



Mount Pearl Soccer Association

Team Travel Policy For Ages 13 and older Revised Oct 2018

The Mount Pearl Soccer Association (MPSA) is committed to creating a sport environment in which all individuals are treated with respect, dignity and within the same rules and regulations. MPSA provides opportunities for competitions locally and also away from their city, province, and country. As such, within the opportunities provided by MPSA, it is expected that each coach, player and parent will conduct themselves professionally at all times respecting the roles of each participant in the competition, particularly players under the age of majority.

Club officials, coaches, staff members and parents have a responsibility to create a sporting environment for all that is free of any perceived or real harassment and abuse

All players and teams registered with MPSA who travel and take part in tournament or exhibition games in or out of the Province will be governed by the following regulations:

- (a) Team Officials must complete a *Team Travel Application* along with supporting document to MPSA Technical Committee for approval at least 60 days prior to travel
- (b) Players, coaches, club officials must be registered with MPSA
- (c) Players and teams are subject to NLSA travel rules and regulations
- (d) While the parents are not direct members of MPSA, their conduct is the responsibility of MPSA
- (e) There will be no possession of, or use of, any illegal substances or performance enhancing drugs by any person involved with MPSA
- (f) When it involves players under the age of majority, anytime a room is visited by anyone other than the occupant(s), the door will be left ajar for viewing by the coach, manager or MPSA delegate
- (g) The travelling team will always be accompanied by an MPSA Board member or delegate appointed by the MPSA Board. This Board member cannot be involved in the travelling team in any capacity – i.e.: coach, parent of a player, team manager, etc.

NON-CONFORMANCE

Players and team officials found guilty of improper conduct may be subject to the following discipline:

- When the offense takes place out of the Province, officials or players will be suspended from further participation and sent home at the earliest possible time

Travel Policy for MPSA Teams.

- The number of players on a travelling team will be decided by the MPSA Management Committee.
- All players and team staff must travel either to or from the tournament together as a team
- For players requesting one way transportation, a “Release of Child Form” must be signed by the parent or legal guardian of the player. This form is attached.
- Teams must book professional drivers. At no time will team staff be permitted to transport players or rent vehicles for that purpose.
- At the conclusion of the tournament the parent or guardian must assume full responsibility for any player who is not returning from the tournament with the team.

Accommodations Policy for Teams

- Team Managers are responsible for booking accommodations for players and team staff.
- All accommodations to tournaments must be approved by the MPSA Technical Committee.
- Supervision of the players is the responsibility of the team staff.
- In hotels the following criteria shall apply:
 - Rooms should be in close proximity to each other
 - Rooms should be on the same floor if possible
 - Floors in the hotel should be gender specific if possible
 - Rooms with outside entrances should be avoided if at all possible

- The number of players per room will be determined by the team staff unless the number of rooms has been set by the host.
- Team staffs should inspect each room for damages before taking possession of the rooms
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- The MPSA Management Committee reserves the right to determine accommodations for all Metro Teams travelling to Regional or Invitational Tournaments.

Request to Travel

- All teams travelling to tournaments within the province for exhibition games are responsible for ensuring that the clubs they intend to play are properly registered with the NLSA
- All teams travelling outside the province must have the approval of the MPSA Management Committee and the NLSA
- Request to travel outside the province forms (available from the NLSA office) must be submitted to the NLSA office accompanied by a \$50.00 fee per request.