



SHUSWAP YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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Mayor Alan Harrison

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Request for Letter of Support.

Shuswap Youth Soccer Association (SYSA) would like to request a letter of support from Mayor Alan Harrison and the City of Salmon Arm in it's application for a Community Gaming Grant.

SYSA is extremely proud to be the community leader in sports participation, with over 1600 registrations annually we strive to administer an affordable program for all ages and competition levels. Providing our youth with a safe and fun environment, where they can be active, develop physical literacy, and challenge themselves to emotionally navigate through pressure, anxiety, and teamwork, establishing a strong foundation for a successful community. All our programs are offered to all genders, and are facilitated using City of Salmon Arm and Shuswap Recreation Society sports facilities. The gaming grant funds would be used to offset SYSA staff wages and facility rentals to keep our programs functional and affordable.

Summary of SYSA on field programs:

Spring Outdoor House Programs (Local)

- 965 participants, 3-18 years old.
- April to June

Shuswap FC Development and Select Program (Inter-Regional)

- 150 participants, 10-18 years old
- January to July

Shore N Score Cup Summer Soccer Tournament

- 200 SYSA participants, 450 out of town participants, 8-18 years old.
- Friday to Sunday, one weekend in August

European Football School Camps (hosted by SYSA)

- 140 participants, 9-18 years old.
- Spring Break and Summer Camps, Monday to Friday, one week each.

Street Soccer (Games Only)

- 180 participants, 6-18 years old.
- 3 seasons: Fall Outdoor (Sept-Oct), Fall Indoor (Oct-Dec), and Winter (Jan-Mar)

Timbit / Rec Program



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- 75 participants, 3-9 years old.
- Two seasons: Fall (Oct-Dec), Winter (Jan-Mar)

Futsal (Indoor Gymnasium Soccer)

- 76 participants, 8-18 years old
- Two seasons: Fall (Oct-Dec), Winter (Jan-Mar)

High Level Training

- 86 Participants, 10-18 years old.
- Two seasons: Fall (Oct-Dec), Winter (Jan-Mar)

Summary of SYSA off field programs:

Coach Development

- 130 Volunteer Coaches
- SYSA Staff facilitate coaching development for coaches at both the recreational and competitive program levels. Mentoring and resources are available for all coaches with an expectation that these coaches will grow in skill and confidence with the kids, which will result in stronger coaching for our older age groups in the future.

Referee Training Program

- 60 BC Soccer certified referees.
- SYSA facilitates the training and mentoring of all youth and adult referees in our district, and schedules them for every sanctioned soccer game played in Salmon Arm, including adults.

Field Line Painting

- In partnership with the City of Salmon Arm and Shuswap Rec Society, SYSA provides the field line painting service to all the encompassing user groups who can not do this on their own, or to the professional standard they need.

Scholarship Program

- SYSA provides volunteer hours opportunities to 20+ players each year to help them acquire hours needed for school, scholarship applications, or work experience. SYSA also supports this program with two of our own annual Scholarships to SYSA players looking at attend post-secondary school.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to hearing from you,

Shuswap Youth Soccer Association