



Mount Pearl Soccer Association Tournament Policy

U8, U10, U12 Programs

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The Mount Pearl Soccer Association (MPSA) is a non-profit sport organization. We believe that when children at the U8, U10 and U12 age groups learn the correct development at a young age, coupled with a caring soccer community of parents, coaches, officials and volunteers they become more confident in their abilities and have a lot more fun!

It is because of this philosophy that MPSA has decided to eliminate league standings and taking score in youth soccer age groups.

The elimination of keeping score and standings in youth soccer is not intended to reduce the competitiveness of soccer among players. On the contrary, it allows young players to concentrate on skill development, working as a team instead of independently while creating a stress free environment for our children. Non-standings removes the incentive for coaches to encourage players to “win the league” because they are chasing a trophy or medal.

This idea is supported by the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA) in their Long Term Player Development (LTPD) and is being adopted around the country.

Following the CSA roadmap, the MPSA will not permit teams in the U8, U10, and U12 to register for tournaments where scores are kept or standings are accepted. This includes tournaments within the province, country or international.

Reference : http://www.canadasoccer.com/files/CSA_CompensationLTPD_20111206.pdf