

**Aurora, Hollandia, and Valley United Soccer  
Joint Announcement**  
*Provincial Soccer League (PSL) Restructure*

*Background*

The Saskatchewan Soccer Association (SSA) recently announced a major restructuring of the PSL. Part of the process involved setting limits on the number of teams that each district may enter. Saskatoon has received the following allocations in the PSL:

- U13/U14 Male and Female (Born 2004 & 2005): 2 of each gender
- U15 Male and Female (Born 2002 & 2003): 2 of each gender
- U17 Male and Female (Born 2000 & 2001): 1 of each gender

\*Note that the U13 division may accept late developing players born in 2003.

Initial information indicates there will be 5 competition weekends:

- May 26-27 in Prince Albert
- June 2-4 in Saskatoon
- June 16-18 in Moose Jaw
- July 7-9 in Regina
- July 14-16 in Saskatoon – PSL Championship

Winners of the U15 and U17 divisions will represent Saskatchewan at the Canada Soccer Club Nationals in October.

*Saskatoon Youth Soccer Response*

In order to ensure opportunities for all players in the PSL, and to best make use of the existing organizational structures in Saskatoon, the decision was made to form two coalitions of the existing zones/clubs. Aurora, Hollandia and Valley United (AHV) will join forces to assemble and operate one team of each gender in the U13 and U15 age groups, and the male U17 team. The remainder of the zones/clubs will collaborate to operate the other half of the U13 and U15 teams, along with the female U17s.

*Registration Information*

A working group in the AHV coalition has been formed and discussion is ongoing to finalize details. There is much complexity in aligning the three organizations in terms of logistics, culture and philosophies.

The PSL operates in the Competitive Stream of the Canadian Soccer Association player pathway, the PSL is designed to provide a high level of training and competition for players who are not currently involved in the designated provincial High Performance (HP) programs. PSL Players may be given the option of also playing in the local league in Saskatoon, but a decision on this will ultimately be made by the Technical Committee of AHV. The primary concern of the

technical committee is to ensure that the eventual structure adopted does not result in players being subjected to overtraining and facing conflicts in terms of team responsibilities and priorities.

Players who are interested in registering for the PSL must register with their zones per the usual process. Players in the ASTRA HP Centre of Excellence are allowed to participate unless they enter a provincial HP program and as long as they are registered with a zone.

The 2017 Outdoor registration form will have a question asking if the player wishes to be evaluated for PSL for administrative purposes – please select yes. For players wishing to be evaluated for PSL there is a separate registration form which must also be completed and a non-refundable \$25 tryout fee must be paid. The fee for players placed on a PSL team will be \$350 (includes try-out fee, cost of a kit and the SSA fee) for all age groups.

Once evaluations are completed, players who are successfully placed on a team will have any fees they have paid to their zone transferred to the PSL registration and each player's profile will be updated by the zone registrars. Players will be responsible for paying the difference by logging into their accounts by April 1, 2017. Any additional fees will be set by each team and collected once the teams are established.

The U17 females are to be evaluated by Eastside who are fielding the U17G PSL team for Saskatoon. Any registration fees paid to Hollandia will be transferred to Eastside for players who make the team.

Pre-season player preparation will begin in April. Coaches interested in participating in this higher-level environment will be asked to apply for positions and an application form will be available shortly. The programs will be overseen by Sean Riggs, Technical Director of Aurora and Percy Hoff, Director of Player and Coaching Development for Hollandia.

Thank-you for your patience as we continue to work through the details of this initiative. We will release more details as we have them, and we plan to hold an in-person information night for those parents or players interested in the PSL opportunity.

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For questions relating to the registration process – please contact your zone registrar.