



# Lakewood Soccer Association

## **Lakewood Mission Statement:**

*Provide a quality soccer program for player and coach development.*

## **Lakewood Vision:**

*Create a fun environment for players to learn the game of soccer.*

## **Lakewood Values:**

*Provide a positive sport experience for all players and coaches with the emphasis on fundamental skill development.*

*Strive to be open and transparent in all of our interactions.*

## **Lakewood Player Evaluation Process**

The Lakewood Soccer Association does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, national origin or religious affiliation. We seek to place athletes, with similar desires and objectively assessed abilities, together to maximize their enjoyment and development.

The evaluation sessions will be scheduled over a 2-3 week period beginning shortly after the registration week. All players will be invited to two evaluation sessions with other players in the same age group and gender. The first session will not be sorted by previous evaluations, so there will be players with various skill levels at the session. After the first evaluation a preliminary sorting will be done so that the second evaluation session will have players with similar abilities.

When players show up for the evaluation session they register with the Age Group Coordinator or their representative. The players are randomly placed onto two teams for the evaluation.

Each evaluation session will be led by the Lakewood Technical Head Coach or designate. There will be a minimum of 3 evaluators for each session. Although evaluators may be allowed to evaluate players in the same age group as their child, they are not allowed to evaluate their child or participate in discussions about the performance of their child. Each evaluator will independently fill out an evaluation of each player. Before the end of the session the group of evaluators will reach a consensus on the rating for each player with the Technical Head Coach or designate holding the deciding vote if necessary. After the session has been completed, the results will be compiled by the Technical Coordinator and/or the Age Group Coordinator to group the players for the next evaluation session or for the team selection.

## **Lakewood Soccer Player Evaluation Categories**

**Technical (movement, passing, ball control, shooting)**

**Tactical (positional play, awareness, game understanding)**

**Physical (agility, balance, coordination, speed, fitness)**

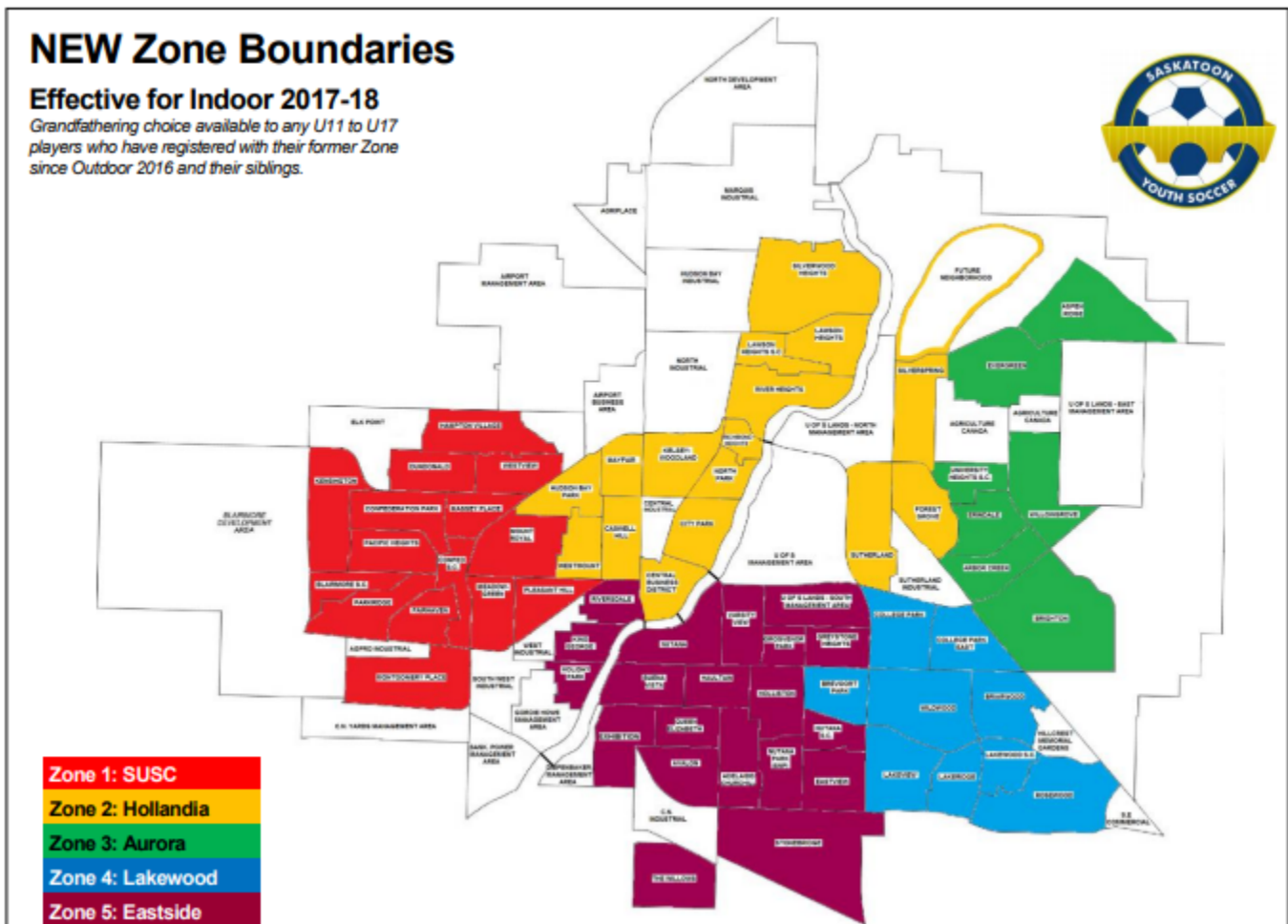
**Overall Ranking will be a combination of the above 3 categories**

## Lakewood Zone Boundaries:

You must reside within Lakewood's boundaries in order to be evaluated and play for Lakewood.

### Lakewood Zone Boundaries include the following communities:

- Clavet
- Blackstrap
- Brevoort Park
- Briarwood
- College Park
- East College Park
- Lakeridge
- Lakeview
- Lakewood SC
- Rosewood
- SE Development Area
- Wildwood



**Note: You may be asked to show proof of residency at evaluations**

## **Permission to play out of Zone:**

Players who reside outside Lakewood's zone may attend Lakewood evaluations, however in order to play for Lakewood, a player must first register in their appropriate zone and then apply for a Permission to Play out of Zone transfer.

A link to the Permission to Play out of Zone document is provided below.

[http://saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca/files/id2017-18\\_permission\\_to\\_play\\_out\\_of\\_zone\\_district\\_release.pdf](http://saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca/files/id2017-18_permission_to_play_out_of_zone_district_release.pdf)

**IMPORTANT:** Although you may ask for permission to play out of zone, it may not be granted. Approvals are made by a committee comprised of all zones and decisions are not the sole discretion of Lakewood.

## **Age Category Requirement:**

Athletes are "Required" to be evaluated within their appropriate age category

*The player age groups are on the "Registration Info" page on this website.*

Players will not be allowed to attend evaluations other than in their appropriate age category.

Please note: Under special circumstances, a player may be recommended to be evaluated in another age category either older or younger by the technical staff.

**"However, all athletes must first attend in their appropriate age category evaluations."**

## **Evaluation Absences:**

Each athlete is offered and encouraged to attend two separate evaluations. Dates and times for an athlete's first evaluation will be posted by Lakewood. Athletes will be informed of their second evaluation date, time and location after all of the first evaluations for their age category have been completed.

While we encourage parents to ensure athletes can attend both evaluations, Lakewood understands that circumstances occur where athletes are unable attend one or both evaluations. Please refer to the following guidelines when this is the case.

### **Absent from first of two evaluations:**

If for any reason an athlete is unable to attend the first of two evaluations, if possible they will be scheduled into another initial evaluation or they will be scheduled into a second evaluation by the technical staff.

**Please Note: When applicable, Technical staff will choose an appropriate placement for evaluation based on player's history playing with Lakewood.**

**“However, if a player has missed their first evaluation, it would not be unusual for that player to evaluate with players who they typically have not played with in past seasons.”**

**Please note: An athlete may be asked to join additional evaluations or practices by the technical staff and should be prepared to join additional evaluations either that day or at another scheduled time.**

### **Absent from second of two evaluations:**

If a player attended their first evaluation but is absent from the second evaluation, that player will be evaluated and placed on a team based on their first evaluation.

**Please note: An athlete may be asked to join additional evaluations or practices by the technical staff at another scheduled time.**

## **Absent from both Evaluations:**

A player who misses both evaluation will be asked to join one or more practices where at least one Lakewood assigned evaluator will be present. A recommendation will be made by the evaluator to Lakewood Technical Staff on an appropriate placement for that athlete.

**Please note: If a player has missed both evaluations, it would not be unusual for that player to evaluate with other players who they typically do not play with in past seasons.**

**In all circumstance related to evaluations, decisions made by the Latewood Technical Committee will be considered final.**

If you have questions about the evaluation process contact the Lakewood Technical Coordinator at [technical@lakewoodsoccer.com](mailto:technical@lakewoodsoccer.com)