



Mount Pearl Soccer Association

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PYL Travel Policy (COVID 2022)

**This is a temporary document, for the 2022 Soccer Season, in light of the current COVID situation and is subject to change based upon Public Health Guidelines set by the Chief Medical Officer of Health as well as at the direction of Sport NL.*

It is expected that each coach, player, and parent will conduct themselves professionally at all times and respect the common roles of every participant in the competition, particularly players under the age of majority.

Under current Public Health Guidelines, PYL teams may have the opportunity to participate in competitions locally as well as in other areas of our province. All generally accepted COVID guidelines should be followed.

MPSA teams who plan to travel within the province for NLSA sanctioned events must adhere to the following guidelines:

Planning for Travel:

- For events outside the regular PYL schedule, Managers must provide at least 30 days notice prior to travel on the island and 60 days notice prior to travel off the island. The Team Manager must submit a Team Travel Plan along with the supporting information to the Management Committee for review and approval by the MPSA Board of Directors.
- All players and coaching staff must be registered with MPSA.
- For all travel, the Team Manager must submit a list of all players and Coaching Staff that are travelling to the MPSA Board of Directors.
- The Team Manager must ensure that all Health forms have been completed for every player and Coaching Staff member and have these forms accessible at all times during the trip.

- If travelling to tournaments within the province for exhibition games, the Team Manager must ensure that the clubs they intend to play are properly registered with the NLSA.
- It is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) to make suitable travel arrangements for players. The Team Manager must be aware of and document the travel arrangements for each player and member of the coaching staff. At this time, the MPSA does not support teams travelling together by bus.
- Coaching Staff are not permitted to rent vehicles to transport players.
- All players, coaching staff, and parents/guardians must complete a COVID-19 self assessment prior to travel.

Accommodations:

- Team Coaching staff may decide if players will stay together as a team, or if the players will remain with their parents. Arrangements must be inclusive and allow for all players to be properly supervised at all times.
- If it is decided that the team will stay together:
 - The Team Manager is responsible for booking all accommodations for the players and coaching staff. The accommodations must be approved by the MPSA Board of Directors.
 - Supervision of the players is the responsibility of the Coaching staff.
 - The Team Manager is responsible for ensuring that all players have regular meals.
 - In hotels, the following criteria shall apply:
 - Rooms should be in close proximity to each other if possible
 - Rooms should be on the same floor if possible
 - Rooms with outside entrances should be avoided
 - Parents/guardians must be informed of and agree to the accommodations arrangement.
 - Coaching Staff should inspect each room for damages before taking possession of the rooms
 - Coaching Staff should inspect each room for damages before signing out of the hotel.
- If it is decided that the team will not stay together:
 - The Team Manager must be aware of and document the accommodations arrangements for each player and member of the coaching staff.
 - Players shall remain the full responsibility of the parent/guardian.
 - Players under the age of majority are not permitted to stay in a hotel unsupervised.
- If at anytime a player or member of the coaching staff experiences a symptom of COVID-19, the person must be removed from team activities/competition

immediately. If a player develops a symptom, and a parent is not travelling, a separate hotel room must be provided. The parent/guardian must be contacted to arrange for the player to get home. If the parent is with the team, the parent must be advised to contact 811 to follow up.

Communication

- The All Star Director or designated member of the MPSA Board of Directors shall be the Primary Contact for the team during the travel dates.
- The Team Manager must share travel and accommodations documents with the MPSA Primary Contact.
- The Team Manager must communicate with the Primary Contact upon arrival of all players and upon departure from the destination.
- The Team Manager must communicate with the Primary Contact upon the return of all players.
- The Team Manager or another Coaching Staff member must communicate any issues or concerns of improper conduct of players, Coaching Staff, and/or parents to the Primary Contact as soon as possible
 - Players or Coaching Staff members that do not conduct themselves professionally or respect the roles of every participant in the competition, particularly players under the age of majority may be subject to discipline. This may include but is not limited to being suspended from further participation and sent home at the earliest possible time.