will join the member service team with a primary role to serve as the lead developer, liaison, and advocate for SSA and its Member Organizations (MO's) to assist in delivering more inclusive, diverse, equitable and accessible programs, services, events, and initiatives!

Welcome to the team, Jennifer!



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.

Grassroots Coach Education

SSA is currently offering Grassroots Coach Education in North Battleford and Lanigan. Registration can be completed <u>here.</u> Additional clinics in your community can be booked directly through Ashlyn Therens, Manager Coach and Player Development at <u>a.therens@sasksoccer.com</u> or (306) 510-2481.

2024 C-Diploma Registration

Registration is now live for Saskatchewan's first offering of the new CONCACAF C Diploma.

This course will only be offered once per year and will run for 9 months. Attendance is required at all online and in-person events. Should a coach fail to attend, they will be removed from the course. The dates are as follows:

Online Dates: September 5/12/19, 2024 7:00-9:00pm

In Person Session #1: September 26/27/28, 2024 (Regina SK) Full Days (Time to be confirmed)

In Person Session #2: March 27/28/29, 2025 (Prince Albert SK) Full Days (Time to be confirmed)

Coaches must meet the requirements of the Full Safe Sport Roster and be in good standing with their member organization prior to June 1, 2024 to be considered for application. It is strongly suggested that coaches have prior experience and a minimum of Soccer 4 Life certification.

Registration is now open and can be completed <u>here</u>. The last day to register will be May 31, 2024. The cost of the course is \$1500 and does not include any personal travel expenses. If your member organization would like to pay for the registration fee, please contact Ashlyn Therens: a.therens@sasksoccer.com and she will provide you with a code for your coaches to use.



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



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 (<u>k.enslev@sasksoccer.com</u>) to collect more details!

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 <u>here</u>. The Referee Entry Level Clinic

process via Smarter U is available via <u>this link</u>. The Small Sided Referee /Futsal referee process is described <u>here</u>. All information is also available on the SSA Website on the <u>Referee Courses</u> 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

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!



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!



Reminder from the Registrar

Final Indoor Registrar Report – March 31

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 31. The form for this report can be found on our website <u>here.</u>

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. Membership renewal is now past due, please click the link below to renew your 2024 SSA Membership.

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 and Adult Player: \$34.00 per season

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

Registrar's Fun Fact

The original trophy for the FIFA World Cup, the Jules Rimet Trophy, was stolen in March 1966 and found by a dog named Pickles in South London. Pickles was awarded the silver medal of the National Canine Defense League in Britain for finding the trophy

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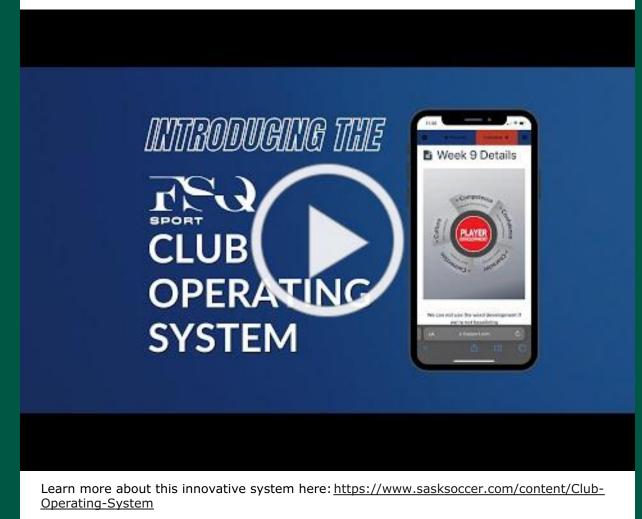
Resource Centre

This webinar is for everyone of ALL abilities with a focus on Women's Health in Sport. Register with the QR code.



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.





SSA Calendar of Events & Deadlines

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



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