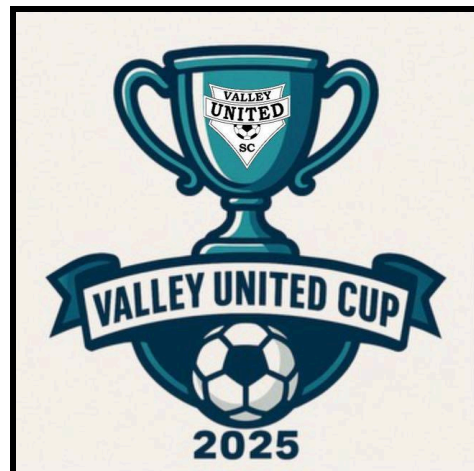




2025 Valley United Cup

YOUTH TOURNAMENT INFORMATION & PROCEDURES

WHEN & WHERE

The Valley United Cup Youth Tournament will run December 5th to December 7th, 2025, in the Martensville Recreation Centre (100 Main Street, Martensville, Saskatchewan). Games could start as early as 12:00PM on Friday, 8:00am Saturday, and 8:00am Sunday, and the tournament should wrap up by 6:00 PM on Sunday December 7th, 2025.

TEAM AND PLAYER REGISTRATION

Team registration will be online only.

Online registration will be available using the tournament link on the Valley United website (www.vuscsk.ca). Teams are required to submit their team registration by the end of the day on November 2nd, 2025. Teams will be emailed a receipt once their online registration has been completed. If you do not receive a receipt, contact the Valley United office to ensure that your information has been received. Your receipt is not confirmation of acceptance into the tournament. If your team is an out of province team, please make sure to use the Non-Member Team Tournament registration tab when registering your team.

Team selections will be announced via email on November 5th.

Should your registration fee not be paid to the VUSC office prior to the end of November 9th, your registration will be considered incomplete and risk being removed.

Registration Fees (3 game guarantee):

- U9 – \$400 per team
- U11 – \$600.00 per team
- U13 – \$650.00 per team
- U15 – \$800.00 per team
- U17/19 – \$800.00 per team

Teams will receive official confirmation of acceptance via email by the end of day November 5th, 2025.

TEAM SELECTION

Team selection into the Valley United Cup tournament and player eligibility is at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee. All teams will be required to check-in with the tournament committee at Tournament Headquarters at least one hour prior to their first game.

Team status forms must be completed and submitted by December 1st, 2025.

Team status forms submitted after December 1st will be charged a late fee of \$50.00. Member Organization would be the organization you belong to that is registered with the Provincial Organization i.e., Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc., FC Regina, Battlefords Youth Soccer, etc. Team Status Forms can be found by clicking [Here!](#)

All players/team personnel must be registered with their local District/Provincial Association. Travel permits are required from all out of province/country teams. Travel permits must be received by VUSC prior to the start date of the tournament.

To make Divisions viable, age groups may be combined based on similar competition (for instance U13 Division 2 and U15 Division 3) at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee. This is to provide playing opportunities for as many teams as possible. Should a team not be agreeable to this, they will be considered as withdrawing after the deadline and will forfeit their registration fee. Divisions that have less than three registered teams following the registration deadline will be cancelled and teams will be advised of non-acceptance.

AGE CATEGORIES AND DIVISIONS

- Under 9 - Born in 2017 or 2018
- Under 11 - Born in 2015 or 2016
- Under 13 - Born in 2013 or 2014
- Under 15 – Born in 2011 or 2012
- Under 17 - Born in 2009 or 2010
- Under 19 – Born in 2007 or 2008

FORMAT

- U9 will play 5 v 5 (including a goalkeeper, on an $\frac{1}{8}$ field) with a size 4 ball.
- U11 will play 7 v 7 (including a goalkeeper, on a $\frac{1}{4}$ field) with a size 4 ball.
- U13 will play 7v7 (including a goalkeeper, on a $\frac{1}{4}$ field) with a size 5 ball.
- U15 & U17/19 will play 9v9 (including a goalkeeper, on a $\frac{1}{2}$ field) with a size 5 ball.

All Games will be played on marked fields with metal structured nets.

Divisions in which offsides are played will not have Assistant Referees.

TEAM ROSTER

Rosters must be entered when registering your team.

- U9 Teams can register and dress up to 10 players.
- U11 Teams can register and dress up to 14 players.
- U13 Teams can register and dress up to 14 players
- U15 – U19 teams can register and dress up to 18 players

All participants must be registered and in good standing with their District, Provincial, State and/or National Soccer Association. Players can only be registered with one team. Roster changes or additions must be approved by the Tournament Organizing committee. No changes will be made to rosters within 7 days of the tournament start date.

TEAM PERSONNEL

- Only 4 team personnel will be allowed on a roster/bench.
- VUSC has adopted and exists with the “RULE of TWO”
- There must be a minimum of 2 (two) team staff (adults), one must be the same gender as the players, in all situations where the athlete is potentially vulnerable. This includes the dressing room and on the bench.

All Saskatchewan team personnel MUST have their RIS. All team personnel listed as coach or assistant coach must have their age-appropriate coach certification listed on the roster. If a member of the team personnel does not have the corresponding certifications, they will not be allowed to sit on the bench.

Respect in Sport (RIS) certification can be obtained through the following website:

<https://sasksrc.respectgroupinc.com/secure/>.

All Coaches must be certified at the appropriate level as per SSA guidelines: All out-of-province team personnel are strongly encouraged to have their Respect in Sport (RIS) certification through their local jurisdiction.

GUEST PLAYERS

There are only 5 guest players allowed per team. All guest players must be identified on the roster form as an ‘Affiliate Player’(AP) at the time of registration. Players are not permitted to ‘play down’ into a different age group or division. For example, a player registered on a U13 team cannot be a guest player on a U11 team and U13 division 1 players cannot be guest players on U13 division 2 teams.

Any player participating as a guest player must have written permission to participate from the Member Organization and/or Entity with whom s/he is registered. This must be sent into the Tournament Committee prior to the tournament start date. All guest players must be approved by the Tournament Committee.

THE TURF

- The facility utilizes an Artificial Turf playing surface.
- Rounded cleats and turf shoes are allowed. No bladed or metal cleats are allowed.
- Spitting on the turf will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion.
- Water only allowed on the pitches - no sports drinks or other beverages.
- Only team players and personnel are permitted on the turf.

CHANGE ROOMS

Changerooms will be available to all teams for their games. Only team players and team personnel are permitted in the change room area. It is the teams' responsibility to clean up the room upon leaving. If you leave the room in a mess, you could be fined or prohibited from using a dressing room.

PARKING

Parking is free! Please observe signage regarding parking restrictions. Please keep the wheelchair ramp and fire lanes clear at all times. Not doing so may result in towing!

ADMISSION FOR SPECTATORS

- Weekend Pass: \$10
- Day Pass: \$5
- 18 and under are free

There is no charge for players and managers/coaches (maximum 4 team staff per team, must be on the team Roster).

GAME PROCEDURES

Game sheets (rosters) will be prepared in advance by the Tournament Committee and must be reviewed and signed by a team official at least 15 minutes prior to each game. The home team is required to supply the game balls and must be prepared to change jerseys if there is a color conflict.

U9 and U11 games will be two 20-minute halves. All other divisions will play two 25-minute halves. Divisions in which offsides are played will not have Assistant Referees. There will be no overtime in round robin play.

Format for Play-offs if games are tied:

In the event of a draw at the end of regulation time, the match will proceed directly to a "Sudden Victory Penalty Shootout." Each team will nominate one kicker per round, and the shootout will operate on a sudden victory basis: the first team to score while the other team misses will be deemed the winner. This format will continue with alternating kicks until a decisive result is achieved, ensuring both teams have equal opportunities to take a shot.

TEAM RANKING POINT SYSTEM

- Win 3 points
- Tie 1 points
- Loss 0 points
- A shutout win is worth an additional point

TIE BREAKING RULES

If two (2) or more teams amass an equal number of points, the following tie-breaking procedures, in the following order, shall be used in order to determine the final standing:

- 1) Previous Match Results - the winner of the match between two teams tied in points shall be awarded the higher position.
- 2) Goal Difference - Goal difference shall be calculated by subtracting goals conceded from goals scored.
- 3) Least Goals Against-The team having the fewer number of goals against will be awarded the higher position.
- 4) Most Goals Scored - The team having scored the most goals will be awarded the higher position.
- 5) Penalty Kicks - If two or more teams are still tied under criteria 1 – 4, then the higher standings shall be decided by Sudden Victory Penalty Shootout.” Each team will nominate one kicker per round, and the shootout will operate on a sudden victory basis: the first team to score while the other team does not will be deemed the winner. This format will continue with alternating kicks until a decisive result is achieved, ensuring both teams have equal opportunities to take a shot. If the only effect from the tie is determining the home and away team in a playoff match, this will be decided by a coin toss.

DISCIPLINE

Discipline matters will be dealt with by the Tournament Discipline Committee. Players who have received a red card will be required to leave the field of play and report to Tournament Headquarters within one hour of game completion. Failure to appear may result in suspension from the Tournament. The player's home club and provincial association may be notified of any suspensions.

PROTESTS

Protests will not be heard on a judgment call by a Referee. Protests will be heard on eligibility or technical matters provided they are in writing and submitted to the Tournament Headquarters within 15 minutes of the completion of the game in question. The protest must be accompanied by a \$125 fee. If the protest is upheld the \$125 will be refunded.

SASKATCHEWAN TRAVEL POLICY

All out of province or out of country teams must have a travel permit. SSA sanctioning requires that teams travelling from out of province must submit their travel permits to VUSC prior to the tournament start date.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Valley United, its officials, and the Saskatchewan Soccer Association are not responsible for any expenses incurred by any team if the tournament is cancelled in whole or in part. Teams that are delayed by weather will not be refunded.

REFUND POLICY AND CANCELLATION POLICY

If your team must cancel, please contact the VUSC at vusc.sk.president@gmail.com immediately. Teams that withdraw or cancel after November 5th, 2025, will forfeit their entire entry fee.

EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

Report all injuries to a VUSC staff member so that an injury report can be completed if necessary.

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Award Presentations will take place on the field after the final games (time permitting) or in the designated zone set up by VUSC Staff for the weekend.

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS

Tournament Headquarters will be located at the Martenville Rec Centre, second floor.

Tournament Headquarters will be open on December 5th-7th from one hour prior to tournament start to one half hour following the last game completion.

STAY AND PLAY

VUSC has an agreement with the CANALTA Hotel, in Martensville, to get preferred pricing on a room block for all the travelling teams to our tournaments.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please contact us by email: vusc.sk.president@gmail.com or technical.director@valleysoccer.ca