



**SASKATCHEWAN**  
SOCCER ASSOCIATION



## EVERYONE'S GAME



### Canada to kick off Women's World Cup campaign July 20 in Australia

Canada Soccer's Women's National Team kick off their FIFA Women's World Cup Australia/New Zealand 2023 campaign against Nigeria on July 21. Canada play matches against Ireland (July 26) and hosts Australia (July 31) to round out their group stage matches. The top two teams in Group B will advance to the Round of 16 and play a Group D opponent on August 7. Canada's Quarter-final match would take place on Aug 12, Semi-final on Aug 16 with the Final scheduled for Aug 20.

**FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP AU NZ 2023**

**GROUP/GROUPE B**

- AUS (Australia)
- IRL (Ireland)
- NGA (Nigeria)
- CAN (Canada)

**CANADA**

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### Canada complete Nations League campaign kick-off Gold Cup

Canada Soccer's Men's National Team finished its Concacaf Nations League campaign on 18 June after advancing to its first ever Nations League Finals in Las Vegas, Nevada. Panama, Mexico, and United States were the other nations to advance to the two-match Final. Canada defeated Panama 2:0 (David 25', Davies 70') on June 15 to advance to the gold medal match against United States who defeated Mexico 3:0 in the other semi. Canada fell 0:2 to United States in the final.

The Men's National Team didn't have long to wait for its next opportunity at continental competition as the team's 2023 Concacaf Gold Cup campaign kicked off in Toronto on June 27. Canada drew Group D opponents Guadeloupe 2:2 in the opener. The team will face Guatemala on Canada Day (July 1) and Cuba on July 4. The top two teams in Group D will advance to the knockout stage and play on July 9. The Semi-finals take place July 12 with the final scheduled for July 16.



## League1 Prairies sessions

Representatives from League1 Canada, in collaboration with Saskatchewan Soccer Association and Manitoba Soccer Association, will be delivering a pair of online information sessions for organizations interested in learning more about the potential for the launch of League1 Prairies (adult pro-am league), a multi-provincial soccer competition that would expand the existing League1 Canada Alliance.

The remaining video session is on Tuesday, July 4. The session will start at 7pm in Manitoba, 6pm in Saskatchewan.

Interested parties are asked to register their intent to join via [this link](#).



# LEAGUE 1 CANADA



## LEAGUE 1 PRAIRIES

INFORMATION SESSIONS

**RISE AS ONE**

### Saskatchewan Showcase



#### Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame Inductee – Joan McEachern

Saskatchewan Soccer Life Member Joan McEachern has been selected as a 2023 Inductee into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame.

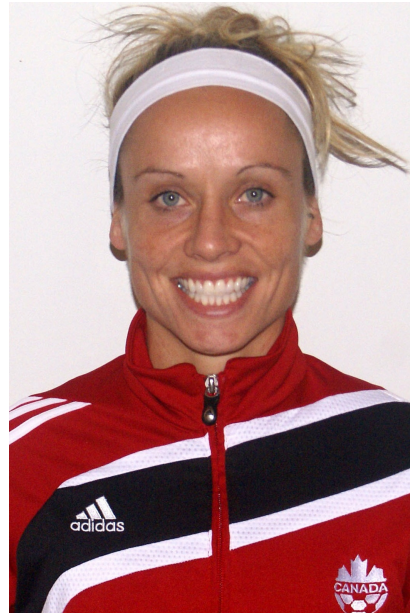
A native of Leroy SK, McEachern started as a soccer player in Lanigan with her brothers and cousins going on to feature on several provincial teams in both Saskatchewan and Alberta, and participated in collegiate level sport as part of the University of Saskatchewan soccer squad. She was part of a team who took part in the first Canada West tournament.

McEachern is a four-time National Championship winner, including being named the Most Valuable Player at Canada Soccer's National Championships in 1985. She was also a member of a Team Alberta that won gold at the 1987 Western Canada Summer Games, and silver (1987) and bronze (1986) at the Canada All-Star Championships,

An active player on Canada Soccer's Women's National Team from 1987 to 1995, McEachern featured in the 1991, 1993 and 1994 Concacaf Championships earning qualification to Canada Soccer's first-ever Women's World Cup in 1995 where she featured.

Following her playing career, Joan fostered the development of future generations as the assistant coach for the Kwantlen Polytechnic University Women's Soccer Team from 2003 – 2015.

## **Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame Inductee – Kelly Parker**



Saskatoon's Kelly Parker will be inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame at a ceremony to take place November 4, 2023.

Parker represented Saskatoon clubs at three National Championships, featured for Saskatchewan's provincial all-star team at the Canada Soccer Selects showcase, was an integral part of Team Sask at the 1999 Western Canada Summer Games, and at both the 1997 and 2001 Canada Summer Games. She was named Saskatchewan Soccer Association Youth Female Player of the Year Award in 1998.

Parker captained the University of Texas El Paso women's team in 2001 and 2002 after being named team MVP in 2000. In 2015, she became the first soccer player inducted in the UTEP Hall of Fame.

Parker played professionally in Canada, the United States and Germany over nearly a decade from 2003 to 2012. She shared the USL W-League scoring title in 2003 with her Ottawa Fury Women teammate. She went on to be named league MVP in 2004 (Ottawa) and again in 2010 with Buffalo Flash with whom she won back-to-back league titles in 2009 and 2010.

Internationally, Parker was a member of the 2012 Women's National Team that secured an Olympic bronze medal for Canada. In total, Parker made 40 international appearances being named the co-recipient of the 2012 Saskatchewan Soccer Senior Female Player of the Year Award alongside Olympic teammate, Kaylyn Kyle.

**Thomas Hasal** made an MLS NextPro appearance for WFC2 in June. The Whitecaps FC goalkeeper made two key saves in penalty kicks to secure the victory over Sporting KC II June 2 in Burnaby, BC.

**Brett Levis** secured a transfer to Detroit City FC in June from FC Tulsa. Levis has played 10 games in USL Championship this season, securing six starts.

**Morgan Barry's** Saskatchewan EXCEL performances have earned her a week-long trial at the Vancouver Whitecaps SuperREX from June 26-30.

# Upcoming Events

## FTF Combine

Saskatchewan Soccer in partnership with First Touch Football presents the 2023 Combine Series in Saskatoon July 4-5 at the SSC. Registration is still open to all players born in 2008 or older, both male and female.

For more information, [follow this link](#).

## Outdoor Provincials

The SaskTel Soccer for Life 11-A-Side Youth Outdoor Provincial Championships will be hosted July 7-9 in Regina with fourteen teams competing across six divisions. A Youth and Mini Camp will be held at Mosaic Stadium as a part of the competition. Registration is available to the general public for the camps via [Camp Registration](#).



## SOCCER DAY IN SASKATCHEWAN

Soccer Day in Saskatchewan will be hosted in Saskatoon in 2023 with events kicking off on Friday July 28, and culminating on Sunday, July 30 with the Provincial Soccer League, 4 Corners Championship and Masters Finals.

In addition, attendees will receive free prizes, browse the soccer vendor village, eat delicious BBQ at our concession, participate in a skills competition, and much more.

[Registration is now open for all events](#)



Friday, July 28

### Adult 7v7 Tournament

Saskatoon Soccer Center  
Outdoor Turf Field  
5:30 - 10:30 PM  
3 - 15 minutes games  
\$75.00 Team Entry

### Youth 3v3 Festival

Saskatoon Soccer Center  
Outdoor Turf Field  
6:00 - 10:00 PM  
3 - 15 minutes games  
Divisions Boys/Girls : Under 9,  
Under 11, Under 13, Under 15-17  
\$25.00 Team Entry



## SOCCER DAY IN SASKATCHEWAN

Saturday, July 29

### Mini & Youth Coed Soccer Camps

Forest Park 5 Grass Field  
Mini Age: 10 - 11:30 AM  
Youth Age: 1 - 2:30 PM  
Drop in Skill Competition 12 - 2:00 PM  
Free

### Girls Only Soccer Camp

Saskatoon Soccer Center  
Sherwood Field - Indoor Turf  
Mini Age: 10 - 10:45 AM  
Youth Age: 11 - 12:00 PM  
Free

### Soccer For All Events

Saskatoon Soccer Center  
Walking Soccer Festival 12 - 2:00 PM  
Powerchair Soccer Festival 1 - 3:00 PM  
Free



Sunday, July 30

### Provincial Soccer League Finals

Saskatoon Soccer Center  
Kinsmen Outdoor Turf Field



9 AM - Under 15 Girls  
11:30 AM - Under 15 Boys  
2 PM - Under 17 Girls  
4:30 PM - Under 17 Boys

### 2023 Masters Competitions

Saskatoon Soccer Center  
West Outdoor Turf Field  
2 PM - Women's Final  
4:30 PM - Men's Final

### 4 Corners Rural Championship

Forest Park 6  
1 PM - Final

For more information including registration visit: [sasksoccer.com](https://sasksoccer.com)

• Daily 50/50 • Soccer Market • Free Skills Competition • Concession and BBQ  
Interested in being a part of our Soccer Market contact: [m.mathews@sasksoccer.com](mailto:m.mathews@sasksoccer.com)

Check out our [Facebook event](#) for up-to-date information and [download our flyer](#) to share!

## Volunteers Wanted

Experience the best of football culture with Saskatchewan Soccer. We're seeking volunteers for our call-sheet. Sign up today to gain experience working alongside the organization's Member Service, Competitions, and Development teams.

[Sign Up to Volunteer](#)

## Saskatchewan to host Western Masters Championship

Saskatoon Adult Soccer has been selected by Canada Soccer to host the 2023 Western Regional Masters and Women's Regional Masters on September 22-24 at Saskatoon Soccer Centre. Stay tuned for more details on how to get involved in this prestigious event as a spectator. Saskatchewan teams will qualify to the competition via the Masters Provincial Championships during Soccer Day in Saskatchewan, July 28-30.

## ITP Survey – Safe Sport Audit

ITP Sport and Recreation is leading a **Safe Sport Culture Review for Saskatchewan athletes, coaches, and other key stakeholders**. Broadbase participation is essential to ensuring a safe and positive sport culture in Canada.

NOTE: Information gathered through the survey remains completely anonymous. Saskatchewan Soccer will not receive identifying information about participants. The analysis

[Complete Survey](#)

## Event Recap

### Saskatchewan makes Futsal Canadian Championship history

SK Impact represented Saskatchewan at the Futsal National Championships in Calgary in April and returned with a bronze medal in the first-ever female competition. Impact player Erica Hindmarsh also secured the first-ever goal scored in the history of the female competition in Impact's opening game.

Saskatchewan was represented on the male side by Olimpia SK FC, who finished fifth with a 2-0 victory over Yukon in their final match.



SK Impact



Olimpia SK FC

## Skill Centre Workshop

On June 1-2, Saskatchewan Soccer welcomed Canada Soccer Master Coach Developer Wayne Cleverly to the province as he hosted Skill Centre Workshops in Saskatoon with Astra Soccer Academy and in Regina with Queen City Soccer Club. Cleverly provided information on the philosophy of Skill Centre programs and delivered an on-field session for attendees.



Saskatoon session





Regina session

## U11 Jamboree and PSL U13 Weekend in Saskatoon

Saskatchewan Soccer hosted their first Skill Centre Jamboree June 24-25 in Saskatoon. Eighteen teams competed in the Skill Centre Jamboree spanning eight member organizations and zones. The weekend included a canteen partnership with Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports, inflatable obstacle course, face painting, and a hardest shot competition.

Check out our recap:



# Development (High Performance, Coach, Referee)

## SK EXCEL at Whitecaps FC Showcase

Saskatchewan's EXCEL Programs traveled to Vancouver from April 3-6 to take part in the Whitecaps FC Showcase. The players had the opportunity to showcase themselves in front of approximately 100 college coaches from across Canada & the US, as well as national team and professional scouts.

A number of Saskatchewan athletes were identified from their play, as well as good results. The girls program finished the week with two wins and a tie conceding just 1 goal all weekend. The boys program had a tougher time, with 2 losses and a tie, but with some excellent performances and just missing a little bit of luck.

## Coaching

Fort Qu'Appelle hosted the practical session of Canada Soccer Grassroots Coach Education programming on May 13. In addition to the coach education, attending players took part in additional workshops with station-based activities led by University of Regina players.



## Referees

Saskatchewan's Chantal Boudreau (second from left) has departed for the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia/New Zealand 2023 as one of five Canadian match officials to receive appointments.



In addition, Boudreau has received regular appointments in Major League Soccer, Canadian Premier League, and the 2023 Canadian Championship.



Daniel Boudreau has received multiple Canadian Premier League and Canadian Championship matches since the beginning of the 2023 season.

Theo Diederichsen (first from left) has received MLS NextPro appointments in addition to BC League1 games.



Shukwia Tajik (first from right), Ian Adams (first from left), and Vincent Morelli (second from left) have received BC League1, AB League1 Exhibition Series and Alberta Major Soccer League match appointments so far this season.

## Member Services

### 2022-23 Female Mentorship Program Wraps Up



Saskatchewan Soccer's Female Mentorship Program came together in Regina on April 29 to celebrate another successful year and to begin planning education programming, events, and outreach for 2024-25.

Astrid Baecker, UofR Women's Soccer Head Coach and Kia Scholler, Sask Sport, Sport Consultant presented to the group ahead of an intense Walking Soccer match vs the SSA Board of Directors. A first-ever Women-in-Sport Event followed that brought together female leaders across the sport system for a networking event.

# Registration is now open for the 2023-24 Female Development Network



This program is open to females 18 and over who are players, coaches, referees, board members, and organizers within the SSA!

It's an opportunity to share experiences, meet experts, and connect with others.

Together we will strive to grow towards our goals, celebrate achievements, and build on our potential.

For More Info  
[sasksoccer.com](http://sasksoccer.com)



## Female Development Network

### Benefits

- \$200 Honorarium
- Free to join
- Coaching and referee grants
- Tailored tasks to support goals
- 2 in person sessions
- 3 online sessions
- Travel and accommodations provided



**Register Today**

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## SSA Calendar of Events & Deadlines

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