

# 2019

Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association  
2018 Annual Reports

# President's Report

I wish to thank all members of the 2018 NLSA Board of Directors, Dragan, Mike, Robert; Aidan and all associations, players, officials, committee members, volunteers, media and sponsors for making 2018 a very successful year for soccer.

There has been many accomplishments along with some challenges for the sport in 2018. The upcoming year has many opportunities, plus various challenges which must be addressed.

Congratulations to the various Newfoundland and Labrador teams who won eight medals: three gold medals (BU16, BU18, GU18) three silver medals (BU14, GU14, GU16) and two bronze medals (BU13, GU13) at the Atlantic Championships. Congratulations to all players, officials and coaches who competed at the Atlantics, Club Nationals; and Atlantic University competitions.

Congratulations to all teams who participated well in the various National Championships. Congratulations to both Holy Cross teams who played in the medal round games at the Senior Nationals. Both teams finished fourth. Holy Cross ladies won the Fair Play Award at the senior nationals.

Congratulations to Portugal Cove St. Phillips on expanding their turf field into a full regulation size soccer field; and for hosting a very successful U13 and U14 Girls Atlantic Championship.

Congratulations to St. John's on hosting a very successful U18 Boys and Girls U18 Atlantic championship; and both genders were champions in the tournament.

Special thanks to Dragan, Mike, and the technical committee on enhancing the success of players, coaches, and officials at the provincial and national level. Special thanks to our provincial coaches and managers who work with our provincial players for approximately eight months a year. This is a big commitment and our coaches and managers do an exceptional job. Thanks to the players and parents for their commitment to the program and to the NLSA. Dragan and the technical committee continually thrive to get our players recognized at various universities throughout Canada and the United States. We continually work to have our players identified for Canadian National Men's and Ladies Youth and Senior Teams and through the Whitecaps Program. Some additional Technical highlights included:

- NL Academy Centre teams participated in Vancouver U13/14 Combine in March; Lauren Rowe was selected to participate in VWFC Game of distinction.
- Lauren Rowe and Owen Sheppard are invited to participate in VWFC Potential Prospect camp in November 2018.
- Pamela Reid and Maria Mackey earned their B Part 1 Certificate through CSA/NLSA Women in Coaching Mentorship Program.
- Canada Soccer Club Licensing and its implementation on the provincial level is in progress. In 2019 the application process for the clubs should be opened.
- This year CSA staff came to the province to do a presentation on Futsal soccer.

The referee program has completed a lot of work the past year in educational development. Various members of our refereeing program have been appointed or offered to attend or travelled to club and university competitions. There is still a significant shortage of officials in all regions of the province. The shortage of officials is still a major concern in the province as the programs cannot continue to grow if the NLSA does not have qualified officials. We, as an Association, must work together immediately to recruit and retain more officials, while also advancing our current officials. The NLSA, clubs and refereeing program must work together to find a solution to our refereeing shortage. We must also thank the refereeing committee and community for helping us out this past summer. Many officials did games when they were injured or overextended in an effort to help out with the shortage of officials this past season. It should be highlighted that we had an extra one hundred officials registered this past season. We must continue to strive to increase number of registered officials, plus advance and promote our current officials.

Special thanks to Colleen McConnell and the media for the great media support. Media coverage this past season has been exceptionally good. Special thanks to Bell Aliant for live streaming the Club Nationals and AUS Soccer games. The live streaming of the games has been well received and many positive comments on the quality of the streaming. Special thanks to Gord Dunphy on the streaming of various Challenge Cup Games. Gord's webcasting has been viewed all across Canada and into Europe with many positive comments. Thank you Gord.

Thanks to Doug and the Finance Committee for having the Association in a healthy financial situation. Doug, John and Rob have done a lot of work in finding ways to increase revenue and reduce expenses. The Association must maintain a healthy financial situation in order to provide programs to our membership.

Special thanks to Alun Horn who made a very generous donation of forty thousand dollars to the NLSA. Funds will be spent on minor soccer initiatives within the province.

#### New Ramp Registration System

Thanks to the St. John's Soccer Association who combined once again with the Terry Fox Run to help fundraise close to thirty five thousand dollars for Cancer Research.

Thanks to CBS for hosting Food Drive.

We are continually indebted to our sponsors, municipal, provincial and federal government and to the CSA for their financial and in kind contributions.

NLSA along with clubs and associations needs to work with each other to grow and promote the game. We all need to work together as a unit to make improvements to the game whether that is at a technical and or administrative level.

## Vice President – Youth

2018 was another successful season for youth soccer in the province. In total there were six Jamborees, two Identification Tournaments, eleven male championships and seven female championships.

### **U13, U15 and U17 Premier Youth Leagues**

This year there were leagues for U13 boys and girls, U15 boys and girls and U17 Boys. Only two teams registered for the U17 girls so the decision was made to hold a championship tournament instead of a league. On the boy's side, the U15 and U17 Leagues had eight teams so each was divided into two tiers with four teams in each. The U13 league had six entries in one tier.

The U15 girls also had six entries resulting in one tier while the U13 girls had four teams in one tier. Both of these leagues and a team entered on an exhibition basis.

Again, the first place team in Division 2 in the league was able to challenge the fourth place team in Division 1 for the right to play in the Division 1 Final Weekend and vie for the right to go to Nationals. No team availed of this option this season.

In total there were 240 regular league games scheduled and 30 Final Weekend games. Jean Thompson again assigned all the officials in the Metro area. Jean made every attempt possible to have 3 officials at each game but with the limited number of officials available in the area this was not always possible. One game was cancelled during the season because no officials were available. Clubs outside the Metro area assigned their own officials.

Schedules for all leagues were completed in consultation with Mike Power, the clubs and the coaches of the teams. As usual, Mike ensured that Premier youth League players had adequate time before and after training weekends and tournaments to recuperate. Coaches sent in dates that their teams were unable to play and clubs assigned game times when everything had been finalized. This worked very well with few changes necessary during the season.

This year game results were sent in by email or text nightly by the referee. This worked much better than in previous years especially in keeping track of cards received. There were times the results were not sent in on time but Jean Thompson contacted the referee to remind them to forward the results.

The number of cautions and ejections was an area of concern for many this season but it should be remembered that many of the referees in these games were young. While a senior referee will speak to a player and often give a warning, a younger official lacks the experience and maturity to do this and will give a card immediately.

Below is a summary of the number of cards given in each league. An analysis of the infraction is not possible since many officials did not note the cause of the card.

| League          | Cautions | 2 Yellows = Red | Player Ejections | Coach Ejections |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| U13 Boys        | 6        | 1               | 0                | 0               |
| U15 Boys Tier 1 | 44       | 1               | 3                | 1               |
| U15 Boys Tier 2 | 23       | 0               | 3                | 0               |
| U17 Boys Tier 1 | 48       | 0               | 2                | 1               |
| U17 Boys Tier 2 | 44       | 0               | 2                | 0               |
| U13 Girls       | 1        | 0               | 0                | 0               |
| U15 Girls       | 4        | 0               | 0                | 0               |
| U17 Girls       | 2        | 0               | 0                | 0               |
| Total           | 172      | 2               | 8                | 1               |

While there were a total of 172 cautions only 21 players had 2 cautions for the season and only 7 players received a suspension for receiving 3 cautions for the season.

Thank you to PYSA for hosting the U13 Boys Final Weekend, CBS for hosting the U13 and U15 Girls, Corner Brook for hosting the U15 Boys, and St. John's for hosting the U17 Boys and Girls. Their efforts in hosting are much appreciated by everyone, especially the players.

### **U13 Atlantic Club Championships 2018**

The right to attend the U13 Atlantic Club Championship was greatly contested again this year. Players and coaches strive to be one of the two teams representing NLSA. A total of eight teams participated in each division. The results for our teams are shown below.

| Championship | Representative | Final Placement |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| U13 Boys     | St. John's     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
|              | FAA            | 5 <sup>th</sup> |
| U13 Girls    | CBS            | 5 <sup>th</sup> |
|              | St. John's     | 6 <sup>th</sup> |

### **National Club Championships 2018**

All youth teams that represented NLSA at Nationals performed well with many close games.

The following table shows how our representatives ranked at Nationals:

| Championship | Representative | Seeding 2017    | Number of Teams | Final Placement 2018 |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| U15 Boys     | FAA            | 9 <sup>th</sup> | 12              | 8 <sup>th</sup>      |
| U15 Girls    | CBS            | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 12              | 11 <sup>th</sup>     |
| U17 Boys     | FAA            | 6 <sup>th</sup> | 12              | 6 <sup>th</sup>      |
| U17 Girls    | St. John's     | 8 <sup>th</sup> | 12              | 7 <sup>th</sup>      |

### **U12 Identification Tournaments**

Identification tournaments at this level continued to be well received by the membership. Coaches consider this much more than a Jamboree and, as such, are more demanding with times of games. All coaches looked to have optimum rest time between games for their teams to ensure that their players had the best opportunity possible to perform at their best for the Technical Staff in attendance. Dragan Mirkovic attended the girl's jamboree in St. Lawrence while Mike Power attended the boys in Mount Pearl.

The boy's tournament in Mount Pearl had 31 teams and 62 games while the girls had 15 teams and 30 games in St. Lawrence. Overall, 424 boys and 212 girls took part.

In keeping with Canada Soccer's LTPD no scores or standings were kept at these tournaments but in order to keep games competitive teams were divided into competitive levels chosen by their clubs and coaches. For the majority of teams this worked very well.

### **U14, U15 and U17 Megas**

It was decided again this year not to allow any overage players at the Mega tournaments. In order to make it easier for teams to enter, the Youth Committee recommended holding Mega Tournaments at the U14 and U17 age groups. It was felt the three-year span at U17 would alleviate the problems experienced in the past with overage players at the U16 level in particular.

Problems arose when the Metro League decided to have U15 and U17 leagues with 15 year-olds eligible to play in either division depending on where the club needed them to form a team. After a lot of debate, the NLSA decided to host U14, U15 and U17 Megas to accommodate this and make the Megas open to as many clubs and players as possible.

Again, all teams entering the Mega tournaments were asked to select divisions for their teams' competitive level. Schedules were completed based on the number of teams meaning there was no clear method for scheduling.

In the end, tournaments were held for U14 Boy's (6 teams and 2 championships), U15 Boys, (5 teams and 2 championships), U17 Boy's (5 teams and 2 championships). On the girls' side tournaments were held for U14 Girls (5 teams and 2 championships) and U17 Girls (8 teams and 2 championships). No tournament was held at the U15 Girls' level as no teams expressed interest.

A special thank you to the hosts of these tournaments – Exploits for hosting U14 and U15 Boys, CBN for hosting U14 Girls, U17 Girls and U17 Boys.

## **Jamborees**

The U8 and U10 Jamborees continue to be a highlight of the soccer season. This year the U10 was split with the boys playing in CBS and the girls playing in PCSP. Added to this, Corner Brook hosted an U10 Jamboree for clubs interested in a jamboree outside the Metro area. The Jamboree in Corner Brook did give some smaller clubs, who did not travel to St. John's for the larger Jamborees, the opportunity to in an NLSA sponsored event.

All the Jamborees were successful events with the players participating with enthusiasm. The most important thing in their world is to win that particular game but with no standings and medals they immediately start thinking about the next game rather than where they are in the standings.

Equal time is the backbone of our Jamborees. This makes every young player feel equally part of the win or the loss without being subjected to sitting on the bench in a diehard effort to win a medal. Every player can tell you who the best players are on the team but, interestingly enough, no one is ever the worst.

The U8 Jamboree was hosted by St. John's. With 21 boys' teams and 10 girls' teams a total of 62 were played. In total 221 boys and 111 girls took part. This Jamboree continues to be mostly teams from the metro area with teams from Corner Brook and CBN Lightning also participating.

The U10 Boys' Jamboree was hosted by CBS with 22 teams and 44 games. The girls' were hosted by PCSP for the first time. Nineteen girls' teams played a total of 38 games. In total, 493 young athletes participated.

The Jamboree in Corner Brook was attended by 6 boys' teams and 4 girls' teams for a total of 20 games. 79 boys and 53 girls participated.

## **Recommendations and Concerns**

There were a number of problems that arose throughout the season and below are some ways that I hope we can at least reduce them if not eliminate them completely.

1. Clubs are still not registering all their coaching staff in the tournament registration online. Many of those who are listed do not have emails and cell numbers listed. We have to stop teams with incomplete registration forms from participating until all the appropriate information has been entered. At times, it is necessary to contact coaches regarding changes but without the contact information we are often forced to contact the club who do not have anyone available on the weekend.

An email such as [info@clubsoccer.ca](mailto:info@clubsoccer.ca) is not acceptable on team credential forms.

2. Some clubs continue to have only one coach listed on the Registration Form in the database. For Risk Management purposes alone this should never be permitted.

3. Clubs with the same coaching staff for more than one team registered in the same tournament should notify the NLSA when registering. The NLSA does not review the coaches and players when doing the schedule.
4. The Registration Forms and game sheets should be filled out accurately as proof of participation in case of injury.
5. The number of games a player can be called up to play on a higher level team in the Premier Youth League must be discussed by the Technical Committee. In the past this was very difficult to keep track of but the new website does keep track of games and other stats. Provided the game sheets are complete it should be easier going forward.
6. This year the PYL permitted PYSA to play on an exhibition basis in the U13 Girls league and FAA to do the same at the U15 Girls. No problems were experienced in the leagues because of this. Any application to play on an exhibition basis must be examined on a case-by-case basis with the pros and cons being evaluated by the Technical Staff before permission is granted or denied.
7. On the mini soccer side (U8 and U10 Jamborees) we should look at ways to encourage more teams from outside the Metro area to take part. Some clubs have difficulty registering for the U8 Jamboree by the deadline because of the date they actually start their programs.
8. Changes must be made to the PYL Registration Policy to allow players to apply for transfer to another club without penalty after the deadline if the club they registered with has not fulfilled their commitment to the players.
9. While late registrations for tournaments are permitted by paying a late registration fee, we should have a definite cut off date to additions. Adding teams after the schedule has been posted makes problems for the office, the Youth Committee and the teams who have already started to make their travel arrangements based on the posted schedule.

## **Closing**

In closing I would like to thank all the clubs, officials and volunteers who worked tirelessly while running the youth tournaments this season. Their efforts made all tournaments enjoyable for the athletes.

Also, a special thank you to the members of the Youth Committee, Chris Bartlett, Ian Chaytor and Mike Power, for their assistance throughout the season. Rob Comerford joined this team this year in order to add an administration perspective to the committee.

On behalf of the Youth Committee I would also like to thank our Technical Director, Dragan Mirkovic, and NLSA President, Doug Redmond, for their continued support of youth soccer in the province. Their input during times of trouble helped resolve issues that arose in the Premier Youth Leagues.

Also, thank you to Jean Thompson for assigning the officials to the Premier Youth League games in the Metro area.



Last but not least, I would like to thank the office staff, Rob Comerford and Aiden Northcote, for their help in the organization of all the youth tournaments. Aiden was a welcome addition to the office this year and was effective in all areas a week after beginning. With Rob's babies arriving we were very fortunate to have an exceptional student worker to help ease the stress in the office.

It is only with the hard work of all those mentioned above that youth soccer experienced another successful season.

### Premier Youth Leagues

| Age Group        | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 6 <sup>th</sup> | 7 <sup>th</sup> |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| U13 Boys         | St. John's      | FAA                | MPSA            | BPSA            | PYSA            | Western         |                 |
| U13 Girls        | St. John's      | CBS                | FAA             | PYSA            |                 |                 |                 |
| U15 Boys Tier 1  | FAA Sky Blue    | St. John's Rep     | FAA Navy        | CBS             |                 |                 |                 |
| U15 Boys Tier 2  | Western         | St. John's Academy | BPSA            | PYSA            |                 |                 |                 |
| U15 Girls Tier 1 | CBS             | St. John's         | Western         | PYSA            | BPSA            | FAA             |                 |
| U17 Boys Tier 1  | FAA             | St. John's         | PYSA 1          | Western         |                 |                 |                 |
| U17 Boys Tier 2  | CBS             | BPSA               | FAA             | PYSA 2          |                 |                 |                 |
| U17 Girls        | St. John's      | CBS                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |

### Boys Megas

| Tournament | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 14A        | HVGB            | CBN Lightning   | LWU             |
| 14B        | FAA             | Deer Lake       | Exploits        |
| 15A        | CBN Lightning   | ASIA            |                 |
| 15B        | PYSA            | CBS             | Exploits        |
| 17A        | HVGB            | LWU             |                 |
| 17B        | CBN Lightning   | Exploits        | CBN             |

## Girls Megas

| Tournament | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 6 <sup>th</sup> |
|------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| U14A       | PYSA             | HVGB            |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| U14B       | Exploits         | CBN             | LWU             |                 |                 |                 |
| U17A       | CBN<br>Lightning | HVGB            |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| U17B       | SSU              | Springdale      | CBS             | LWU             | PYSA            | CBN             |

## Participation in Provincial Tournaments by Club

### Boys

| Club          | U8 | U10 | U12 | U13PYL | U14 | U15PYL | U15 | U17PYL | U17 |
|---------------|----|-----|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|
| ASIA          | 0  | 0   | 2   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 1   | 0      | 0   |
| ASM           | 0  | 0   | 1   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   |
| ASSP          | 0  | 1   | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   |
| BPSA          | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1      | 0   | 1      | 0   | 1      | 0   |
| CBN           | 0  | 0   | 1   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 1   |
| CBN Lightning | 1  | 0   | 1   | 0      | 1   | 0      | 1   | 0      | 1   |
| CBS           | 3  | 3   | 4   | 0      | 0   | 1      | 1   | 1      | 0   |
| Clareville    |    | 1   | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   |
| Corner Brook  | 0  | 2   | 1   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   |
| Deer Lake     | 0  | 1   | 0   | 0      | 1   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   |
| Exploits      | 1  | 0   | 1   | 0      | 1   | 0      | 1   | 0      | 1   |
| Feildians     | 4  | 5   | 4   | 1      | 1   | 2      | 0   | 2      | 0   |
| Grand Bank    | 1  | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   |
| HVGB          | 0  | 0   | 2   | 0      | 1   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 1   |
| LWU           | 0  | 1   | 1   | 0      | 1   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 1   |
| MPSA          | 3  | 4   | 2   | 1      | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   |
| PCSP          | 1  | 2   | 1   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   |
| PYSA          | 3  | 3   | 4   | 1      | 0   | 1      | 1   | 2      | 0   |
| St. John's    | 4  | 3   | 3   | 1      | 0   | 2      | 0   | 1      | 0   |
| Springdale    | 0  | 0   | 1   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   |
| SSU           | 0  | 1   | 1   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   |
| Stephenville  | 0  | 1   | 1   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   |
| Western       | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1      | 0   | 1      | 0   | 1      | 0   |

## Participation in Provincial Tournaments by Club

### Girls

| Club          | U8 | U10 | U12 | U13PYL | U14 | U15PYL | U17 | U17PYL |
|---------------|----|-----|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|
| BPSA          | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0   | 1      | 0   | 0      |
| CBN           | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0      | 1   | 0      | 1   | 0      |
| CBN Lightning | 1  | 2   | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 1   | 0      |
| CBS           | 1  | 3   | 2   | 1      | 0   | 1      | 1   | 1      |
| Corner Brook  | 0  | 3   | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      |
| Exploits      | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0      | 1   | 0      | 0   | 0      |
| Feildians     | 1  | 1   | 1   | 1      | 0   | 1      | 0   | 0      |
| HVGB          | 0  | 0   | 1   | 0      | 1   | 0      | 1   | 0      |
| LWU           | 0  | 1   | 1   | 0      | 1   | 0      | 1   | 0      |
| MPSA          | 2  | 3   | 2   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      |
| PCSP          | 1  | 2   | 1   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      |
| PYSA          | 2  | 2   | 2   | 1      | 1   | 1      | 1   | 0      |
| St. John's    | 2  | 4   | 3   | 1      | 0   | 1      | 0   | 1      |
| Springdale    | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 1   | 0      |
| Stephenville  | 0  | 1   | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      |
| St. Lawrence  | 0  | 0   | 2   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      |
| SSU           | 0  | 1   | 0   | 0      | 0   | 0      | 1   | 0      |
| Western       | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0   | 1      | 0   | 0      |

## Provincial Tournament Stats

### 2018

| Tournament      | #Teams 2018 | # Games | #Players | # League Games |
|-----------------|-------------|---------|----------|----------------|
| U17 Boys Mega   | 5           | 12      | 83       | NA             |
| U17 Boys PYL    | 8           | NA      | 150      | 68             |
| U17 Girls PYL   | 2           | NA      | 38       | 2              |
| U17 Girls Mega  | 8           | 17      | 135      | NA             |
| U15 Boys Div. 1 | 4           | NA      | 71       | 34             |
| U15 Boys Div 2  | 4           | NA      | 67       | 34             |
| U15 Girls       | 6           | NA      | 112      | 50             |
| U15 Boys Mega   | 5           | 12      | 90       | NA             |
| U14 Boys Mega   | 6           | 14      | 76       | NA             |
| U14 Girls Mega  | 5           | 12      | 77       | NA             |
| U13 Boys PYL    | 6           | NA      | 100      | 52             |
| U13 Girls PYL   | 4           | NA      | 71       | 30             |

|                    |     |     |      |     |
|--------------------|-----|-----|------|-----|
| U12 Boys           | 31  | 62  | 424  | NA  |
| U12 Girls          | 15  | 30  | 212  | NA  |
| U10 Boys           | 28  | 56  | 355  | NA  |
| U10 Girls          | 23  | 46  | 270  | NA  |
| U8 Boys            | 21  | 42  | 221  | NA  |
| U8 Girls           | 10  | 20  | 111  | NA  |
| <b>Total Boys</b>  | 118 | 198 | 1437 | 188 |
| <b>Total Girls</b> | 73  | 125 | 1026 | 82  |
| <b>Totals</b>      | 191 | 323 | 2463 | 270 |

# Vice President – Senior Men

First of all I would like to start by saying thank you to Molson Canada for all the support you have shown us by sponsoring our Challenge Cup program over the last number of years.

I would like to welcome and say thank you to our new sponsor Johnson Insurance. I am hoping we have a long and successful relationship together.

2018 Challenge Trophy saw the NLSA lose the Corner Brook team but we were lucky enough to welcome our newest challengers from Paradise, so we still had a six-team league and just like last year even though the four teams were decided early, the placing for the final four went down once again to the last week of the season.

Congratulations to Shane Antle and his Feildians team for finishing the regular season in first place and congratulations to Jeremy Babstock and Holy Cross for repeating as Champions.

Thank you to Gord Dunphy for his continued broadcast of GordCast so people who were unable to attend games were able to see them through his broadcast.

Changing the rule this year to allow players to register with intermediate and playing with Challenge Cup teams on an unlimited basis worked really well, now I think we have to look at the regional rule to make sure all entries in Jubilee and Challenge Cup are the strongest possible, eliminating this will ensure this happens and might contribute to the survival of the teams from outside the Avalon.

For the first time in a few years we were able to host an intermediate provincial tournament. Even though the tournament was small, with only a few entries, it is a start. The NLSA needs to find a way to find a way to work with the teams in this division to make this bigger than just four teams.

We maintained a Masters A Provincial tournament and a Masters B provincial tournament with three and five teams participating respectively, Congratulations to Paul Mullett and his Holy Cross team in representing the province again at the Eastern Canadian Masters. Maybe it's time to think about sending an All-Star Team to this competition to represent the province. Maybe the answer is to have one provincial tournament and from that weekend of play have a committee of three people pick an all star team to represent the province so we can compete with the other provinces especially Ontario and Quebec.

Something that I would like to look into is having a Hall of Fame Masters game during the final four weekend in September.

Having spoken with all of the Challenge Cup teams over the last number of months some concerns that we as an executive have to look at to address them are as follows:

Final Four Formats

Scheduling  
Card Situation  
Equipment Checks  
Countdown to kick off protocol  
Monthly meetings with team representatives

Hopefully before the start of next season we will have all of these items discussed and changes made for the betterment of the game.

Damian Masterson  
NLSA VP Senior Men  
Challenge Cup Commissioner

## 2018 Johnson Insurance Challenge Cup Summary

|                             | Played | Won | Lost | Tied | Points | For | Against | Plus Minus |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----|------|------|--------|-----|---------|------------|
| <a href="#">Feildians</a>   | 20     | 15  | 4    | 1    | 46     | 48  | 15      | 33         |
| <a href="#">Holy Cross</a>  | 20     | 12  | 5    | 3    | 39     | 50  | 21      | 29         |
| <a href="#">St Lawrence</a> | 20     | 10  | 4    | 6    | 36     | 39  | 25      | 14         |
| <a href="#">C.B.S</a>       | 20     | 10  | 6    | 4    | 34     | 38  | 28      | 10         |
| <a href="#">Mount Pearl</a> | 20     | 1   | 14   | 5    | 8      | 12  | 54      | -42        |
| <a href="#">Paradise</a>    | 20     | 2   | 17   | 1    | 7      | 14  | 58      | -44        |

## 2018 Top Johnson Challenge Cup Goal-scorers

|                                   |                             |    |  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----|--|
| <a href="#">Forsey, Tyler</a>     | <a href="#">St Lawrence</a> | 20 |  |
| <a href="#">Dolo, Emmanuel</a>    | <a href="#">Feildians</a>   | 12 |  |
| <a href="#">Kirby, Tyler</a>      | <a href="#">Holy Cross</a>  | 12 |  |
| <a href="#">Buckingham, Aaron</a> | <a href="#">Feildians</a>   | 9  |  |
| <a href="#">Warren, Jake</a>      | <a href="#">Holy Cross</a>  | 9  |  |
| <a href="#">Boehme, Nico</a>      | <a href="#">CBS</a>         | 8  |  |
| <a href="#">Bonisteel, Isaac</a>  | <a href="#">Holy Cross</a>  | 8  |  |
| <a href="#">Woodfine, Scott</a>   | <a href="#">Holy Cross</a>  | 6  |  |
| <a href="#">Jones, Nate</a>       | <a href="#">CBS</a>         | 5  |  |

|                               |                          |   |  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|
| <a href="#">Morgan, Reese</a> | <a href="#">Paradise</a> | 5 |  |
| <a href="#">Reid, Rohan</a>   | <a href="#">CBS</a>      | 5 |  |
| <a href="#">Furlong, Greg</a> | <a href="#">Paradise</a> | 5 |  |

## 2018 Johnson Insurance Challenge Cup Championship

### Play-offs

Host Association: St John's

Location: King George V Park Date:

August 31<sup>st</sup> – Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>

Provincial Representative: Damian Masterson

#### Participants

- Holy Cross / Kirby Group
- St. Lawrence Labatt Laurentians
- C.B.S Strikers
- Feildians

### 2018 All NL Johnson Challenge Cup Play-offs

| Date                       | Venue       | Time    | Away team       | Home team      |
|----------------------------|-------------|---------|-----------------|----------------|
|                            |             |         |                 |                |
| Fri. Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>  | King George | 4:30 PM | Feildians : 0   | Holy Cross: 2  |
|                            |             |         |                 |                |
| Fri. Aug. 31 <sup>st</sup> | King George | 8:00 PM | St Lawrence : 1 | C.B.S: 0       |
|                            |             |         |                 |                |
| Sat. Sept. 1st             | King George | 3:00 PM | Feildians: 0    | St Lawrence: 3 |
|                            |             |         |                 |                |



|                            |             |         |                 |                |
|----------------------------|-------------|---------|-----------------|----------------|
| Sun. Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup> | King George | 2:00 PM | St. Lawrence: 0 | Holy Cross : 5 |
|                            |             |         |                 |                |
| Holy Cross                 | Kirby Group | 2018    | Challenge Cup   | Champions      |

## **2018 Johnson Challenge Cup All-Star Team**

### **All - Star Goalie: Al Slaney Memorial Award**

John Douglas: St Lawrence Laurentians

### **All - Star Defenders**

Sean Henderson: Holy Cross

Greg Reid: Feildians

Bobby Gamba: Feildians

Andrew Stanford: Holy Cross

### **All - Star Midfielders**

Rohan Reid: CBS

Jake Warren: Holy Cross

Tyler Kirby: Holy Cross

Felly Elonda: Feildians

Emmanuel Dolo: Feildians

### **All - Star Striker**

Tyler Forsey: St Lawrence laurentians

### **All - Star Coach: Phonse Warren Memorial Award**

Shane Antle: Feildians

## **2018 Johnson Challenge Cup Award Winners**

### **Bobby Breen Memorial Award: 1st overall in regular season:**

Feildians

### **Jim Goff Memorial Award: Most Spirited**

Evan Myles: Paradise

### **Ed Moyst Award: Rookie of the year**

Harry Carter: Holy Cross

### **Jeff Babstock Award: Top Defender**

Andrew Stanford: Holy Cross

### **Jonny Breen Award: Top Midfielder**

Emmanuel Dolo: Feildians

### **Wils Molloy: Golden Boot Award Top Scorer**

Tyler Forsey: St Lawrence Laurentians

### **Gerard Quirke Memorial Award: MVP Playoffs**

Jake Warren: Holy Cross

## **NLSA All - NL Masters “A” Championship**

Host Club: St. John's Soccer Association: KGV

Date: July 10-19 2018

Provincial Representative: Damian Masterson

Participants

**1.** Holy Cross / Trinity Pub

**2.** Feildians

**3.** CBS

## **2018 All NL Masters “A” Tournament**

Game 1 Holy Cross 6 v Feildians 0

Game 2 CBS 2 v Feildians 0

Game 3 Holy Cross 2 v CBS 2

Final Holy Cross 3 v CBS 0

**Note: Holy Cross Advanced to the Eastern Canadian Masters Championships**

## **2018 All NL Masters “B” Tournament**

2018 All – NLSA Masters “B” Tournament

Host: BPSA

Location: Centennial Field,

St. Lawrence

Date: Sept 7 – 9, 2018

Provincial Representative: Marc Pittman

Participants

**1. 78 FC WPHL 2. Elliott Dental 3. St Lawrence 4. Duke of Duckworth 5. Island Auto**

Game 1 78fc 5 v Elliott Dental 1

Game 2 Duke 1 v St Lawrence 0

Game 3 Elliott Dental 3 v Island Auto 0

Game 4 Duke 1 v St Lawrence 4

Game 5 78fc 5 v Island Auto 0

Semi final 1 St Lawrence 1 V Elliott Dental 0

Semi final 2 78fc 2 v Duke 0

Final St Lawrence 2 v 78fc 3 (pk shootout)

## **2018 All NL Masters “B” Tournament**

Host: BPSA

Location: Centennial Field,

St. Lawrence

Date: Sept 7 – 9, 2018

Provincial Representative: Marc Pittman

### **Participants**

**2. 78 FC WPHL 2. Elliott Dental 3. St Lawrence 4. Duke of Duckworth 5. Island Auto**

Game 1 78fc 5 v Elliott Dental 1

Game 2 Duke 1 v St Lawrence 0

Game 3 Elliott Dental 3 v Island Auto 0

Game 4 Duke 1 v St Lawrence 4

Game 5 78fc 5 v Island Auto 0

Semi final 1 St Lawrence 1 V Elliott Dental 0

Semi final 2 78fc 2 v Duke 0

Final St Lawrence 2 v 78fc 3 (pk shootout)

## **2018 Provincial Intermediate Men’s Tournament**

Host Club: St. John’s Soccer Association:

KGV Date: July 20-22 2018

Provincial Representative: Damian Masterson

### **Participants**

1. Gonzaga
2. Telegram/ Canadian Tire
3. St. John’s U21
4. Random Brosives

Game 1 Gonzaga 3 v Telegram 0

Game 2 St John’s U21 1 v Random Brosives 2

Game 3 Gonzaga 4 v Random Brosives 0

Game 4 St John’s U21 1 v Telegram 1

Game 5 Telegram 0 v Random Brosives 3

Game 6 Gonzaga 0 v St John's U21 0

Game 7 Gonzaga 5 v Random Brosives 0

# Regional Director Reports

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Burin Peninsula  
Central  
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Labrador West  
Labrador East

# St. John's Region Report

The St. John's Region is home to three registered soccer clubs that vary in levels of competition and development –Feildians, Metropolitan United and St. John's. All three clubs provide their members with a diverse house league that ranges from pure recreation to Metro-based leagues that follows the Canada Soccer LTPD model. In addition to this, Feildians and St. Johns provide their members with a competitive stream that allows players to matriculate from metro to a Provincial Youth League (PYL). The PYL allows players to compete provincially and in turn compete at National and Atlantic Club Championships in both male and female u13 to u17. Along with an extensive youth programs the clubs provide senior programs for their graduating players to continue the game as intended. A breakdown of the various club memberships is below.

| Club              | Under 14 | Under 15 to Under 18 | Senior |
|-------------------|----------|----------------------|--------|
| St. John's Soccer | 967      | 145                  | 887    |
| Feildians AA      | 354      | 94                   |        |
| MUFC              | 144      |                      |        |

Source: NLSA

## Highlights:

As in previous years, the highlights have to be the continued success the region experiences in the Provincial leagues and National competitions. This past year is no exception. St. John's region-based teams competing in the Provincial Youth League as well as senior leagues in 2018, experienced remarkable success at all levels, winning nine (9) provincial championships and several runners up. The following is a summary of Provincial Leagues that a regional team placed:

- Johnson Insurance Challenge Trophy - **Holy Cross Kirby Group – Nationals 4<sup>th</sup>**
- Breen's Jubilee Trophy - **Holy Cross Avalon Ford – Nationals 4<sup>th</sup>**
- Eastern Canadian Masters - **Holy Cross Trinity Pub – Eastern's 5<sup>th</sup>**

- Senior Men's Mega Championship - **Gonzaga**

Master's B Mega - **78 FC W.P.H. Law**

Under 17 Boys Premier Youth League - **Feildians Athletic Association - Gold – Nationals 6th**

Under 17 Boys Premier Youth League - **St. John's Soccer Club (Silver)**

Under 17 Girls Premier Youth League - **St. John's Soccer Club - Gold – Nationals 7th**

Under 15 Boys Premier Youth League - **Feildians Athletic Association- Gold – Nationals 8th**

Under 15 Boys Premier Youth League - **St. John's Soccer Club (Silver)**

Under 13 Boys Premier Youth League - **St. John's Soccer Club - Gold – Atlantics 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Under 13 Boys Premier Youth League - **Feildians Athletic Association - Silver – Atlantics 5th**

Under 13 Girls Premier Youth League - **St. John's Soccer Club – (Silver) – Atlantics 6th**

## **High Performance (Whitecaps):**

The NLSA's commitment to the High-Performance program cannot go unnoticed. In November, Owen Shepard of St. Johns of St. John's SC attended a training camp in Vancouver with the Whitecaps Academy Centre. As well as his solo trip, the following athletes attended the Whitecaps academy for a series of development matches. The program continues to provide athlete training for the region's top players.

**Pernille Jarding, Stephanie Thoms, Erica Murphy, Mary Whiffen, Olivia Browne**

**Anderson Pritchard, Dylan Owens, Kirkland Edwards, Owen Afonso, Ethan Strickland**

**Josh Peddle, Bradeon Harvey, Fin Manning, Anyang Achieck, Marcus Patterson, Santi Wozney**

**Alvaro Novo**

## **Awards:**

This past fall was award season. All the provincial members voted on numerous awards for our Athletes, Coaches and Volunteers and our region showed well with numerous awards and Hall of Fame inductions coming from the area. Please see below for Award and associated recipient:

Coach – Jake Stanford – Holy Cross Avalon Ford/Holy Cross Kirby Group

Sr. Male – Andrew Stanford – Holy Cross Kirby Group



Sr. Female – Teri Murphy – Holy Cross Avalon Ford

Jr. Male – Owen Sheppard – St. John's

Jr. Female Official – Alexa Tobin – St. John's

Jr. Male Official – Brett Russell - Feildians

Volunteer – Maria Mackey – St. John's

Ross Arlett Memorial Award – Tony Mullett

Team: Holy Cross Kirby Group

Hall of Fame Inductees

Fred Reddy – Holy Cross

Denise Hickey – St. John's

Nels Wilkins – Feildians

While this is only my first year as St. John's Regional Director and representative on the NLSA Board of Directors I have been involved in the game my entire life at various levels and look forward to continued success of the region and the NLSA. Going forward I will do my utmost to uphold the ideals of the NLSA while promoting and growing the game in the region and province. Thank you for a great year.

Yours in soccer,

Bernard P. Manning

Director, St. John's Region

# Mount Pearl Region Report

## **Introduction**

I would like to thank all the board members and volunteers of MPSA for their continued hard work and desire to make ensure that all players have the opportunity to play at the level that challenges their ability. The board has continued to see the value in making our club strong financially and are willing to provide programs that will ensure that all players are given the opportunity to grow as players in this great game.

The board has strived to attract past players and young current players to be a part of our coaching staff. I believe that this has been a success as we have seen players come back to the game to pass on their knowledge to the younger players in our association. I would also like to thank number of young players still playing in the senior leagues that have committed their time and energy to act as ambassadors for the game. It is these coaches that we must support as they are the future of the sport in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Lastly, I would like to thank the City of Mount Pearl that has always been a supporter of sport, especially soccer in Mount Pearl. It is with this support that MPSA can provide exceptional facilities for the players of Mount Pearl and the surrounding area.

## **All Star Competitive Division**

MPSA fielded a BU13 in the Provincial league. This team has seen great improvement throughout the season and captured the Bronze. Thanks to Ryan Caines for doing great work with this team.

## **Registration**

Mount Pearl has continued to see a decline in membership in the groups 12 and over. I believe the biggest issue is the loss of female players in both our All Star and Club League. The NLSA should play a major role in providing support to help attract and keep players over the age of 12.

Despite this for the older ages Mount Pearl has again had strong showing in our micro program for players aged 3 to 6 and large number in our Under 8 and Under 10 programs in both Girls and Boys. Mount Pearl Soccer registrations numbers total was 840 players for 2018. We will continue to attract players to the grow our younger aged players with the goal to have all age divisions in both boys and girls in the metro and PYL leagues by 2022.

## **Provincial Tournaments**

During the 2018 season, Mount Pearl hosted the BU12 Identification Tournament

This tournament ran smoothly thanks to the support from summer staff, volunteers and board members.

### **Senior Divisions**

2017 saw the return of a Senior Ladies team in the Jubilee Division. We feel that this team's return will help with keeping girls playing as they will see that there is somewhere for them to play as they move through the youth divisions. In addition to this team we have seen the return of an Intermediate Ladies and Men's team as well as a Challenge Cup Team. I would like to thank all the coaches of these teams that have given of their time and talents.

### **Referees**

Mount Pearl has hosted a small sided course and it was well attended. I would like to thank all youth referees that made our Club League a success. I would also like to thank our new Director of Officials, Shannon Tobin. He has been a great resource to our youth referees.

### **Areas of Concern**

There are a number of areas that I feel that the NLSA needs to play a role in prior to the start of the season on 2019, those areas include training of coaches, and LTPD.

The NLSA needs to play a more active in offering of coaching clinics for all levels of coaches. This past year we have seen a number of past and present players aged from 17 to 50 that have committed to take the time to coach in our youth programs at the house league and All Star levels. I feel that the NLSA technical staff needs to be in the regions more to provide knowledge.

The NLSA needs to take make a policy on LTPD with respect to scores and standings. I think that all regions need to be on the same page with respect to this aspect LTPD, therefore the technical committee should work on and bring forward a presentation on where they feel the regions should be with respect to LTPD and I think that all regions should be required to support this plan to ensure that all regions do not have player movement due to clubs having a different view of LTPD.

### **Looking Forward**

We must strive to listen to what our membership is telling us and ensure that our main focus is on the players. The NLSA must act as a facilitator when it comes to ensuring all clubs are playing by the same rules, this will help in making clubs strong again by having players feel a sense of belonging to a club and not just moving from club to club because they feel there may be more opportunity elsewhere.

We need to look to the regions for clubs to encourage more players to become referees, the NLSA must support this by hosting a larger number of clinics throughout the season so that youth referees can learn the rules of the game from qualified instructors and how to referee with

confidence on the field, if the NLSA does not do this then there will be no game to play as there will be no referees to do those games.

In closing I would like to thank all the board members that for all they have done over the past year. To staff, that, without their dedication and hard work the programs would not run as smoothly. I would also like to congratulate all players, parents, volunteers and employees of the association for a great year and looking forward to working with them in future to make next year better than this one.

## CBS Region

It has again been a privilege to serve on the NLSA Board as the CBS Region's rep. The region was very busy, as I will highlight below. Thank-you to everyone who played a role in making 2018 a success both on and off the field including volunteers and coaches, our Rally Committee, student staff, the Board of Directors, General Manager Darren Bent and Technical Director Andrew Murphy.

A big thank-you to our players and parents/guardians for being part of CBS Soccer...you are the reason for our existence...we hope you continue to participate and grow with us.

I want to acknowledge the help we get from the Town of Conception Bay South for maintaining things at our clubhouse and keeping the fields ready to go.

Some highlights:

- Hosting the Provincial Girls Under 13 Championships that saw the CBS girl's team earn a berth at Atlantics in PEI.
- Hosting the Under 15 Girls Provincial Championships that saw Strikers team take the Championship and represent NLSA at the Nationals in Quebec.
- Our Strikers FC Challenge Cup team making the Final Weekend for the first time.
- New Indoor Women's 25+ Winter and Spring Leagues and the new Men's Friday Night 25+ League.
- Expansion of our After-School programs and Active Start for the youngest of our players in the winter and spring.
- We've added Keeper specific training to our Techniplex sessions.
- We hosted the Boys Under 10 Jamboree...with 18 teams.
- We hosted the Boys Under 15 and Girls Under 17 Metro League Championship weekend.
- This season we hosted 53 Provincial Youth and Metro League full field games, 45 senior league full field games and 6 High School Games...for a total of 104 full field games over 139 days. This does not include Hosting Under 12 Metro League boys and Under 10 Metro League girls.

Coming up in 2019 are some exciting endeavours...our very first Strikers FC Jubilee Team entry is in the works. Also, we will be a partner for the 2019 National Senior Soccer Championships for Men and Women to be held at Topsail Field as well as KGV, Mt Pearl, Paradise and Portugal Cove-St. Philips.

We have had a very good 2018, but as each year passes, we build on what we've done and continue to grow as an organization to support our young and senior players. Nothing is perfect, but that is the goal we set so that we are continually moving in the right direction.

Ian Chaytor  
NLSA CBS Rep

## **Avalon East Region Report**

The 2018 Metro season marked the tenth season that PCSP Minor Soccer has entered teams in this league. This year saw approximately 120 players from our association registered in this league in the following age groups:

- Boys Under 8
- Girls Under 8
- Girls Under 10 (two teams)
- Boys Under 10 (two teams)
- Boys Under 12
- Girls Under 12 (PCSP/NEUSC)

The 2017-18 season was a busy one for our club with teams training weekly from November to May. The summer season was also busy and successful for the PCSP Spurs. A brief synopsis of each team's success is listed below:

### **Boys Under 8:**

This age group is considered a developmental league and therefore no statistics are kept during the season. The BU8 team participated in Metro League and the NLSA-sponsored U8 Provincial Jamboree.

### **Girls Under 8**

Like Boys Under 8, this age group is a developmental league, so no statistics are kept during the season. The girls had a fantastic season. The team also participated in the NLSA-sponsored U8 Provincial Jamboree.

### **Girls Under 10**

This age group is also considered a developmental league, and therefore, no statistics are kept during the season in this age group either. The GU10 team also had a very successful season in Metro League and participated in the NLSA-sponsored U10 Provincial Jamboree. Both girls teams participated in the Sunsplash tournament. The team also traveled to Corner Brook for some “friendly” games against Corner Brook, Pasadena and Mt. Pearl out successful.

### **Boys Under 10:**

This age group is also considered a developmental league, and therefore, no statistics are kept during the season in this age group either. The BU10 teams also had a very successful season in Metro League and participated in the NLSA-sponsored U10 Provincial Jamboree.

### **Boys Under 12:**

In addition to playing games during the Metro season, the BU12 team also participated in the NLSA-sponsored identification tournament.

### **Girls Under 12**

This was a combined team of players from PCSP and NEUSC. In addition to playing games during the Metro season, the GU12 team also participated in the NLSA-sponsored identification tournament in St. Lawrence.

PCSP Minor Soccer hosted three Metro weekends during the season. These games were played at Rainbow Gully. PCSP kicked off the metro season with the Spring into Soccer weekend played over three weekends in May and June.

Once again this year, our club saw some players selected for the Vancouver Whitecaps FC Pre-Prospects Program.

A request was made for reports from other clubs in the region, however, no reports were received.

## **Trinity Conception Placentia**

This was the successful season for the Trinity Conception Placentia (TCP) region. We had four clubs operating this summer with player registration numbers holding about par to the 2017 season.

We hosted 3 NLSA tournaments this summer:

1. Under 14 Girls (CBN Minor Soccer)

2. Under 17 Boys (CBN Minor Soccer)
3. Under 17 Girls (CBN Minor Soccer)

We also had teams in 8 different tournaments and leagues:

1. Under 8 Boys
2. Under 10 Girls (Both Western and Eastern Tournaments)
3. Under 10 Boys
4. Under 12 Boys
5. Under 14/5 Boys Mega
6. Under 17 Boys Mega
7. Under 17 Girls Mega

Our clubs did a great job hosting these tournaments and the club teams competed very well in the tournaments.

My goal for the 2019 season is to continue to improve club cooperation. I feel that because of the club's small sizes that players with a club may not be able to play in a NLSA tournament because their club does not have enough players in that age group. The clubs need to work together to allow these players to play with another club's team or a combined team. This will allow more player to play in tournaments and grow the game within their club. Also, female soccer needs to grow in the region and regional cooperation will be key to that.

# **Burin Peninsula**

## **Introduction**

2018 was my first year overseeing the BPSA as president, and I thoroughly enjoyed this summer. Ernie Lundrigan stepped in as Vice-President.

We were able to increase our number of teams participating either in the Metro League or the NLSA PYL.

Personally, I want to thank Shane Dunphy (and his staff) for the work they put into the BPSA and maintaining a soccer presence in southern NL. Also, thanks to those who work within each local organization within the BP to continue delivering soccer in each community.

I also must recognize the towns of Marystown (Rob Warr) and St. Lawrence (Hubert Beck) for their contributions to allowing us to use their facilities for the PYL season at no cost. Your support does not go unnoticed.

## **Registration**

At the local level, we still have minor programs in Grand Bank, Marystown, Burin, and St. Lawrence. Numbers have dropped significantly in GB, a small drop in St. Lawrence and Marystown, and a big increase in Burin's program. Burin initiated the Timbits program this summer, which I hope all other clubs will follow suit next year and beyond.

Grand Bank was able to send a team to the U8 Boys Jamboree, and St. Lawrence entered two U12 girls' teams in the U12 Identification Camp.

We continue to try and keep our finances healthy to ensure long term growth. We would like to try and put some money back into the program and try and meet some of our needs to continue to move in the right direction. Our BPSA team will be looking for someone to oversee the finances in the near future.

### **All Stars Competitive Division**

Essentially, the BPSA teams are our All Star teams, chosen from players out of our local clubs on the BP. This year, we've seen a growth in the number of teams represented in either the Metro League or the PYL.

*Metro League – U10 B & G, U12 G, U15 G, U17G*

*PYL – U13 B, U15 B & G, U17 B*

Congratulations to our U15 and 17 female metro teams who won the Metro League Championship.

Our U15 boys captured bronze in PYL T2, and our U17 Boys won silver in PYL T2.

We'll continue our efforts to have a team in each of the PYL leagues next year, including U13 and 17 girls.

### **Provincial Tournaments**

The BPSA was thankful enough to host two provincial tournaments this year.

St. Lawrence hosted both the U12 Girls Identification Jamboree (15 teams) and the Provincial Masters B (5 teams)

### **Senior Divisions**

This year BPSA had three senior teams in various clubs.

Grand Bank continued their entry in the Corner Brook Kickoff intermediate tournament, losing out in the final. They also hosted ASIA of St. Pierre for 2 games in August as well.



St. Lawrence Masters hosted and competed in the Provincial B, losing out in the final on pk's.

St. Lawrence Laurentians also completed in the Johnson's Challenge Trophy, losing out to Holy Cross in the final. Special congratulations go out to John Douglas and Tyler Forsey for their addition to the season's All-Star team. John was also named the league's top goalie, and Tyler was awarded the league's MVP and Golden Boot winner.

### **Referees**

The BPSA tried to work on attracting more officials in the area to help with the demand of games. We hosted an entry level clinic on the BP, and got 25 new officials trained. We hope to continue added to our database for years to come.

### **Area of Concern**

My biggest concern for BPSA is the length of our season as compared to other areas in NL. The installation of turf fields in other areas allows the game to be played longer each year. Our fields are released to us beginning in June until October. Other clubs are putting in as much as 11 months of training, while at most we get 5 months. Gymnasiums and other rec centers are band aid solution to the growing need for the BP to find a way to install a turf field.

Another concern is the lack of coaching development among our coaches on the BP. We need to take advantage of the licensing options presented by the NLSA and get our coaches more involved in these programs.

### **Hall of Fame**

This year we inducted the following into the BPSA Hall of Fame:

Allan Reid - Marystown: Player/ Builder  
Lloyd Brockerville - Lawn - Player  
Rick Farrell - Marystown - Builder

### **Looking Forward**

As like last year we have to be diligent towards our members and we need to operate a program that suits our needs and numbers and one we can afford, we need to make changes as we continue to provide a game of soccer to every one of our registrants.

In closing I would just like to say Thank-You to anyone who had a part in making this a successful season of soccer for our BPSA teams. To all the players, coaches, parents, etc., thank-you for your tireless efforts toward moving soccer in a positive direction.

# Central Region

Simply put, soccer in the Central Region is stagnating. Soccer has settled into a comfortable organized summer activity for a consistent number of participants, meeting the needs of most that are registered. The stable soccer centers continue to be Gander, Grand Falls-Windsor and Springdale (each struggling at the executive level) with areas such as Botwood, Green Bay South and Glovertown showing some interest at times.

NLSA receives approximately 500 registrations seasonally from Central.

The buzz around the pitch continues to be: One, “too few doing too much” and a call for a renewed interest from an infusion of engaged parents/executives is needed. Two, “...you get out what you put in...” the NLSA, the Region, the associations and the local membership appear to be satisfied with the status of soccer in Central.

Let me use Exploits Soccer Association in Grand Falls –Windsor to illustrate these points.

This executive has existed for nearly 20 years with an executive of 4 or less members. The only changes occur when a “new soccer family comes to town and goes”. There is **no additional** interest. Despite efforts to attract more parental involvement nothing has changed for years.

The general membership has no exposure to quality soccer play and does very little to advance soccer in the association. Essentially, “You don’t miss what you’ve never had.” Therefore, few parents offer themselves as coach/manager/ volunteers’ for soccer. These same parents are quite content with a drop-in soccer program that’s doesn’t demand increased time, travel, commitment and money.

The association has not contacted the NLSA Technical staff to request a technical visit/camp for their players/coaches. Assuming, availability and considering the cost verses return, it doesn’t warrant the call.

The Regional director has had few contacts in the past four years (one, about an international transfer, another for information about NLSA). Without a budget and a resource, growing soccer in Central is impossible. The only two-way conversation occurred around the CBS Summer Games, as a liaison between NLSA and teams. The Regional director is not involved in promoting soccer in the region.

The NLSA has no plan to expose soccer to potential/developing centers. Soccer comes to the NLSA, not the other way round. It was brought to my attention; the question of why wouldn’t the NLSA Provincial Team expanded selection rosters (referring to the U13 male group of 24) to include representation from across the entire province? It would be great to have a player return from a good training /selection camp with a positive experience (I’m just the messenger). It was also suggested that an occasional opportunity should be delivered off the Avalon (Offer Development/Training/Selection sessions around the province).

**Apart from that, all is good.**

On behalf of all Central Soccer Players and myself, thanks to all the executives, managers, coaches, volunteers, and parents for their involvement.

## Western Region

Although Corner Brook Minor Soccer Association registration numbers dropped to on all four session this year, the 2017/18 soccer season was still a very successful one for our Corner Brook Minor Soccer Association. CBMSA had 536 players for summer registration, 150 in spring, 80 in fall and 61 in Winter session. CBMSA is working to see if they can extend their sessions and explore methods to increase registration. CBMSA numbers have dropped from U12 and up over the past year, but they do have a large U6, U8 and U10 groups coming up thru.

**Student Coaching Program** – CBMSA utilized students to coach minor soccer program for the 2018 summer program. The CBSMA season ran for 40 weeks (15 weeks indoors and 25 weeks outdoors). Government grants were used to employ coaching staff. Technical Director Robert Mitrovic ran all technical programing this year and trained coaches with a new curriculum that CBMSA started using for this summer. Robert also worked with Doug Sweetapple with all student coaches.

**Pasadena U6 Year End Tournament** – This summer Pasadena join the NLSA again. At the end of the season Pasadena held a U6 tournament. It was a great tournament and nice to see something for that age group.

**Provincial Mega Tournaments** – CBMSA attended the U10 Mega and also had a team play in the U12 Mega tournaments. CBMSA has had troubles trying to get players to attend tournaments and the number of teams sent has decreased. CBMSA are going to look at working with Deer Lake, Pasadena and Stephenville next year to get teams that will travel.

**Tournaments Hosted** – The U10 Girls hosted a tournament in June which teams from PYSA attended. CBMSA Hosted the U10 Mega Tournament which had 10 teams attend. The issue with the tournament was it was hosted on the same weekend as the Sun Splash tournament. CBMSA also hosted the PYL U15 Boys final weekend which we seen 8 team playoffs.

**Training** – CBMSA hosted a Referee clinic where 13 candidates attended. CBMSA also hosted a student coaching clinic for 2 days during the summer which featured several coaches from the Western area. CBSMA had another Referee clinic scheduled in November 2018.

## Labrador West

This past season was another successful one for the LWMSA. We had a total of 397 kids registered from the communities of Labrador City, Wabush, and Fermont. Highlights for the past season are listed below:

**Technical Program** – The 2017/2018 training season was the ninth year for the Technical Program which trained over 70 players over the four divisions with 3 players named to the 2018 provincial teams: Mallory Martin, Sarah-Maude Bourgeois and Reggie Pike. These three players have also been named to the 2019 training pools. A huge thank you to Tony Reccord for coordinating this program for so many years. Tony has announced that he will be stepping aside and passing his knowledge onto oncoming coaches this upcoming season.

**Student Coaching Program** – LWMSA utilized students to coach our minor soccer program for the 2018 program. Our season ran for 14 weeks, 6 weeks indoors and 8 weeks outdoors.

**The Bob Hamlyn Memorial Under 10 Invitational Tournament** - The outdoor program was kicked off with our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Under 10 Bob Hamlyn Memorial Jamboree. Approximately 90 children from Labrador West, Churchill Falls, and Goose Bay participated in a fun filled weekend of soccer games and skill competitions.

**Provincial Mega Tournaments** – 8 Labrador West United teams were represented this season in U10 B/G, U12 B/G, U14 B/G and U17 B/G Jamborees and Megs. The boys Under 17 team captured the silver medal! Congratulations are extended to all players and many thanks are extended to the volunteers it took to prepare and travel with our teams.

**Aubrey Pike Memorial Closing Tournament** – We finished up the minor program with our 16<sup>th</sup> annual closing tournament and award presentation. The 2018 Aubrey Pike award was presented to Finn Smith as the Association's Most Dedicated Player.

## Labrador East

### **SHRINERS INDOOR PROGRAM**

The Annual Spring indoor children's season began April 28<sup>th</sup> on the NEW TURF floor with more than five hundred participants aged 3-15 registering for the eight week Indoor Shriners Program. The Tots Program for 3-4 years attracted one hundred and twenty children.

The Broomfield Memorial Arena was used for the full week from 4.45pm until 9.00pm each night. Game nights consisted of a fifteen minute basic coaching session followed by a forty-five minute game time where shifts of five minutes were played in each age group. For age groups under the age of twelve years, two games were scheduled at a time across the arena surface, while the older age groups played the full arena.

The Happy Valley-Goose Bay Minor Soccer Executive acted as supervisors and were on duty each night to field questions and concerns from parents. LPN staff from the College of the North Atlantic provided First Aid for each of the Minor Soccer evenings.

Plans for the new 2019 Shriners Indoor season...ordering tee shirts, soccer balls, etc, will begin

in February.

### **36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LABRADOR SOCCER CUP**

Once again the “Tournament of the North” attracted hundreds of spectators and teams from all over Labrador leading into the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Labrador Soccer Cup. Twelve Senior Men’s teams, five Masters and twelve Senior Women’s completed a full schedule of games starting on Wednesday evening and running through until Sunday afternoon. The round robin event concluded on Saturday evening with quarter final action getting underway Saturday night setting up the semi-final action for Sunday morning and the finals for Sunday afternoon. The arena was consistently filled for the action with more than 600 plus every day.

The Men’s Final, the Ladies Final and the Masters Final drew capacity crowds of more than a thousand people. With a full slate of eighty plus games on the schedule, officials Mike Edmunds, Gary Martin, Mike Howlett and Trevor Paine had a very busy six days.

Hundreds enjoyed the Awards Ceremony at the arena which were attended by NLSA President Doug Redmond.

Please check out the Labrador Cup website for game results and information on the 2019 Labrador Cup scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **JUNIOR LABRADOR SOCCER CUP**

Our seventh Hamilton Drugs Junior Labrador Cup for children aged U10, 12 and 14 was again, a fantastic success. More than two hundred and thirty children made up eight U10, eight U12, and four U14 age group teams with players traveling over from Labrador West and Churchill Falls to be a part of a memorable event.

The weekend attracted hundreds of spectators. Over the three days, all-star coaches were able to identify age group squads for all-star team selection.

Special thanks to everyone that attended and Labrador East will look forward to hosting the Eighth Jnr Labrador Cup in 2019.

### **CHRIS HODGES PRO-SOCCER CAMP**

July 16-20 saw the eleventh annual **Pro-Soccer Camp** offered in the Lake Melville area with one hundred and thirty children enjoying the visit of Pro Staff from Leicester City Football Club led

by our UK contact, Chris Hodges. A full week of fun soccer activities finishing up with awards and competition day on Friday.

This Goose Bay - UK relationship is helping our organization tremendously and will continue to do so in 2019 as we prepare for the 12th Pro-Soccer Camp in July, and as we continue to train our next group of children traveling to England in August of 2020.

## **TWENTY NINTH ANNUAL MINOR SOCCER FESTIVAL**

The Annual Minor Soccer Festival was held June 20<sup>th</sup> and featured children from the Shriners Indoor Program to finish off their season. A great day full of fun activities for the whole family. An opportunity for all-star parents to do some fund raising and weather permitting, a full day of soccer activity.

## **2018 ALL-STAR PROGRAM**

Open indoor try-outs for age groups Under 10, 12, 14 and 17 players were held in May. U10 teams traveled to Labrador West in late June for their annual Labrador West – Labrador East Jamboree. Coaches and Managers were selected and began working with the All-Star teams as soon as the snow left in late May.

Immediately following the spring planning meeting, six All-star teams were booked to attend tournaments on the Island. The 2018 AS teams were informed they would need to fund raise \$750 per player in order to attend Provincial Mega Tournaments. (After Provincial Govt subsidy)

2018 marked the most successful year in our thirty nine year history with four age group teams making their Mega A finals finishing with two Gold and two Silver medals.

Great experience for the players and a HUGE thank you to those that host each year.

## **PROVINCIAL PLAYERS**

The Happy Valley-Goose Bay Minor Soccer Association is extremely proud, for the 18th straight year, to have age group players selected to the NLSA's Provincial Program. **Claire Kean, Matthew Cornect and Grace Goudie** are working hard to maintain their positions within the Provincial Program.

## **FACILITIES**

The Happy Valley-Goose Bay Minor Soccer Association continues to work with the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay to provide quality fields. We are extremely pleased to have the new turf floor at the arena.

### **UK TOUR with CHRIS HODGES 2018**

On August 19, 2018, twelve U15 girls and sixteen U15 boys along with twenty four staff and parents traveled to England for what was a Football experience of a lifetime.

The UK Tour included watching professional games, (Man Utd v Spurs, Leicester City v Liverpool, Derby v Preston, Watford v Spurs). Our two teams played three games against English club teams on first class fields. The tour offered stadium tours, visits to Warwick Castle and Bradgate Park, Horse Racing and Skittles night for the parents, pro team academy visits, professional coaching sessions, a day at Alton Towers Theme Park, Shopping, transportation in a first class luxury coach, and two days in London to see Buckingham Palace, the London Eye, Trafalgar Square, Covent Garden, topped off with a London Musical.... "Bat Out Of Hell". AMAZING ! Great hotels and great food.

Any club wishing to avail of this amazing tour can contact Chris or Trevor Paine at 899-2312.

### **HV-GB MINOR SOCCER EXECUTIVE 2017/18**

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Co-Presidents- | Trevor Paine / Paul Motty  |
| Treasurer      | Mick Emmens  |
| Secretary      | Tracey Marques   |
| Directors      | Georgina Porter, Marjorie Cooney, Lanny Barney, Marlene Winters,<br>Danette Fox, Ronnie Elson, Malerie Green, Val Cassell, Tina<br>Alexander, Rexanne Crawford, Lori McNeill and Craig Wallace |

The HV-GB MSA AGM will be held in Feb 2019 in preparation for a busy upcoming season.

Best wishes to all regions for the 2019 season.

Trevor Paine  
NSA Rep, Eastern Labrador

# Technical Reports

1. Technical Director
2. LTPD Director
3. Director of Officials



# Technical Director

## **Physical Literacy Movement Preparation**

Physical Literacy Movement Preparation is an enhanced training program performed as a warm up before practices and games to enhance performance and durability. Movement Preparation not only prepares the body for movement, it also improves the way you move, reducing the risk of injury during physical activity and teaches skills necessary for performance often neglected during regular training.

This program was officially launched in 2016/17 and is funded by Public Health Agency of Canada and managed by Sport for Life. All certified instructors in Canada have gone through National and FIFA run LF courses and that includes two from our province, Raeleen Baggs and Lauren Windsor.

The course itself consists of two e-learning modules (45-60 minutes) and 3 hours in the gym of a mentor-lead practical- in-person peer-teaching session supported by instructional materials. After completing the program, each coach receives a Sport for Life certificate of achievement and 3 points towards professional development.

**In 2019 there will be no cost to participants, including both e-learning modules and materials.**


These are 5 easy steps for those clubs that are willing to offer the program to their coaches:

1. Sport for Life provides the host an e-flyer to share with prospective participants (I've attached a sample)
2. The e-flyer contains a link directly to the workshop registration page
3. The participant creates an account (which includes sharing their NCCP# for automatic connection to and credit for completion in the NCCP LOCKER.)
4. When a participant registers for the workshop, the two e-learning modules are automatically added to their account. The e-learning modules are pre-requisites to attending the in-person workshop and must be completed to receive NCCP recognition as well as a Sport for Life certificate of achievement.
5. After the workshop, the participant can log into their CAMPUS account at any time to access their certificate.


Sport for Life pays the lead facilitators so there is no cost to clubs from that aspect either.

As someone who took the course, I can't say enough about how valuable the information presented was. Raeleen Baggs is a terrific LF and I encourage all our clubs to offer this program to their coaches as it is very easy to incorporate it into their routines. It takes a day to set up any club to get this program offered so I encourage them strongly to give it a try.

**WORKSHOP INCLUDES**




2 x (45-75min) of eLearning




3 hours on the field


**REQUIRED MATERIALS**



Attire for active session



Tablet or smart phone



3 points and professional development

## Physical Literacy Movement Preparation

### Coach Workshop

*A component of training to enhance performance and durability*

March 30, 2019 | 9:00am to 12:00pm


Sports Complex – Field #1  
123 Main Street, St. John's, NL

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Participants will complete two eLearning modules in preparation for a mentor lead practical in person peer teaching session supported by instructional materials. This training will better prepare the participant to assist in the development of better movement skills in their athletes through a developing physical literacy approach.

For more information contact Dragan Mirkovic  
dragan@nlsa.ca | 123.456.7890

Presented by St. John's Soccer Club



Register online at [www.sportforlife-sportpourelavie.ca](http://www.sportforlife-sportpourelavie.ca)  
Learn more about Movement Preparation : [physicalliteracy.ca/move-prep/](http://physicalliteracy.ca/move-prep/)



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## Futsal

A recent visit by Kyt Selaidopoulos, National Futsal Team Head Coach, did not meet our expectations in terms of attendance, but in terms of constructive discussion and getting information on what some other provinces has done or has gone through to move the game forward was invaluable. I would like to highlight a few key notes drawn from those suggestions and they are all based on our reality:

- In the first year, start on a small scale (a tournament format) and open it to senior male and female players. The youth training is so saturated in winter time that any additional training will take those players to the edge of exhaustion.
- The first year should be also used to enhance refereeing piece but also to do some coaching education pieces as well.
- Securing proper facilities for a full-fledged provincial league will be a challenge so the time for searching will be of the utmost importance.

- To popularize a game of futsal will require more than just relying on our website. Most of the provinces use social media, flyers, fanzines etc. to spread the word about Futsal and competitions.
- It is extremely important that right from the start NLSA operates at the highest possible standards and stick to those standards for as long as possible (Tournament and League Rules in place, most experienced referees etc).

In 2019, we will start with a futsal tournament for Senior Men and Women on April 5, 6 and 7 at Macdonald Junior High School that has temporary futsal field markings. Before that there will be at least one and possibly two one-day workshops for referees and most likely one-day workshop for coaches. The registration process will be open soon and I already did the Tournament Laws and Rules (**see NLSA website**). These rules should be a foundation for the League Laws and Rules once when we make a decision about establishing the provincial futsal league.

The Futsal game has a tremendous potential in this province and with a well-tailored plan we should be able to make it extremely popular. Yukon and Nunavut are the two territories that have developed the game really well and had their winning senior teams participating at Canadian Futsal Championship for the first time in 2018. It was not easy in terms of results but they learned whatever there had been to learn about competitive futsal. In my opinion we have a chance to build a stronger league than those two territories and probably have a stronger team representing us at the National Tournament in 2 or 3 years time. At the same time a good number of our intermediate players might get a chance to experience a national level of play through futsal, a chance that has never been there for those who are playing intermediate level of play.

## Coaching Education Programs

Children's License will be rolled out nationwide on January 1, 2019. The Youth License will be piloted this year in September in Ontario and it will be officially launched on January 1, 2020 nationwide.

Starting in 2019 all licensed workshops will be a non-residential model. This means that candidates attending a workshop with CSA will no longer have all meals and accommodation included in the cost of workshop, and will instead return home at the end of each day. Candidates who are required to travel to attend a workshop will therefore be responsible for their own accommodation.

For each of the workshops (Children's License, Youth License, B Part 1, B Part 2, A License) Canada Soccer will pay for all facilities, flights, hotels, meals etc. the Canada Soccer will select and compensate the Learning Facilitators for all workshops.

Evaluations of training sessions and matches will be submitted via a downloadable link, unless an in-person evaluation is specifically requested by a candidate (this will carry an additional cost of \$250).

The cost of the Canada Soccer licenses in 2019 will be as follows:

- Children's License (9 in-person workshop days) = \$1800
- B license (7 in-person workshop days) = \$1400
- Youth License (14 in-person working days) = \$2800
- A License Part 2 (8 in-person workshop days) = \$1600 (non-residential)

Children's License, Youth License & B License workshop will be capped to 24 registrants per workshop with 15 registrants being 15.

# Long Term Player Director Report

## Youth Competition Restructure

A significant project has commenced throughout the fall of 2018 in which we have restructured youth competitions in order to provide better alignment. This has also been an opportunity to refresh and update some game formats and rule modifications in order to optimize player development. Other positive spin offs will hopefully include some referee development experience as well, as well as more sustainable models for smaller clubs.

## NL Academy Center – Vancouver Whitecaps FC Partnership

The connection with Whitecaps FC continues to be an important link that connects us with higher levels of play. The pathway for the high-performance player is clear and is real. The U13 / U14 players who travel to Vancouver for the combine event in March of each year experience a top-class development experience and are exposed to high levels of competition.

The U15 / U16 players, who get selected to travel to the "High Potential Prospects" camp in November annually, get a real opportunity to test themselves in a fully immersed environment versus some of the very very best players in the country. In 2018, it was Lauren Rowe and Owen Sheppard who participated in this event. With the right recipe, and continued commitment to excellence from all stakeholders, it is not hard to see a NL player moving to Vancouver to become a full-time academy player in the not too distant future.

Scouting visits from the Whitecaps are a good motivation for all academy center players.

Now 3 years into our Pre-Prospects program, which services 11-12 year olds, we are starting to see the benefits of players having spent time in that high quality environment. In particular, the intake group moving into the Prospects program for the first time are coming well equipped technically, and with good training habits.

## **Provincial Teams Program**

The provincial team program and the Atlantic Championships offer a good number of players the opportunity to play at a higher level and to have a springboard into more advanced environments. Our teams remain very competitive at these events, consistently placing above where our demographics suggest we might.

Noteworthy is to keep an eye, and plan accordingly, for the future of the U18 age group, as other provinces are moving towards a U17 program instead.

## **Canada Soccer Club Licensing Program**

This initiative launched from Canada Soccer in 2018, and although no clubs from our province have yet declared an intention to pursue this recognition, I definitely recommend all clubs to consider this. There is good documentation available, and there is no doubt that this project is here to stay across the country and has the potential to make some real positive changes to the way we operate.



# **Director of Officials Report**

I was appointed as Director of Officials in April 2018, very close to the start of the outdoor season. It was therefore necessary to put a committee in place quickly and to prepare a referee manual/ handbook for approval at very short notice.

The Committee put in place and approved by the NLSA Board was:-

- Dave Liverman (chair): active referee, 25 years experience, national instructor. Referee committee member since 2008
- Jean Thompson (responsibilities, assigning, female development and mentoring): former national assessor, provincial referee. Referee committee member since committee was put in place.
- Martin Batterson (assessing, registration): former provincial referee, director of officials, current national assessor – new to committee this year
- Gary Martin (Education): active provincial referee, former national instructor – new to committee this year
- John Kennedy (member at large, mentoring): Former provincial referee, active referee – new to committee this year

- Dan Maher (member at large, mentoring): former provincial referee, provincial assessor, regional instructor.

I thank the committee for their diligent work, sage advice and patience this season.

A group representing referees in St. John's Senior became active this year, and requested that they have direct input into the referee manual and other referee issues that affected them.

Meetings were held with this group and steps taken to accommodate their concerns.

Unfortunately, a number of senior referees indicated they would not make themselves available for Johnson Insurance Challenge Trophy and Breen's Jubilee Trophy games, as their recommendations (mostly regarding referee compensation) were not fully accommodated in the referee manual. The assistance of the NLSA Executive Committee was appreciated in resolving this issue.

This did bring into question the mandate and composition of the Referee Committee. As an appointed operational committee it emphasizes experience and knowledge, rather than reflecting or attempting to represent all referees.

Therefore, in order to ensure all referees were able to have input on refereeing issues in the province and to improve communications, a consultative committee was established with invitations made to each NLSA region to provide a representative, as well as invitations to the St. John's Senior group, and the Metro League referee coordinator. This group was informed of any major refereeing issues via e-mail, and one meeting held, at which only one region took up the invitation to attend. However, consultation will take place over the winter with this committee in order to ensure any concerns are considered in the preparation of next year's referee manual.

## **Promotions**

Matthew Warren was promoted to regional level referee this year.

We were prepared to offer one candidate for promotion to provincial level this year but he was not able to travel to the course. We expect to have two candidates this spring.

We had seven officials indicate they were interested in upgrading from district to regional and their names were passed on to Canada Soccer who administer an on-line exam on the laws of the game, which needs to be passed before proceeding to the course. Of the seven candidates two passed, two didn't take the exam, and three failed. The exam is not easy, and unfortunately is only offered once/ year. We will plan to offer sessions to better prepare candidates in 2019 to improve the pass rate.

## **Women officials**

Although there are currently no active female officials at regional level or above, there are many relatively inexperienced officials at district level and youth level. There are a number of very promising young officials mostly officiating in Premier Youth League in the NE Avalon, and an effort was made to observe and meet with them at least once this season. This mentoring

program was positively received by the officials, and ideally will continue, and expand next season.

## **PD days**

We ran a professional development day on the NE Avalon with 25-30 attending and offered the services of an instructor for a similar day in Corner Brook. Unfortunately, the timing was not ideal for the Corner Brook course and it was cancelled.

## **Registration**

Martin Batterson has provided a registration report (appended). Highlights include

- a significant increase in registered officials;
- some concerns regarding the absence of any of few officials in some regions that have active programs;
- recommendations for improving the registration process;
- Concerns over late registration and use of unregistered officials.

It is clear that a number of matches continue to be officiated by either unregistered or unqualified officials. We were made aware of discipline reports submitted by officials who were not registered and a brief examination of game sheets came up with a number of other occurrences. There is currently no penalty under NLSA discipline or rules that deals with the use of unregistered or unqualified officials. This is a serious issue- if there were any issues in the match that might result in legal action, it is likely that NLSA insurance would not cover liability unless the official is qualified and registered. The committee strongly recommends that this be changed prior to next year. It is proposed the following be considered:-

- Any association that assigns an unregistered, but qualified official to any match under NLSA jurisdiction be fined \$50/ official/ match.
- Assignment of unqualified officials (officials who have not passed a CSA approved course of any sort, or officials assigned to 11/side soccer who have only taken the small sided course) will result in a fine of \$100/ official/ match.
- A policy be developed that clearly outlines how disciplinary measures administered by unregistered or unqualified officials be dealt with.
- A policy on the validity of matches officiated by an unqualified official be developed (i.e. should they be replayed? Can they be protested?)

## **Education**

Gary Martin has provided an education report, which is appended. Of general interest are his recommendations that

- Pre-tournament refreshers/officials meetings be held when associations are hosting provincial/mega tournaments.
- Mentorship should form part of the NLSA officials instructional program and mentors/instructors be assigned in the same format they are assigned to instruct a small sided course,
- Local soccer associations team-up and set dates for hosting clinics in anticipation of the 2019 season.
- Next seasons professional development day be structured for officials between ages 14 and 20;
- 2019 will bring the National Jubilee and Challenge Cup Championships to St. John's a strategic referee development plan will be required.

## **Refresher exam**

Nearly every province in Canada requires completion of an on-line refresher exam before accepting registration each year. The committee plans to institute this for at least district level referees next season, combined with on-line registration. This will put the onus of registration on the individual official, rather than clubs / regions.

## **Assessing and mentoring**

Assessment is the main tool for ensuring officiating standards are maintained, and for the development of active officials. We made some changes in the assessment program this year, including training new assessors. There was an increase in the number of assessments conducted this year, but these still concentrated on senior referees, and those looking for promotion.

We also trained 5 new assessors; as all the new trainees were active referees, they unfortunately did not get much of an opportunity to put their skills to practice, as they were in general need to referee. We desperately need trained assessors on the Burin Peninsula and on the West Coast, or to budget to have assessors travel. We had to deal with complaints in regard to officiating, and the correct way to respond to these is by assessment, where officials can be evaluated and provided with the tools to improve their officiating.

However, there is a shortage of experienced officials who can be trained in that role in those areas. We hope to try to train at least one assessor for the West Coast via distance education methods over the winter.

A mentoring program was trialed in Metro League in the NE Avalon. This was conducted in partnership with the Metro league coordinator, and was very successful. This program needs to be implemented more widely in the NE Avalon, and across the province. The main limitation on implementation is availability of suitable mentors. Mentoring is an efficient way to help new referees develop without formal assessment. It is strongly recommended that mentoring takes place at all 11/side mega tournaments, and that leagues, clubs, associations and districts implement their own mentoring program to develop their officials.



## **Assigning**

There was some consideration by St. John's Senior of moving to electronic assigning this year, and it was thought the NLSA could piggy-back onto this. However, this did not progress. It is thus recommended that the NLSA lead the way with this. The committee has contacted other provinces so we can benefit from their experience in choosing the best on-line system for our needs- ideally we can use this system to improve referee registration as well.

## **Provincial Youth League**

The committee wrote a letter to the NLSA board in regard to behavior by coaches in the Provincial Youth League. There were a number of cases of irresponsible behavior by coaches at this level, including some by coaches closely associated with NLSA programs. Referees can deal with this issue on the pitch by dismissing the coach and providing the report but we need support from the NLSA disciplinary process. We submit that coaches of youth teams have a special responsibility as role models, and poor behavior by the coach leads to poor behavior by the young players who look up to them. We propose that in addition to the standard disciplinary penalties applied these coaches should take the "Respect In Sport" online course before resuming coaching.

Unfortunately, there was an incident early in the season where newly qualified officials in a youth game were subjected to racial abuse. The association responsible for the team with which the parents were associated did institute harassment and awareness training in their club, but did not offer any form of apology to the officials concerned. The referee committee thought it was important that these young people should know that their report was taken seriously and contacted them providing a progress update, and issued an apology on behalf of soccer in the province.

This incident is only the tip of the iceberg- young (and old) officials are all too often the subject of verbal abuse by players, coaches and spectators. This is a major factor in losing officials.

The committee also dealt with several complaints in regard to the quality of officiating in the PYL. The PYL does act as a development league for referees as well as players, and we have many new and young officials in charge. Particularly at the U17 level, and for many U15 games, the use of senior officials is advised, at least as part of the officiating team if not the center referee. In order to assist developing officials, and to work on improving standards, the committee makes two recommendations:

1. An assessment program be put in place based around Provincial Youth League. This is particularly important in regions where no current assessors are based, so will require training of new assessors in these regions

2. Young officials not be permitted to officiate their own age group under any circumstances. This is challenging for the officials in that they have to deal with their peers, but also results in possible perception of bias, if the officials clearly have friends on one of the teams.

## **Awards**

The committee provided terms of reference for the existing Ross Arlett award, plus in addition recommended the creation of a young official of the year award, based on Terms of Reference supplied to the NLSA.

## **Safe sport**

The officials' community consists of a mixture of adults and minors, and both genders and as such it is important that the NLSA ensures that appropriate measures are in place to ensure all participants are safe. As minors and adults, and males and females usually are asked to share a dressing room, the referee committee developed a dressing room policy that was approved by the board, designed to ensure that such mixed usage is conducted appropriately.

At present the NLSA requires no harassment training, respect in sport training or any police clearances from its officials. Just as a coach is in a position of trust when coaching youth, an adult member of a referee team is in a position of trust if officiating with minors. Consideration should be given to ensuring officials are considered in the organization's safe sport policies and programs.

## **National preparations**

The Senior Nationals will be held next October in St. John's, and there will be a requirement to supply 15-20 qualified local referees. (who have passed fitness tests). Ideally these referees should have passed fitness requirements, and have attained at least the regional level. Based on 2018, it is anticipated that it will be a challenge obtaining adequate numbers of qualified officials. A lack of qualified officials was identified as a significant issue last time Challenge Cup/ Jubilee was held here, where inexperienced officials, and officials who did not meet fitness standards had to fill in.

In 2018 there were only 3 Provincial level officials and 6 regional level officials who fulfilled fitness requirements. Based on past experience it is likely that not all these officials will be able or willing to commit to nationals, as it requires them to take leave, or forgo family commitments on a holiday weekend. We've hosted many national competitions over the last 15 years, so there may be a reluctance to make these sacrifices again.

The committee is looking at a number of initiatives to address this potential shortage. Possibilities include:-

- Maximizing the opportunities and chances of district referees being promoted to regional, and regional referees to provincial.
- Looking at incentives to take part in Nationals (financial? Others?)
- Budgeting to bring in referees from western Newfoundland and elsewhere
- Implementing off-season physical training Programs to encourage referees to improve fitness
- Providing referee development sessions in the off-season to prepare referees for nationals.

### **Recommendations – summary**

- The NLSA review discipline and penalties/ fines for use of unregistered and unqualified referees
- The NLSA review discipline for youth coaches, with a recommendation that harsher penalties be considered for irresponsible behavior when acting as a person responsible for youth players, including mandatory training (i.e. should take the “Respect In Sport” online course before resuming coaching, even if they have already taken this course in the past).
- The referee committee plan and budget for tournament mentoring, with host committees responsible for providing accommodation to any assessors/ mentors travelling
- The NLSA allow the committee to re-purpose unused portions of referee budget towards nationals off-season training opportunities, and development of an on-line assigning system.
- Increased efforts are required by NLSA, clubs, associations and leagues to promote officiating and host clinics.
- An assessment program be put in place based around Provincial Youth League. This is particularly important in regions where no current assessors are based, so will require training of new assessors in these regions
- Young officials not be permitted to officiate their own age group in Provincial Youth League under any circumstances.

## NLSA Referee Education Report 2018

Submitted by Gary Martin (Provincial Instructor / Director Referee Education/Development)

| Date             | Course type                    | Instructors                              | Host/ venue                     | Capacity | Participants |
|------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Feb / Mar, 2018  | Assessor Refresher             | Dave Liverman / Martin Batterson         | Mount Pearl Soccer Hut          | 9        | 7            |
| April 22/ 2018   | Professional Development Day   | Dave Liverman/ Dan Maher/ Gary Martin    | NLSA / Saint John Ambulance     | 30       | 14           |
| April / May 2018 | Instructors Course / Refresher | Dave Liverman                            | Mount Pearl Soccer Hut          | 10       | 8            |
| April 7/ 2018    | Small Sided                    | Dan Maher / Dave Pittman                 | Metro / Macdonald Drive         | 30       | 23           |
| April 28/ 2018   | Small Sided                    | Glenn Sheppard / Matt Warren             | Metro / Macdonald Drive         | 30       | 25           |
| May 11-13, 2018  | Entry Level                    | Gary Martin                              | Corner Brook Soccer             | 12       | 13           |
| May 12th, 2018   | Small sided                    | Shannon Tobin /                          | Metro / Macdonald Drive         | 30       | 23           |
| May 25-27, 2018  | Entry level                    | Dave Liverman/ Matt Warren/ Dave Pittman | Metro / Macdonald Drive         | 24       | 22           |
| June 1-3, 2018   | Entry level                    | Glenn Sheppard / Shannon Tobin           | Burin Peninsula                 | 24       | 19           |
| June 3rd, 2018   | Law Changes / Hand Ball        | Dave Liverman                            | Macdonald Drive<br>Metro        | 40       | 40           |
| June 8-10, 2018  | Entry level                    | Dan Mahar/ Dave Pittman                  | Metro / Macdonald Drive         | 24       | 21           |
| July 21/ 2018    | Small Sided                    | Gary Martin                              | Clarenville Soccer Association  | 14       | 4            |
| Oct 27-28, 2018  | Entry Level                    | Glenn Sheppard / Shannon Tobin           | CBN Lighting Soccer Association | 24       |              |
| Sept 4th, 2018   | 2019 Youth Restructuring       | Gary Martin / Dan Maher                  | Topsail Clubhouse               |          |              |

|                    |                                    |     |     |  |  |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|-----|-----|--|--|
| Fall / Winter 2018 | Host Regional Course               | TBA | TBA |  |  |
| Fall / Winter 2018 | 2019 Referee Development Education | TBA | TBA |  |  |

### **Instructors:**

We trained and accredited three new instructors in the spring, and all three have delivered courses. We still only have one instructor operating outside of the NE Avalon.

Instructors: Dave Liverman, Gary Martin, Dan Maher, Glenn Sheppard, Dave Pittman, Matthew Warren, Shannon Tobin, Gene Pike (No refresher/no courses taught)

### **Additional instructional activities**

- Referee education development sessions in winter preparation for 2019 Senior Nationals
- Junior officials professional development day
- Regional Course this Fall Winter to be coordinated with candidates
- Assessor Refresher Course
- Instructor Course/ refresher

### **Issues/ Concerns**

- CSA would like a fitness instructor trained for the province
- Consider hosting a Futsal instructor Course
- Youth Restructuring application of Law educational implementation course curriculum
- Summer 2018 (July) several requests were made to North East Associations to host a Small sided course no association agreed to host. This was brought forward at the Youth Restructuring forum.

### **Commentary**

The move to online access with the Entry/District course has been an effective addition to course delivery. This allows the candidate to complete the pre-course workbook and the exam online at their convenience within a designated timeline and submit. The process also allows instructors to analyze student's comprehension and generate reports on areas of the laws that may pose difficulty for candidates.

Small Sided courses focused on true small sided Laws as applied to U8 and U10. It did not provide instruction for the U12 set of modifications that fall between small sided and 11/ side (indirect plus direct free kicks, penalty kicks, cards etc.). It is strongly recommended that referees are required to take the entry level course before being permitted to referee this level, or that U12 plays with true small-sided modifications. In anticipation of the 2019 youth restructuring this needs careful planning, as the potential to stress an already maxed quantity of officials exists.

The number of entry level candidates has seen some growth over the last 5 years, therefore increased efforts and focus by associations to host and promote clinics for officials should be the NLSA's **#1 PRIORITY** for 2019. The strategic plan should reflect this.

#### **Officials Trained**

|                               | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2018</b> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Small-sided                   | 88          | 90          | 72          | 75          |
| Entry level                   | 47          | 54          | 78          | 54          |
| Entry Level (NE Avalon)       | 16          | 18          | 27          | 0           |
| Entry level (Burin Peninsula) |             |             |             | 19          |
| Entry level (Corner Brook)    |             |             |             | 13          |
| <b>Totals by Year</b>         | 151         | 162         | 177         | 161         |

#### **Recommendations / Future Plans:**

- Pre-tournament refreshers/officials meetings be held when associations are hosting provincial/mega tournaments. Mentorship should form part of the NLSA officials instructional program and mentors/instructors be assigned in the same format they are assigned to instruct a small sided course, remuneration would be based on the same fee structure and the minimum time commitment be 7.5 hours of mentorship/referee coaching. This could be cost shared by host associations and the NLSA; this will ensure good officiating, and a pathway to good development.
- In 2019 local soccer associations team-up in pairs and set dates for hosting clinics, plan to get a full slate of 24 candidates for a District course in anticipation of the 2019 season. Examples: Paradise & CBS, Mount Pearl and Bay Bulls join together and host sharing both the cost and facilities.

- Next seasons professional development day be structured for officials between ages 14 and 20; this will represent an investment in our future and an opportunity for senior officials and instructors to enhance their knowledge and experience.
- 2019 will bring the National Jubilee and Challenge Cup Championships to St. John's a strategic referee development plan will be required.
- With zero certified & registered officials in Labrador, planning to host a small-sided course should be undertaken. This could be held in conjunction with the Junior Labrador cup or the Senior Labrador Cup. Shared between Lab West and Lab East soccer.
- We are exploring a partnership with the Association of New Canadians to train them in officiating soccer, we see this as a potential area to obtain new officials and train them. Maggie Peyton is our contact. [mpeyton@ancnl.ca](mailto:mpeyton@ancnl.ca)
- Consideration to move some of the Entry Level modules to on-line given our success with the Pre-course and the on-line exam in 2018. Some of the shorter modules to on-line, in an effort to shorten the current entry level commitment of 16 hrs. This may increase interest and attract more officials.

Gary Martin

# **Registration Report 2018**

## **Overview**

The NLSA Referee Committee is responsible for the registration of referees in the province, and to meet this responsibility created a Referee database for the purpose of tracking registration and training for all officials. I was appointed as Registrar in 2012. Since then the database has expanded to include 1,928 referees, although many are not active.

In 2018 there were 418 registered referees (table attached), an increase of 105 registered referees from 2017. The increase in registration is largely a result of the diligence of the Referee Committee and the NLSA office in ensuring all officials in the Province were registered.

Of those registered in 2018, 214 were also registered in 2017, a retention rate of 51%.

Registered officials include those who completed the Youth and Entry Level courses, for which registration is included.

The registration breakdown reflects some obvious strengths and weaknesses in the number and level of officials across the Province. The most striking concern is, obviously, the lack of any registered referees in the Labrador region despite the strong house league programs offered in both Labrador West and the Happy Valley-Goose Bay areas.

As the database is now 7 years old I am confident that the information currently contained in the database is accurate. This is partly due to the diligence of NLSA Instructors who all provide course logs following their courses, and because of the NLSA regulation that referees are required to re-take a course if they haven't been registered in the previous 2 years. Therefore if individuals are not in the database they have not completed a course or been registered since 2012, and they are therefore required to re-certify. No system is perfect however, and below are some recommendations for its improvement.

## **Registration process**

Registration is from 3 sources:

- i. Directly from clubs. This usually takes the form of an excel spreadsheet but also includes email requests.
- ii. From NLSA instructors who supply course logs for all their clinics.
- iii. Via individual on-line registration (St. John's area).



## Recommendation

- i. The NLSA registration process should be expanded to include referee registration. Having a two-tiered system is inefficient for clubs registering members (have to register referees separately) and ineffective because referees are likely not being registered.
- ii. Alternatively, individual officials register directly on-line using the system implemented in the St. John's region this season

## Late registration and use of unregistered officials

Registration deadlines are communicated to clubs on an annual basis. However, registrations are commonly received until late in the season, up to and including the weekend of Provincial tournaments. This gives little or no time to recertify referees, if required, and has led to unregistered and unqualified referees officiating Provincial tournament matches.

## Recommendation

- iii. The NLSA introduces monetary sanctions against regions and/or clubs for late registration and for the use of unqualified or unregistered officials in NLSA-sanctioned matches.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Referee Registrar, and I hope to continue in the role next season. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the Referee Registration process.

2018 Registered Referees (by Region and Level).

| Region       | Youth      | District   | Regional  | Provincial | Total      |
|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Avalon       | 48         | 41         | 0         | 0          | 89         |
| Burin        | 0          | 26         | 1         | 1          | 27         |
| CBS          | 68         | 20         | 0         | 0          | 88         |
| Central      | 4          | 25         | 0         | 0          | 29         |
| Labrador     | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| Mount Pearl  | 11         | 3          | 0         | 0          | 14         |
| St. John's   | 55         | 44         | 11        | 6          | 116        |
| Western      | 0          | 53         | 2         | 0          | 55         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>186</b> | <b>212</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>6</b>   | <b>418</b> |

# **Business Manager Report**

## **General Comments**

The 2018 calendar year proved to be a very busy year, particularly from March to October. I would like to thank all the Board of Directors for all their volunteer efforts during this year, including Doug Redmond, Doug Kirby and Judi Kelloway with whom I work closely with on a regular basis. This year, the NLSA received funding from the Federal and Provincial Governments for three students. These students were Aidan Northcote, Nick Crews and Ben Betts. Aidan was a tremendous asset to the NLSA office. I would also like to thank Dragan Mirkovic and Mike Power for their efforts this past summer.

## **Communication**

Communication is extremely important to the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association. I strive to respond to all emails within 24 hours. For the most part, my request for information and additional details was adhered to in a timely-fashion. However, there were situations where requests for the same information was made on a regular basis. The most important information that the NLSA needs to receive on a timely basis are

1. Registration of ALL Members – July 13, 2019
2. Game sheets from the Premier Youth League. These game sheets are crucial for updating the NLSA website and ensuring discipline matters are managed in a timely-manner.

A special thank you to Mrs. Colleen McConnell, who again assumed control of the NLSA Twitter Account. Tweets were communicated quickly and accurately. Today, the NLSA has 1,951 followers (1,716 followers in 2017) and has made over 7,582 tweets.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association launched a new website in April 2018. The website was intended to be user-friendly. I understand that this is not the case for all those that navigate it. If you have any suggestions for improvement, please let me know such that I can implement them. Among the features of the current website are (1) Video play, (2) more options to display information on the front page and (3) a simple back-end user face. It takes less time for the NLSA staff to add new information than in the past.

## **Registration**

### **Players**

The Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association experienced a significant decrease in player registration figures as compared to 2016. Overall, the NLSA player membership growth decrease was approximately 3.59%. Soccer Clubs experiencing the most growth were Burin Soccer Association, Happy Valley-Gosse Bay Minor Soccer Association, CBN Lightning Soccer Club, Paradise Soccer Club and Metropolitan United Soccer Club. Many clubs experienced

significant player membership decreases. These clubs include Marystown Soccer Association, Grand Bank Fortune Soccer Association, Labrador West Minor Soccer Association, Stephenville Soccer Association and Deer Lake Minor Soccer Association.

Actual registration numbers for 2018 can be found at the end of this report. There were a number of reasons identified for a decrease in membership among clubs. These reasons include:

- The current economic situation
- Lack of programs for older participants
- More competing interests for players

Player registration of all players is extremely important. All players in your club must be registered with the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association. When players register with your club, they assume that they would be registered with the NLSA and are entitled to the benefits of being an NLSA member. Clubs are not permitted to pick and choose which players to register with the NLSA. The Club either registers all players or no players. Equally concerning, is that fact that there were 82 players on Provincial Competition game sheets that were NOT registered.

The NLSA, as well as the Clubs, must investigate opportunities to grow the game of soccer in Newfoundland and Labrador. All parties must explore ways to sanction new leagues and programs that arise in addition to implementing initiatives like Futsal. Futsal is a great opportunity to introduce more individuals to the game of soccer. There is a Senior National Futsal Competition that the NLSA should strive to be a part of as well as a “push” to have Futsal become a Winter Canada Games Sport.

### Other Members

Registration of other club members is extremely important. Registration ensures that insurance coverage is available to any registered member participating in an NLSA activity. If officials, coaches, executive members are not registered and are participating, they should not be permitted to participate until they are registered. Those members that are registered (specifically Coaches and Officials) must meet the qualifications for the positions they assume).

| Volunteer Type       | 2018 Membership | 2017 Membership |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Coaches              | 571             | 590             |
| Executive            | 193             | 212             |
| Youth Officials      | 186             | 172             |
| District Officials   | 199             | 134             |
| Regional Officials   | 11              | 12              |
| Provincial Officials | 6               | 6               |

### Registration System

With the adoption of a new website provider, the NLSA also adopted a new registration platform. The new registration platform enabled registration on two different levels.

- a. Register online
  - i. Some Clubs that have already adopted the RAMP Registration System, allow online registration. While there is a fee of \$1.50, this method ensures substantial benefits to the NLSA and the Clubs. These benefits include the following:
    - 1. Data Integrity
      - a. Fewer Errors (spelling, birthdates. etc)
      - b. Minimizes duplicates. **Clubs are invoiced for duplicates.**
    - 2. NLSA and Club Efficiency is enhanced
      - a. Clubs do not have to spend time collecting the data from participants, putting it into the correct Excel format and send to the NLSA.
      - b. NLSA not spending time requesting Excel Files, reviewing Excel Files, Returning Excel Files to Club for corrections, Importing Excel Files.
    - 3. Timely Registration
      - a. By registering from one's phone, IPAD etc, a person can rest assured that they are registered instantly. Participants do not have to wait for someone else to send the registration on their behalf. One Club was 18 days late in 2018, and another was 26 days late b/c volunteers did not send information to NLSA. Further, if a player wishes to play on the "weekend", that player can do so by registering online. Participant cannot participate until information is in registration system.
- b. Membership Data Import
  - i. This was the preferred registration method for all but two clubs. While there was no additional charge for the Club, there are concerns with this method as described above. The quality of the data is limited to what the Club Registrar sends to the NLSA. The NLSA requires, First Name, Last Name, Birthdate, Club, Community and mailing address.

## Transfer Policy

It has been brought to my attention that the NLSA Transfer policy is not having the desired effect. The NLSA would like to hear from the Clubs that are affected by the Transfer Policy to seek ways to improve it. Only with the cooperation of the Clubs, will the transfer policy be successful.

Some possible adjustments include the following:

- 1. Club Staff implement a tryout registration form (completed before tryouts) that includes the following:

- a. What Club did you play with in 2019?
- b. Did you attend tryouts with another Club this year?

2. Tryouts take place on the same weekend.

It is also worth noting that while the transfer policy should assist clubs, it also needs to support players. Clubs have a responsibility to provide adequate training to players. This includes a dedicated coach and a training schedule. If these responsibilities are not being met, then the player should have the opportunity to transfer.

There has also been discussion regarding the transfer of players from a PYL Team to a Metro League team after the transfer window has closed. The concern here is if the player is called-up from the Metro League Team and becomes a member of their new Club's PYL Team. This process circumvents the entire transfer process.

## Provincial Tournaments

The Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association determines the Provincial Tournament hosts and dates in April. From then, the registration deadlines are applied and posted to the NLSA Website as well as sent to Club officials. It is imperative that Club Officials seek out the tournament registration deadlines and adhere to them. In 2018, the NLSA issued tournament t-shirts to players from Under 8-Under 12. The NLSA has decided to switch to a draw-string bag from the t-shirt concept.

- a. Provincial Tournament Registration

The process for registering for a provincial tournament is as follows:

1. Go to NLSA Website
2. Go to Registration Portal on Home Page (Under Vancouver WhiteCaps Banner)
3. Click "New to Site" to Create a New Account. Once account is created, log out and then log back into the site
4. On the left panel, there is a Heading called **Tournament Registration**. Click this Heading.
5. Choose the tournament that you wish to register the team for
  - a. Important dates will appear (registration and tournament date)
6. Click the tick box that says "I have read Everything Fully and Agree"
7. Directed to another page, select the Division
8. Under division tick off the package and then click continue
9. Enter Contact information for the team under 'Contact 1' and 'Contact 2'
10. Under Team select 'Find Your Team' and select your club, season (2018), division, team, and team name.
11. Click continue and select your method of payment.
12. Review details of submission and click 'Confirm and Complete Registration'

## **Risk Management**

The Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association is a member of BFL Canada Risk Management Services.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association actively engages in risk management protocols. The NLSA requires that all coaching staffs registered for Provincial Competitions be screened by the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. While the NLSA recognizes the time-requirements needed to have a person's background reviewed can be extensive, the forms required takes less than 5 minutes to complete and should be completed immediately once a person has been asked to join a coaching staff. For teams that represent the NLSA at Provincial Team Competitions or Club Nationals, these documents need to be completed and submitted to the appropriate authorities prior to the start of the season. A person should not be a member of the coaching staff until an RNC or RCMP Code of Conduct Application has been submitted to the appropriate authorities. For the protection of Soccer Clubs, all Executive Members should also send in the appropriate forms to the RNC or RCMP. For not-for-profit associations, this procedure is free.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer actively encourages all Coaches/Managers associated with a soccer club to complete the Respect in Sport Course for Activity Leaders. In addition, all members of the coaching staff participating in a Provincial Soccer Tournament are required to complete the Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders.

Despite the best efforts of the NLSA, there were still people on the credential form who have not completed Risk Management protocols. This is extremely important for individuals who have not completed the course, but will be part of team staffs representing Newfoundland and Labrador at the Club Nationals. As you may or may not know, the level of documentation for teams travelling to Club Nationals is very high and failure to have the Respect in Sport Course completed adds further work in already a very short period of time.

## **Club Nationals**

Only players who have the following classification were permitted to play in competitions leading to a Club National competition:

- Canadian Citizen
- Permanent Resident
- Protected Person
- Exemption granted by Canada Soccer

Canada Soccer has continued with their policy that enables up to a maximum of 3 international players to participate in competitions leading to Club Nationals. The Canada Soccer deadline to apply for the exemptions are July 31, 2018. I believe the deadlines such that International players can play in NLSA Premier Youth Leagues, Jubilee Trophy and Challenge Trophy leagues should be April 30, 2018. Without the exemption from Canada Soccer, the players should not be permitted to participate in any league games. An International Transfer Certificate is still required prior to the exemption process taking place.

Administration regarding the Club Nationals increased in 2018. This was mainly due to the Canada Soccer Airfare Policy regarding Club Nationals. Teams travelling to Club Nationals must adhere to the Policy set forth by Canada Soccer. The main point of contention was trying to change plane tickets after the deadline has passed or booking one-way tickets. Specifically, teams are reminded that the Canada Soccer travel policy does not allow for either option.

| Date of Report: September 12, 2018 |            |            |            |            |            |            |          |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|
|                                    | 2018 Regis | 2018 Regis | 2018 Total | 2017 Regis | 2017 Regis | 2017 Total |          |
|                                    | Youth      | Senior     |            | Youth      | Senior     |            |          |
| ASM                                | 16         |            | 16         | 22         |            | 22         | -27.27%  |
| ASSP                               | 17         |            | 17         | 12         |            | 12         | 41.67%   |
| ASIA                               | 46         |            | 46         | 44         |            | 44         | 4.55%    |
| Burin                              | 222        |            | 222        | 139        |            | 139        | 59.71%   |
| Marystown                          | 134        |            | 134        | 165        | 20         | 185        | -27.57%  |
| St. Lawrence                       | 122        | 50         | 172        | 134        | 47         | 181        | -4.97%   |
| Grand Bank/Fortune                 | 55         |            | 55         | 123        | 6          | 129        | -57.36%  |
| HVGB                               | 671        |            | 671        | 611        |            | 611        | 9.82%    |
| Lab West                           | 397        |            | 397        | 556        | 10         | 566        | -29.86%  |
| Corner Brook                       | 544        | 172        | 716        | 510        | 207        | 717        | -0.14%   |
| Stephenville                       | 251        | 43         | 294        | 298        | 46         | 344        | -14.53%  |
| Deer Lake                          | 143        |            | 143        | 161        |            | 161        | -11.18%  |
| Springdale                         | 125        |            | 125        | 126        |            | 126        | -0.79%   |
| Exploits                           | 234        |            | 234        | 253        |            | 253        | -7.51%   |
| Gander                             | 219        |            | 219        | 213        |            | 213        | 2.82%    |
| Clareville                         | 243        |            | 243        | 277        |            | 277        | -12.27%  |
| CBN                                | 211        | 23         | 234        | 253        | 25         | 278        | -15.83%  |
| CBN Lightning                      | 345        |            | 345        | 233        |            | 233        | 48.07%   |
| CBC                                | 68         |            | 68         | 69         |            | 69         | -1.45%   |
| CBS                                | 970        | 137        | 1107       | 1036       | 189        | 1225       | -9.63%   |
| Mount Pearl                        | 816        | 114        | 930        | 847        | 79         | 926        | 0.43%    |
| Paradise                           | 832        | 23         | 855        | 770        | 0          | 770        | 11.04%   |
| St. John's                         | 1112       | 887        | 1999       | 1116       | 970        | 2086       | -4.17%   |
| Feildians                          | 448        |            | 448        | 486        |            | 486        | -7.82%   |
| Metropolitan FC                    | 144        |            | 144        | 134        |            | 134        | 7.46%    |
| NEUSC                              | 235        | 24         | 259        | 274        | 45         | 319        | -18.81%  |
| PC-SP                              | 374        |            | 374        | 327        |            | 327        | 14.37%   |
| Bay Bulls                          | 207        |            | 207        | 224        |            | 224        | -7.59%   |
| Kelly Park Sports Association      | 68         |            | 68         | 84         |            | 84         | -19.05%  |
| Botwood                            | 9          |            | 9          | 15         |            | 15         | -40.00%  |
| Green Bay South                    | 62         |            | 62         | 58         |            | 58         | 6.90%    |
| Pasadena                           | 42         |            | 42         | 0          |            | 0          | 0.00%    |
| Baie Verte                         | 0          |            | 0          | 28         |            | 28         | -100.00% |
| Placentia                          | 0          |            | 0          | 17         |            | 17         | -100.00% |
| Total                              | 9382       | 1473       | 10855      | 9615       | 1644       | 11259      | -3.59%   |

# Other Reports

2018 Under 13 and Under 14 Boys Atlantic Championships

2018 Under 13 and Under 14 Girls Atlantic championships

2018 Under 15 and Under 16 Boys Atlantic Championships

2018 Under 15 and Under 16 Girls Atlantic Championships

2018 Under 13 Boys Atlantic Club Championships

2018 Under 13 Girls Atlantic Club Championships

2018 Eastern Canadian Masters Championships

2018 Under 15 Club Nationals

2018 Under 17 Club Nationals

2018 Senior Nationals



# 2018 Under 13 and Under 14 Boys Atlantic Championships

NLSA Representative: Aubrey Brenton  
 Host: Soccer PEI  
 Location: Charlottetown, PEI  
 Competition Dates: July 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>

## Tournament Meetings

A pre-tournament Coaches' meeting was held on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, prior to the start of competition. Pre-submitted team colors were reviewed and confirmed, various rules of competition were explained and administration issues regarding the organization of the tournament were reviewed. The tournament was held at the UPEI Campus.

Games consisted of 2x35 minute halves with 7 substitutions during open play, unlimited at the half, and re-entry was permitted. Tie breaker rule followed that of FIFA.

## Game Results:

| BU13 GAMES – Finished 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Bronze) |   |    |   |
|--|---|----|---|
| Game 1 – Thursday, July 5 <sup>th</sup>        |   |    |   |
| NL   | 2 | NS | 1 |

| BU14 GAMES – Finished 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Silver) |   |     |   |
|--|---|-----|---|
| Game 1 – Thursday, July 5 <sup>th</sup>        |   |     |   |
| NL   | 1 | PEI | 0 |

| Game 2 – Friday, July 6 <sup>th</sup> |   |    |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|----|---|
| NL                                    | 0 | NB | 1 |

| Game 2 – Friday, July 6 <sup>th</sup> |   |    |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|----|---|
| NL                                    | 0 | NB | 3 |

| Game 3 – Saturday – July 7 <sup>th</sup> |   |                    |   |
|--|---|--------------------|---|
| NL                                       | 2 | NS (Penalty shots) | 3 |

| Game 3 – Saturday – July 7 <sup>th</sup> |   |    |   |
|--|---|----|---|
| NL                                       | 3 | NS | 1 |

| Game 4 – Sunday, July 8 <sup>th</sup> |   |    |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|----|---|
| NL (Penalty shots)                    | 3 | NS | 2 |

| Game 4 – Sunday, July 8 <sup>th</sup> |   |    |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|----|---|
| NL                                    | 0 | NB | 2 |

## Officiating

The officiating was conducted by Youth Officials who struggled in some games to manage the game,

teams and coaching staff. However, the young officials were deliberate in their calls with no sign of bias decision making. The final game for the boys U14 had the referee making some clear red card ejections of players and coaching staff from both teams. The referee was deliberate in his calls to send two coaches from the NB team off the field and one coach from the NL team (Championship Game).

### **Discipline**

Discipline on and off the fields was never an issue with both NL teams, as the coaching/management staff had everything well managed and organized. The players were very well behaved and my on-site observations were that all players from both NL teams conducted themselves in a positive and soccer professional manner. There were no discipline problems involving NL players or coaches/management staff.

### **Accommodations**

Both teams stayed on the UPEI Campus Residence. The rooms were very comfortable (1 player per bed and up to 4 players per room) and it was located within walking distance to the soccer field and many restaurants and stores.

### **Transportation**

Transportation was not an issue as playing venues were a short 10 minute walk from the hotel.

### **Hospitality / Socials**

There was no hospitality room or player / VIP socials.

### **Medical / Physio**

Adequate physio services were provided on-site. NL had a couple of players needing to take advance of this service.

### **Administrative Services**

Members of the LOC were readily available to deal with any issues that arose.

### **Security**

The LOC had people at the playing venue who proved to be valuable resources when information was needed or when there were problems that needed immediate attention.

### **Communications**

There was a program booklet produced and the website was updated in a timely manner to support schedule changes.

Games were web casted.

### **Merchandise**

There was a local merchant onsite selling tournament merchandise.

### **Summary**

Overall, this tournament was very well organized. The teams were well behaved and it was a joy to be a part of this experience. The NLSA Representative should be named earlier such to allow the NLSA Representative an opportunity to meet the teams and become more familiar with the player's and coaching staff. The roles and responsibilities of all parties should be updated to reflect NLSA expected standards.

From a coaching technical point of view, there were a few things I would like to note:

1. The teams are moving the ball quicker and ball distribution is looking good. At times, the NL teams take too many touches and they need to adjust their tactics to help address pressure situations.
2. The players on both teams quick passing and ball distribution is helping to improve their speed of play and control of the game.
3. Physically, the teams had some good size, however, they were muscled off the ball by some stronger players on other teams.
4. Fitness levels of NL players is key to increasing the speed and tempo of the game.

The NL Teams placed well at the Atlantics and the BU13 team were unfortunate to not place higher at the Atlantics. The BU13 Team percentage of control of the ball in all 4 games was greater than the other three teams by 15% to 20 %. The BU14 Team percentage of control of the ball in all 4 games was greater than the other three teams by 5% to 15 %. The BU14 placement was an accurate reflection of their finish at the tournament.

## 2018 Under 13 and Under 14 Girls Atlantic Championships

NLSA Representative:

Brian Rice

Location:

Portugal Cove - St. Philip's

Dates:

July 5-8, 2018

Complete Final Standings:

### GU13 Atlantics

| Team             | Wins | Losses | Ties | GF | GA | Points |
|------------------|------|--------|------|----|----|--------|
| Team Nova Scotia | 2    | 0      | 1    | 8  | 0  | 7      |

|                              |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Team New Brunswick           | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| Team Newfoundland & Labrador | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 3 |
| Team Prince Edward Island    | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0 |

### GU14 Atlantics

| Team                         | Wins | Losses | Ties | GF | GA | Points |
|------------------------------|------|--------|------|----|----|--------|
| Team Nova Scotia             | 3    | 0      | 0    | 7  | 3  | 9      |
| Team Newfoundland & Labrador | 1    | 0      | 2    | 4  | 1  | 4      |
| Team New Brunswick           | 0    | 1      | 2    | 2  | 3  | 2      |
| Team Prince Edward Island    | 0    | 2      | 1    | 1  | 4  | 1      |

Game Results:

### GU13

#### Thursday, July 5

NB 2 NL 1

NB: Emma Volpe, Rowan Price  
NL: Pernille Jarding

NS 4 PEI 0

NS: Jaimelynn Provo (3), Grace Walton

#### Friday, July 6th

NS 0 NB 0

NL 3 PEI 1

NL: Grace Nolan (2), Olivia Browne  
PEI: Skyla Jeffery

Saturday, July 7th

NS 4 NL 0

NS: Kate Bethell (2), Jaimelynn Provo (2)

NB 2 PEI 1

NB: Emma Volpe, Izabelle Gallant  
PEI: Skyla Jeffery

GU14

Thursday, July 5th

NL 1 NB 1

NL: Jessie Ball  
NB: Aleksis Roy

NS 3 PEI 1

NS: Mya Archibald (2), Isabel Gonsalves  
PEI: Grace McQuaid

Friday, July 6th

NS 2 NB 1

NS: Neila MacDonald, Katelyn Wilton  
NB: Aleksis Roy

NL 1 PEI 0

NL: Isabella Ryan

Saturday, July 7th

NS 2 NL 1

NS: Liberty Yuke, Niamh Martin-Manue  
NL: Lauren Rowe  
PEI 0 NB 0

Championship Games (Participants and Scores):

GU13

Gold/silver medal game - NS 2 NB 1

NS: Georgia Bussey, Grace Walton  
NB: Ella Carroll

Bronze medal game: NL 2 PEI 0

NL: Katherine Melnick, Grace Nolan

GU14

Sunday, July 8th

Gold/silver medal game: NS 1 NL 0

NS: Neila MacDonald

Bronze medal game: PEI 1 NB 0

PEI: Grace McQuaid

Pre -Tournament Meetings: Coaches' meeting was held on Tuesday, July 3rd with all clubs in attendance. Rules and expectations were outlined to all coaches and of how the tournament would work.

Weather Conditions: Sunny but windy. Saturday was a cooler day and windy!!!! Championship day was sunny and favorable.

Officiating: Officiating was excellent. All games had a full complement of referees and assistant referees.

General conduct of players was excellent. No issues.

Conduct of coaches was excellent. No issues and friendly atmosphere.

Condition of pitch:

As Rainbow Gully is a regulation size turf facility, there were no issues reported with the field. In fact, the visiting coaches commented on how the turf was appropriate and thoroughly enjoyed it. The referees had concerns regarding the goals however these were all addressed and corrected by the town prior to the first game. Concerns were holes. These were appropriately patched by the town.

General Comments: This was a successful tournament. In discussion with coaching staff and managers of all clubs, they commended our club for a job well done and were thoroughly pleased.

## 2018 Under 15 and Under 16 Girls Atlantic Championships

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Host:                | LOC<br><b>Younes Bouda</b><br>Executive Director & Director of Technical Development<br>Soccer New Brunswick<br><br><b>Brenda Thériault</b><br>Program Coordinator<br>Soccer New Brunswick |
| Location:            | Moncton, NB  |
| Competition Dates:   | July 5-8, 2018   |
| Venues:              | Harrison Trimble High School Turf - 80 Echo Dr   |
| Ranking:             | NL GU15 Girls ranked 4th in 2018<br>NL GU16 Girls ranked 2 <sup>nd</sup> in 2018   |
| NLSA Representative: | Ron O'Neill  |

## 1.0 Tournament Meeting

The pre-competition meeting will be held at the **Université de Moncton Campus** on Thursday July 5th at 11am (tentative). Location on Campus will be confirmed with Fields. The meeting will be chaired by a representative from Soccer NB. **All Provincial Reps, Coaches and Managers must attend this meeting.** *Note: The (tentative) will change according to the arrival times of each province.*

## 2.0 Results / Schedule

| Girls Under 15 Team        |      |        |         |               |       |    |        |       |
|----------------------------|------|--------|---------|---------------|-------|----|--------|-------|
| Game                       | Day  | Date   | Time    | Opponent      | Score | vs | NL U15 | Score |
| Game 1                     | Thur | July 5 | 4:30    | Nova Scotia   | 5     | vs | NL     | 0     |
| Game 2                     | Fri  | July 6 | 6:00    | New Brunswick | 3     | vs | NL     | 0     |
| Game 3                     | Sat  | July 7 | 9:00    | PEI           | 2     | vs | NL     | 2     |
| BRONZE MEDAL GAME (on PKs) |      |        |         |               |       |    |        |       |
| Game 4                     | Sun  | July 8 | 8:00 am | PEI           | 5     | vs | NL     | 4     |

| Girls Under 16 Team |      |        |         |               |       |    |        |       |
|---------------------|------|--------|---------|---------------|-------|----|--------|-------|
| Game                | Day  | Date   | Time    | Opponent      | Score | vs | NL U16 | Score |
| Game 1              | Thur | July 5 | 8:00 pm | Nova Scotia   | 1     | vs | NL     | 0     |
| Game 2              | Fri  | July 6 | 4:00 pm | New Brunswick | 2     | vs | NL     | 3     |
| Game 3              | Sat  | July 7 | 4:00 pm | PEI           | 1     | vs | NL     | 2     |
| GOLD MEDAL GAME     |      |        |         |               |       |    |        |       |
| Game 4              | Sun  | July 8 | 11:30   | Nova Scotia   | 2     | vs | NL     | 0     |

## 3.0 Games

The following is a break down of the goal scorers:

| GU15 Game 1            |   |    |   |
|------------------------|---|----|---|
| Thursday July 5, 2018  |   |    |   |
| 4:30 pm                |   |    |   |
| Harrison Trimble Field |   |    |   |
| Nova Scotia            | 5 | NL | 0 |

| GU16 Game 1            |   |    |   |
|------------------------|---|----|---|
| Thursday July 5, 2018  |   |    |   |
| 8:00 pm                |   |    |   |
| Harrison Trimble Field |   |    |   |
| Nova Scotia            | 1 | NL | 0 |



| GU 15 Game 2           |   |    |   |
|------------------------|---|----|---|
| Friday July 6, 2018    |   |    |   |
| 12:00 noon             |   |    |   |
| Harrison Trimble Field |   |    |   |
| NB                     | 3 | NL | 0 |
|                        |   |    |   |
|                        |   |    |   |
|                        |   |    |   |

| GU 16 Game 2           |   |                |   |
|------------------------|---|----------------|---|
| Friday July 6, 2018    |   |                |   |
| 4:00 pm                |   |                |   |
| Harrison Trimble Field |   |                |   |
| NB                     | 2 | NL             | 3 |
|                        |   | Zoe Rowe       |   |
|                        |   | Alyssa Jenkins |   |
|                        |   | Hayley Peters  |   |

| GU15 Game 3            |   |                 |   |
|------------------------|---|-----------------|---|
| Saturday July 7, 2018  |   |                 |   |
| 9:00 am                |   |                 |   |
| Harrison Trimble Field |   |                 |   |
| PEI                    | 2 | NL              | 2 |
|                        |   | Breanna Gilmore |   |
|                        |   | Grace Walsh     |   |

| GU16 Game 3            |   |                     |   |
|------------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| Saturday July 7, 2018  |   |                     |   |
| 4:00 pm                |   |                     |   |
| Harrison Trimble Field |   |                     |   |
| PEI                    | 1 | NL                  | 2 |
|                        |   | Hayley Peters       |   |
|                        |   | Ashley O'Neill (PK) |   |

|                             |   |    |   |
|-----------------------------|---|----|---|
| GU15 Game 4                 |   |    |   |
| Sunday July 8, 2018 8:00 am |   |    |   |
| BRONZE MEDAL GAME           |   |    |   |
| Harrison Trimble Field      |   |    |   |
| PEI                         | 5 | NL | 4 |
|                             |   |    |   |
| Game Decided on PK's        |   |    |   |

|                              |   |    |   |
|------------------------------|---|----|---|
| GU16 Game 4                  |   |    |   |
| Sunday July 8, 2018 11:30 am |   |    |   |
| GOLD MEDAL GAME              |   |    |   |
| Harrison Trimble Field       |   |    |   |
| Nova Scotia                  | 2 | NL | 0 |
|                              |   |    |   |
|                              |   |    |   |

## 4.0 Officiating

The officiating was consistent with most National Tournaments. They seemed to be consistent, and while no major problem existed, it was apparent that many of the officials were new and were being mentored by more experienced officials. It should be noted that every game had an 4<sup>th</sup> official

## 5.0 Discipline

Discipline on and off the fields was never an issue, as the coaching staff for both teams seemed to have everything under control. The players very well behaved and focused on soccer.

## **6.0 ACCOMMODATIONS**

This was the single biggest issue of the entire trip. The residence was in very poor condition. These were old University residence with no air conditioning, no radio, no TV no internet. It was very difficult for the players to ever stay in the residence only when they had to. They usually went to another building which housed the Cafeteria where air conditioning was available, as well as TV's and Internet.

Another issue which could have proved to be much more serious was the fact that Male students were staying in the same residence as all the girls. This was not confirmed until the second last day, and this should have never happened, or have been permitted.

## **7.0 TRANSPORTATION**

Each Province is responsible for transportations for their teams.

## **8.0 FIELDS**

Harrison Trimble High School Turf Field was used for all games. While the field was very good, there were no dressing rooms

## **9.0 HOSPITALITY / SOCIALS / BANQUETS**

### **9.1 Players**

There was no Players social

### **9.2 VIP Dinner - Provincial Representatives Social**

There was no rep Social

### **9.3 Tournament Evening Socials**

There was no Hospitality room

### **9.4 Game Officials Social**

There was no social

## **10.0 MEDICAL / PHYSIO**

Soccer NB will be providing Athletic Therapists / Physiotherapy for each game. Pre-Game Taping will be provided at the Physio room – **½ hour before each game**. Please supply your athletes with tape should they require taping services.

## **11.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

There were no services available.

## **12.0 SECURITY**

Security never seemed to be an issue.

## **13.0 OPENING / CLOSING CEREMONIES**

### **13.1 Opening Ceremonies**

There were no opening ceremonies

### **13.2 Closing Ceremonies**

Small medal presentation at the field

## **14.0 COMMUNICATIONS**

### **14.1 Program**

No program was available

### **14.2 Web Site**

Games were broadcast on Bell

### **14.3 Media**

Games were broadcast on Bell – and streamed live.

### **14.4 Newsletter**

One was not available

### **14.5 Passes**

Available at the main gate at a cost of \$15 for a full tournament pass or \$5 for a day pass

## **15.0 MERCHANDISE**

No merchandise was available

## **16.0 WEATHER**

Weather was a huge issue. On Day 1 we approached 50 degree temperatures. 3 water breaks per each half. On Day 2 Games were delayed for a number of hours due to rain and lightning.

## **17.0 Laundry**

No services available, teams had to rely on Parents

## **18.0 Tournament and Day Passes**

Passes Available at the main gate at a cost of \$15 for a full tournament pass or \$5 for a day pass.

## 19.0 CONCLUSION

There were some very serious issues that need to be addressed:

### 21.1 Accommodations

They were very poor and unhealthy and possibly unsafe.

### 21.2 Rules

There needs to be a proper set of rules identified and circulated to all teams prior to the tournament

### 21.3 Regulations and Procedures

Coaches need to be more aware of staying within the rules and regulations concerning player supervision and transportation.

# Eastern Canadian Masters

NLSA Representative:

Tony Mullett

Location:

Fredericton, NB

Dates:

September 20-23, 2019

## Day 1

### Thursday , September 20

#### Game 1 Ontario 4 vs N.B(Fredericton) 1

This was the second game of the day. The Ontario team dominated the game from the opening whistle. Ontario held about 80% of possession and as a result it was a one-sided affair. The skill and technical ability of the Ontario team was far more competent than the NB team. The NB team understood early that they would struggle against a far more superior team and tried for the most part to compete. The game was an easy game for the referee to manage and no cautions were handed out and the two teams played friendly and enjoyed the game.

#### Game 2 Nova Scotia 3 vs N.B.(Saint John) 0

Although the score didn't indicate it, this game was a lot closer than the first contest. The Nova Scotia team were more offensively aggressive and carried more of the play, missing on several good opportunities. N.B were more challenging in the first half and as a result had more key moments where they could have capitalized on scoring chances but came up short. The second half saw the fitter team dominate possession and carried the play scoring two of the goals late in

the second half. Again, it was not an overly aggressive game and an easy one for the match official to take care of.

The results of the first day of competition were reflective of the better teams.

## Day 2

### Friday, September 21

#### Holy Cross 1 vs New Brunswick (Fredericton)1 :

The game ended in a 1-1 tie. NB carried most of the play in the first half and pressured goal keeper Scott Edwards to make several quality saves to keep HC in the game. The first goal came from a missed play in midfield allowing for a quick transition and resulting in the NB striker to score on a low shot against keeper Edwards at the 60 min mark of the game. HC came back with added pressure at that point and midfielder Mark Reddy was able to out run a defender and the oncoming goalie to chip the ball over the goalie into the corner at the 69 min to tie the game up. Both teams displayed very good sportsmanship.

Holy Cross will now face Ontario at an 8:30 am game on Saturday. Ontario features ex National Team and Toronto FC player Dwayne De Rosario in their lineup.

#### Quebec 2 vs N.B( Saint John) 0

The Quebec team was a fast competitive team. The N.B. team had a hard time keeping up to the pace of their opponents. The game was a little physical and the referee was struggling with the control as the Quebec team challenged the referee's decision on most of the calls. There was also a fair amount of embellishing been displayed by the Quebec team and that only heightened the frustration of N.B. The result showed that the better team won on the day but the Quebec team didn't display a large amount of fair play on the day.

## Day 3

### Saturday, September 22

#### Ontario 6 vs NL(Holy Cross) 0

The game started on a slower pace than expected. The HC team were approaching this game in a more defensive style. For the first 20 minutes both teams were struggling with possession and a lot of the play was in the middle of the park. It was probably the early rise and the early start that lead to the slower pace. Ontario did have a few quality chances but keeper Scott Edwards made more than a few quality saves to keep his team in the game. It was at the 37' that Ontario scored on a great shot from ex-National team player Dwayne De Desario. Goal Keeper Scott Edwards was beaten on a shot that players are still talking about today. Going into the half the HC team were a little deflated having given up a late goal before half as they were hoping to enter the second half on an even score with Ontario. After the first half it was obvious that the skill and technical level of Ontario was far more superior the HC and it was going to be a struggle to maintain any type of tactical possession. The second half was a mirror of the first and Ontario were now finding the net and the score indicated that aspect. Ontario were composed and organized and everything they did seemed effortless and their ability to control the pace of the

game was clear. Holy Cross still performed as best they could against a far more superior team and showed a tremendous amount of professionalism and respect to their opponents. The game was played with fair play and appreciation of the celebration of great players on both sides enjoying the moment of competing at a National level.

#### Nova Scotia 3 vs Quebec 1

The Quebec team in this game continued with the same style as their first. They were playing against a NS team that were fit and skilled and the Quebec team were having a hard time adjusting. The referee in this game was again struggling to keep the game under control and several cautions were given and this seemed to only heighten the tempers on Quebec. With any type of contact the players on Quebec were embellishing fouls looking for any opportunities to gain an advantage and the referee was not having anything to do it. Nova Scotia scored first and the game became more combative. To their credit the NS team were not getting involved with the antics of the Quebec team and preferred to let the referee deal with it. NS stuck to their game plan and continued to dominate the second half resulting in two more goals and. The game had several altercations in the second half and one Quebec player was shown his second caution of the match and resulted in his team finishing with 10. The Quebec team showed little character and overall poor sportsmanship in a tournament that is meant to celebrate older players still able to compete and enjoy the great game.

#### Day 4

#### Seeding and Championship Game

#### NL(Holy Cross) 4 vs N.B.( Saint John) 1

This was the last day of competition and teams were all battered and bruised. The seeding games were a good way to end a hard tournament and enjoy one last game with teams before heading home. This game was a friendly game with both teams having fun and trying to maintain some sense of interest. Holy Cross showed character and class and also the N.B. team showed respect and professionalism in trying to play with little or no contact to end a successful tournament. Again, it's hard to get excited about playing for 5 and 6.

#### **N.B (Fredericton) 2 vs Quebec 0 (Bronze Medal Game)**

N.B played for the bronze and deservingly won. Quebec played with little interest and with no chance on the Gold medal didn't really muster any form of attack or interest. The result showed the better team on the day.

#### **Ontario 1 vs Nova Scotia 0 (Gold Medal Game)**

Ontario was the class team of the tournament. With a squad of ex-pro players they showed why they were the best team in the tournament. While NS tried to compete and even had a few scoring opportunities Ontario never lost focus or composure on the game. Both teams played hard and fair. Also, both teams displayed integrity and fair play was exhibited throughout the game. It was a pleasure to watch.

### **Officiating:**

Generally speaking the officiating at this tournament had some concerns. The range in which some of the officials showed their knowledge of the game would at times come into question. I know that from our own standards that we hold NLSA Officials too seemed to be much higher for a National Tournament. Having 4 officials dressed in the same uniform makes for a lasting impression on both teams and spectators. This was one area that was a struggle at this tournament. Also, the ability to control some high-level games did not seem to be evident to me. Throughout the tournament there were times when the officials looked confused as to what would be the appropriate call. I understand that we do not need to or even want to under mind the integrity of the officiating but we must always look at what is expected of officials and ensure we provide the quality that is demanded at a National Tournament.

### **Accommodations:**

The accommodations were excellent and the service was also high quality. There were no issues with late check outs or areas of concern to deal with. The team was were professional in all areas of their conduct and were great ambassadors of the province.

### **Playing Facilities:**

The playing facilities were excellent and well maintained. Portable washrooms were available at the field as well as water and Gatorade was also made available to all teams at game time.

### **CSA Representatives:**

This was my first opportunity to represent the NLSA at a National Tournament and I would like to extend my appreciation by saying thank you to both Ron O'Neil Tournament Chairperson, and Judi Kelloway CSA Competitions Committee for their continued support and guidance every day. They were a valuable resource to me anytime there was a question to be answered.

# **2018 U13 Boys Atlantic Club Soccer Championships**

**NLSA Representative: Stephen Leonard**

**Date: Sep 20 to 23**

**Location: Halifax, NS**

### **Pre Tournament Meetings:**

The pre-competition meeting conference call, took place at 7pm on WEDNESDAY evening September 19th, attached is the agenda. Please ensure one representative from each team is in attendance on the call, ensure this person can decide on team colors and communicate to the team. It was point out that one of the PEI teams had dropped from the tournament and that another NS team was added in its place.

**Opening Ceremonies:**

No opening ceremonies.

**Transportation:**

Players got bus from Airport to hotel and walked from hotel to BMO Soccer field for games.

**Officiating:**

During one game the officials walked off the field after the game not shaking hands with any team. Players went to shake hands of officials but were waved off by them. During the final game for bronze there were some calls that seemed wrong. At one-point SJ was called for offside on a corner kick which would have tied the game up.

**Accommodations:**

Both teams, coaches and Provincial rep stayed at Future Inns which was very close to BMO Soccer Field. The hotel did have a restaurant which was available to players/coaches.

**Medical:**

There was a medical person that was available to check on injured players during the matches and help with injuries.

**Players Conduct:**

There were no reports of any issues with players conduct reported back to the Provincial rep.

**Playing Facilities:**

The BMO Soccer Center was an indoor soccer field. They had many change rooms and field condition seemed fine. They had lots of seating for people to watch the games.

**Newfoundland Final Standings:**

Feildians Athletic Association (NL #2) finished 5 with a 5 to 2 win over Fundy Soccer Club (Fundy) (NB #2). St. John's Soccer Club (NL #1) won bronze over Halifax County (HCU) (NS #3) with a 6 to 5 Penalty kick win after finishing the game 2 to 2.

**Closing Comments**

Feildians games were played always the early games. Schedule should be double checked for that kind of scheduling. There were no serious issues that were brought to my attention.



# 2018 U13 Girls Atlantic Club Soccer Championships

**NLSA Representative: Scott Betts**

**Date: Sep 20 to 23**

**Location: Charlottetown, PEI**

**Pre Tournament Meetings:** No pre-tournament meetings were held

**Opening Ceremonies:** No opening ceremonies were held

**Transportation:** All tournament transportation was provided by the traveling teams themselves. A bus was shared for travel to and from the Halifax airport. The teams arranged for separate rental vehicles throughout tournament participation.

**Officiating:** The host provided quality senior officials throughout the tournament.

**Practices:** Neither team held a practice throughout the tournament.

**Special Events:** No special events took place throughout the tournament.

**Accommodations:** The Holiday Inn Express was the host hotel and was very clean and quiet.

**Medical:** The host provided physio at every game.

**Players Conduct:** Both NL teams were extremely well behaved both on and off the field throughout the tournament.

**Playing Facilities:** Two turf fields (UPEI and Cornwall) were excellent.

**Clothing:** The host sold tournament shirts on site throughout the tournament.

**Media:** To my knowledge, there was no media on site at the tournament.

**Photography:** To my knowledge, there was no photographer on site at the tournament.

**Closing Ceremonies:** No closing ceremonies were held.

**Newfoundland Final Standings:** Final Rankings were as follows, CBS #5 and SJ #6

**Closing Comments:** The U13 Atlantic Club Championships, is a great tournament for the players. The format is excellent and the exposure two clubs from each province receive is well worth continuing. My only recommendation, would be as follows...for the teams finishing out of the medal games. Perhaps we should consider juggling the teams for the 5<sup>th</sup> v 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> v 8th games so a province does not play another team from their province.

# 2018 U15 Club Nationals

**NLSA Representative: Chris Bartlett**

**Date: October 3-8, 2018**

**Location: Laval, QC**

## **Overview:**

The teams for NL were CBS Strikers for the girls and Feildians for the boys.

The U15 Girls finished 11<sup>th</sup> overall, with hard fought loses against Quebec and Manitoba in the qualification phase of the tournament. This put the team in the 9 – 12 group in the seeding phase. The girls had a 1-2 record in this phase with loses to New Brunswick and PEI and a win over the Yukon.

The U15 Boys finished 8<sup>th</sup> overall, with a strong opening match win against Saskatchewan and a loss to Quebec in the qualification phase of the tournament. This put the boys up against Quebec 2, silver medal winners, in the ¼ finals where they battled all game but lost the match 4-0. Then the boys played New Brunswick and lost 3-2 but played much of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half down a player. This placed the team in the 7/8 placing game vs Yukon and with a short bench they lost 3-2.

**The Pre-Tournament Meeting** was very organized and proceeded in a timely manner. Canada Soccer Match Commissioner, Danny Bowie along with Canada Soccer staff and the LOC provided a good overview of the tournament and their expectations, with Danny expressing his wish that the reps work as an effective team on and off the field and support each other. We were (mostly) a cohesive and supportive unit.

**The LOC** in Laval was made up of committed local volunteers who had limited experience in hosting a national tournament. This created some growing pains but they were resolved quickly. On site medical services, clothing, and photography were well received. The LOC also hosted a wonderful meal for visiting reps.

**Venue:** (Complexe Multi-Sports de Laval): This is a well-appointed centre with 2 artificial turf fields and several grass fields. The grass fields used on Days 1-4 of the tournament were good, but the fields used on days 5 and 6 were in bad shape. The use of the grass fields on days 5 and 6 were caused by an event that will be discussed later in this report.

**Venue:** (Hotels): The tournament hotels were well equipped, however there were long delays in having rooms ready for our teams when they arrived, particularly given the early time of day.

On closing day, the hotel extended check out times on some rooms so that people could freshen up for flights and store their luggage.

**Transportation:** Bussing was a challenge on the first day of the tournament for all teams using tournament transportation but seem to get better as the tournament progressed. Leaving for the field 2 hours in advance was not an issue, but the return trip was scheduled for 30-60 minutes post-game, which was entirely too long of a wait.

#### **Schedule:**

Because there were 12 teams in each division, groups played a three-team preliminary round robin for seeding. This meant that each team had one day off during the first three days of tournament play.

#### **Discipline**

3 players from the boys team had to serve suspensions in the final match vs Yukon. Patrick Hurley (3 Yellow Cards), Edmund Oates (Violent Conduct) and Colby Stephen (Violent Conduct). E. Oates got a red card in the 53' minute for an altercation with the NB Keeper, it was behind the play and I did not see it. C. Stephen got a red card in the 70' minute (after the final whistle) for kicking the ball at a NB player. Both received 3 game suspensions and got referred to the Canada Soccer Discipline Committee.

#### **Injury: Hannah Fudge (Oct 5)**

In the first match of the tournament for the girls Hannah Fudge injured her arm just before half time. She needed an ambulance to bring her to the hospital for treatment. Hannah's parents were at the match and accompanied her to the hospital. The result was Hannah broke her arm and had to return the next day to see a specialist. She returned to the team on Saturday Oct 6.

#### **Fieldians vs Quebec 2 (Panellinos Montreal FC) After Match Incident (Oct 6)**

After the final whistle players came together in an altercation. The Quebec coaches and substitutes left the technical area and got involved. The Fieldians substitutes and coaches also got involved. Both team staffs were on the field with what looked like the intent to separate the players. But a Quebec team staff member got physical with a Fieldians player when no other Quebec players were around him. The Fieldians player was moving away from the main altercation area when he was physically assaulted by this Quebec team staff member. Another Quebec team staff member had to pull him away from the Fieldians player. From my point of view the Quebec team staff member was the aggressor in this altercation and had lost control of himself. The referee only issued 1 yellow card per team for this altercation, so no tournament discipline action took place. This match was streamed by Canada Soccer and the video of the match can be viewed at <https://sportscanada.tv/canadasoccer/archives/2252>.

After the altercation ended Canada Soccer staff did a great job keeping both teams separated until both teams left the complex.

After both teams left the complex I had a phone call with Doug Redmond to advise him of the event and to get guidance. After consultation Doug's recommendation was to report the incident to Canada Soccer via the whistleblower's hotline for Code of Conduct and Ethics violations. I filed that report on October 7.

### **Fieldians/Quebec 2 (Panellinos Montreal FC) Mall Incident (Oct 7)**

Just before the reps meeting on Oct 7 I received a text from Charlie Simmonds that some Quebec players confronted some Fieldians players. I immediately reported the incident to the Match Commissioner, Danny Bowie. I was asked to get more details, so I talked to C. Simmonds and got the full report from him. Then C. Simmonds talked the D. Bowie about what the players told him and how he came to know of the incident. After that D. Bowie, Dragos Niculescu (General Coordinator), C. Simmonds and myself talked to the 3 Fieldians players involved in the incident and asked them if then could identify the Quebec players from the player photos submitted for the tournament. The Fieldians players were able to identify 1 Quebec player 100% but the other 4 Quebec players they could not be positively identified.

D. Bowie asked me to write an official complaint and have C. Simmonds and each of the 3 Fieldians players also write a statement to submit. See attached.

### **Field 3 and Field 4 Closures Tournament Days 5 and 6**

On the final match slot of Oct 6, the match between New Brunswick and Yukon (on field 3) was abandoned due to an Assistant Referee being shot with an airsoft rifle fired from an apartment building adjacent to the field. Police were called and handled the incident.

At the reps meeting that evening we had a long discussion on what to do moving forward with fields 3 and 4. It was decided that fields 3 and 4 would not be used for the last 2 days of the tournament.

### **Boys Championship Match**

After the final whistle of the boy's championship match between Ontario and Quebec 2 a major incident occurred. Players came together in an altercation. The Quebec 2 coaches, looked to me, to get physical with the referee. Several Quebec 2 supporters tried to get on the field to get involved in the altercation. Panellinos Montreal FC president, Andy Kontogiannis, lost control of himself and had to be held back from getting involved. Myself, the NB Rep and the SK Rep were standing between him and the gate to the field. I recall thinking at that point that I have no place to go that is any safer than here and I better get ready because he is going to come at us and we are going to have to defend ourselves. I plan on filing a Code of Conduct and Ethics report about this incident.

## **2018 U17 Club Nationals**

**NLSA Representative: Charlie Babstock**

**Date: October 3-8, 2018**

**Location: Surrey, BC**

## **2018 Senior Club Nationals**

**NLSA Representative: Doug Redmond**

**Date: October 3-8, 2018**

**Location: Saskatoon, SK**

### **Seeding and Results**

#### **Ladies**

Newfoundland 4 Nova Scotia 0

Newfoundland 1 Saskatchewan 1

Newfoundland 0 British Columbia 1

Newfoundland 1 Quebec 6

Newfoundland Ladies finished fourth; and won the Fair Play Award

## **Men**

Newfoundland 4 Manitoba 2

Newfoundland 0 Ontario 2

Newfoundland 3 North West Territories 1

Newfoundland 1 Quebec 1

Newfoundland 1 Saskatchewan 1(Won PK)

Newfoundland finished fourth

## **Discipline**

There were no discipline problems on or off the field. Behaviors of both teams were very good during the tournament. Holy Cross Ladies won the Fair Play Award

## **Officiating**

The officiating was professional and consistent throughout the tournament

## **Accommodations:**

Hotel accommodations were good. All teams and provincial representatives stayed at the Sheraton (Women), Radisson (Men and Provincial Representatives)

## **Transportation**

The host provided chartered buses to and from the Airport and to and from the games; plus a practice for each team. Most games were played at Umea Park and the Saskatoon Kinsmen/Henk Ruys Soccer Centre which were grass fields; and some games were played at the Sasktel Sports Centre which were turf fields

## **Medical/Physio**

There were medical personnel at both facilities where all games were played.

## **Venues:**

Most of the games were played on grass facilities and some games were played on turf. Both complexes were good and there were no issues with either facility.

## **Socials Events**

There was a provincial rep social held on Friday evening which was optional as there were a number of games going on same time of the social. Most provincial representatives attended a very nice evening.

## **Merchandise**

Merchandise was sold at both facilities throughout the tournament. Teams were also given the option to purchase merchandise online.

### **Opening and Closing Ceremonies**

Opening Ceremonies was a ceremonial coin toss and kick off before the Saskatchewan Alberta vs British Columbia game on Wednesday October 3rd. Teams were not required to attend the opening ceremonies but provincial representatives were required to attend the opening ceremonies. Andy Sharpe CSA Honorary Life member and former CSA president was in attendance for coin toss.

Closing ceremonies were for medal winners, top scorers and fair play team winners.

It was appreciated only provincial representative had to attend opening ceremonies; and also appreciated that teams who medaled along with provincial representatives had to attend closing ceremonies. Provinces were pleased with the opening and closing ceremonies.

### **CSA Rep and Host Committee**

Don Dancy, Match Commissioner, Lindsay MacAskall, General Coordinator, Ian Chaytor, Assistant General Coordinator, Judi Kelloway, CSA Competitions Chair, Bob Sawtell, Supervisor of Officials and host committee were visible all throughout the tournament. Cooperation from tournament organizers, and CSA appointed staff was extremely good. The officials, assessors and official Coordinator did a good job.

### **Media**

CSA media and home media provided good media coverage of the tournament. NLSA twitter, face book, Gord Cast and local media provided good coverage throughout the tournament.

### **Pre-Tournament Meeting**

Don Dancy, Lindsay MacAskall, Ian Chaytor, Bob Sawtellr ran the pre-tournament meeting on Tuesday, October 2nd. Rules of the tournament were reviewed, tournament logistics were discussed and officials' laws of the game were discussed. Cast and braces were checked. There was a pre-tournament provincial representative meeting held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> prior to the pre-tournament meeting. There was also a nightly meeting at 10:00pm for provincial representatives General Coordinator and Assistant General Coordinator, Match Commissioner and to basically go over events and concerns of the day, give out team colors for the next day and give out potential breaches. The 10:00 pm nightly meeting was a good time to have a meeting as it permitted provincial representatives to be available to teams throughout the day and evening. Provinces found reviewing the colours again at the pre-tournament to be time consuming and frustrating. Teams had to submit their colors prior to the tournament; and found it unnecessary to have CSA officials go and review the colors of the uniforms unnecessary.

### **Hospitality Room**

There was a hospitality room provided by the host committee from Wednesday to Sunday for provincial representatives, coaches and players. Hospitality room was appreciated by all who attended.

### **Closing Ceremonies**

Teams who were to receive medals and officials were required to attend closing ceremonies; along with award winners.

### **Closing Comments**

Tournament went very well; cooperation from CSA appointed staff and local organizers was very good and much appreciated.

Cooperation from Newfoundland players, coaches, managers and parents on and off the field was extremely good. I wish to thank both teams and there staff for a very good tournament.

The number of breaches that were given throughout the tournament was minimal.

The tournament was about the players and officials.

Hotels commented on how good the teams were in the hotel.

Thanks to Dorothy Hickey on all her work prior to the tournament.