

Competitive Development Team Structure

Competitive teams at Saugeen Shores United Football Club (SSUFC) are formed and led by dedicated parents or coaches who opt to pursue a more competitive level of player development. Although these teams function separately from SSUFC's regular programming, they maintain an official connection with the club and are supported by its resources.

Team Formation & Assessment

- Player selection is made based on the evaluations from the head coach and selection committee. The head coach will run player selection with input from evaluators, RPM and/or Vice President having input on player selections.
- Players are grouped by single birthyear for Grassroots ages (U13 and Below), while Youth competitive ages may be multiple birthyear team. (i.e. 2016 = 2010 & 2011)
- Coaches and managers take the lead on team operations with guidance from the club.

Game Format & Scheduling

- **Game Days:**
 - **(U8-U13: Grassroots)** Teams play on Saturdays in a "Festival" format 2 games per day (late morning and one mid-afternoon), to optimize travel time.
 - **(U14)** Teams typically play on Wednesdays, with occasional games scheduled on Mondays.
 - **(U16)** Teams typically play on Tuesdays, with occasional games scheduled on Thursdays.
- **Match Types:** Includes both league and exhibition games focused on competitive development.
- **Travel:** Team travels according to the SDSL loop schedule, with a maximum one-way travel time of 2 hours.
- **Tournaments:** Will be scheduled by coach/manager, after the team is formed. Additional fees may apply.

League Play: Saugeen Shores competitive teams participate in **Southwest District Soccer League (SDSL)** This league includes multiple competition levels:

- **Development Division**
- **Target Division (Advanced)**

Typical Game Locations:

Blue Mountain, Cambridge, Elora, Fergus, Guelph, Kincardine, Kitchener, Orangeville, Owen Sound, Puslinch, Rockwood, Shelburne, Stratford, Waterloo, Woolwich.