

KSYESA NEWSLETTER

Make Soccer Happen

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What a season! Our organisation has had growth and growing pains since our amalgamation, but let's celebrate our successes!

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Underdog Kootenay team medals at B.C. soccer championship

Jim Bailey

Kootenay South Youth Soccer's U16 Boys team rose to the occasion and captured bronze in dramatic fashion in the U17 division of the BC Soccer provincial championship in Kamloops last week.

The KSYESA 16 Boys team went into the tournament as the proverbial underdog, as they were playing in the U17 division.

It came down to a shootout in the bronze medal match. Kootenay lined up against the Sunshine Coast at 8 a.m. on July 13, looking for a win.

The boys played hard, ending the 90-minute game in a 0-0 tie.

In the shootout, it went back and forth but the Kootenay boys came out victorious thanks to the amazing play of goalie Oullan Gauthier and shooters Noah Howell, Mason Corth, Charlie Cryer-Garneau and Tata Mutembwa.

The Kootenay team had no 17-year-old players (born in 2008) going into the tournament, with their whole roster comprised of 15- and 16-year-old players (2009 and 2010).

Kootenay coaches Gareth Cryer, Jacob Marcon and Yemi Kolade were confident that the team could compete at this level and more important, learn from the experience.

In the first game on July 10, nerves got the best of the Kootenay 11, falling to Langley, the team that eventually played in the final and won the silver medal.

The next day, the boys tied the game 1-1 against Terrace.

In their third must-win game on July 12, the Kootenay squad needed to win by three goals to move into contention for a medal.

The team responded and rallied, scoring five goals in a 5-2 victory over Shuswap.

Congratulations Kootenay U16 team! It's the first time the local club has brought home a medal in over 20 years.

KSYESA U16 team took home bronze at the provincials. Coaches: Gareth Cryer, Jacob Marcon, and Yemi Kolade. Players: Oullan Gauthier, Eli Fricke, Owen Hugh, Leo Seguin, Jacob Seguin, Mason Corth, Hugh Robinson, Nate Degan, Nyeen Marcon, Charles Clarke, Charlie Cryer-Garneau, Devyn Makwana, Salomon Houjnet, Carter Pearson, Noah Howell, Noa Labrecque, Silas MacNeil, and Tapiwa (Tata) Tshupo Mutembwa. (Submitted)

WOW!!!

REMINDER:

Fall Outdoor Program starts Saturday!

Winter Indoor Program starts in January - stay tuned!

Volunteering Opportunities

As you know it takes hundreds of volunteers at all levels to make soccer happen.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED MAKE THIS SEASON HAPPEN!

We are always looking at building capacity!

We are currently looking at board volunteer terms coming to an end, who will be shifting roles within our organisation, and positions will be opening up.

We encourage you to connect with volunteers and ask questions.

What skills and knowledge do you have?

We can find the right fit!

How much time do you have to commit?

There are different levels of commitment!

What issues have you noticed that you want improved?

We can link you to the right person to help make positive change!



KOOTENAY SOUTH STORM

Save the Date

Annual General Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

McIntyre Room - Trail Memorial Centre
Meet & Greet - 6:00pm
Meeting Start - 6:30pm

We are seeking nominations for the following Board positions:

- President
- Vice-President
- Development Director
- Treasurer
- Youth Director

Email ksysainfo@gmail.com
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with any questions

Open Board Positions

Help us continue to move forward by joining the board! Here are some brief notes about open board positions.

President

- presides at all meetings of the members of the Club and meetings of the Board
- shall coordinate all duties of the Board, committees, and staff; and shall be the spokesperson for the Club
- ensures Association is in compliance of Grassroots, BC Soccer, and Canada Soccer standards
- communicates with Crowe and Stanley Humphries regarding the KSYSA scholarship. Reviews applications and forms a group of directors to decide on recipients
- answers the KSYSA info email

Vice President

- shall act in the absence of the President and shall have other powers as assigned by the Board
- sits on Discipline Committee

Treasurer

- pays KSYSA invoices upon approval of the board
- ensure that complete and accurate records are kept of the accounts of the Club
- shall report to the Board at least once per quarter; and submit an Annual Financial Report [(including budget)] at annual meetings of the members
- provides financial information to accountants

Development Director

- works with the technical director to support the development teams
- Organize camps
- Identify and support opportunities for high performance players
- helps to recruit coaches for development teams
- Chairs Development Committee-

Youth Director

- chairs the youth committee
- schedules games & practices (BV, Castlegar, Rossland, Trail)
- obtains registration information from the Registrar and creates teams for each community
- distributes information about the season to the coaches
- helps recruit coaches for youth teams

Looking back

Prior to 1990's

Four Clubs

- Rossland Football Club, Castlegar Minor Soccer, Beaver Valley Minor Soccer, and Trail Minor Soccer.
- Each club had two members on KSYSA board
- Each club had it's own board and volunteers and managed their respective locations
- The Select (Development) program had its own committee

2017 - 2022

Amalgamation

- The KSYSA board discussed amalgamating the four clubs with the benefits of reduced volunteer asks, ability to hire help, reduced administrative requirements, etc.
- Multiple board turnovers occurred before moving forward
- In 2022, each board passed a special resolution to proceed with amalgamation. Each club would be dissolved and KSYSA would become a club within the Kootenay Rockies District.

2022-2023

Canada Quality Soccer Provider

- In 2022/23 KSYSA met all of Canada Soccer's requirements to be licensed as a quality provider to ensure that KSYSA is affiliated and sanctioned by BC soccer.
- The licensing program ensured that the club met the requirements for organization both on and off the field.

Looking ahead

2022 - 2024

Amalgamation follow up and KSYSA growth

- Followed up on all the steps to complete amalgamation.
- Recruited members to fill various positions required to administer its programs
- Supported the Development program.
- Created a fall/winter indoor program in Castlegar and Trail.
- Created girls divisions
- Drafted a detailed budget
- Created a paid administrative role.
- Developed Mini Recreation Operations Manual

2025 - Current Strategic Plan

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- Board Positions have been filled and committees exist to support Mini, Youth and Development Committees
- Completed a Strategic Plan with Frank Marino as consultant
- Developed a Technical Plan
- Developed Terms of Reference to support committees
- Adopted TeamSnap as registration system with new website and communication platform
- Developed Team Manager Operations Manual

Next Steps

- Continue to work within the Strategic Plan
- Develop an Annual Master Plan to guide our program areas
- Develop Operation Manuals to support our program areas
- Volunteer recruitment

2025 Spring Program

910 KSYSA soccer players
240 volunteer coaches and team managers
25 board and committee members
1 Provincial Bronze Medal

Eye of the Storm Jamboree



U10/11/12
41 teams
Over 500 athletes



FINANCIAL AID

A graphic with a diagonal split: the top-left half is orange with a black megaphone icon, and the bottom-right half is white. On the white background, there is text about financial aid support, a curved arrow pointing to the 'Jumpstart Bon départ' logo, the 'athletics 4 kids' logo, the 'KidSport' logo, and an email address. A soccer ball is visible on the right side of the graphic.

Financial Aid Support
is available.
Check it out! 

**Jumpstart
Bon départ** 

athletics 4 kids

 **KidSport**

Email ksysaregistrar@gmail.com for more information.

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