



Newfoundland and Labrador
Soccer Association

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Tournament Procedures and Formats

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1 TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

1.1 General

- 1.1.1 Mega tournaments may be held at the youth or senior level as deemed beneficial by the Association.
- 1.1.2 In the event that a host club fails to qualify for the final weekend in Challenge Cup, Jubilee Trophy or PYL the final will be held on the Avalon Peninsula for that year, chosen by the appropriate NLSA VP in consultation with the NLSA Exec Committee.
- 1.1.3 Tournament rules and game duration will be decided by the appropriate Vice President.
- 1.1.4 The Mega tournament format will depend on the number of teams entering. There will be a preliminary round and then a series of Championship levels. The start day will be determined by the number of teams entered and the number of fields available.
- 1.1.5 The Technical Staff of the NLSA, in consultation with the VP Youth, may change the format of the Final Weekend in any PYL for the betterment of soccer at the youth level.

1.2 Championship Host Rotation

1.2.1 Senior

- a) Challenge Cup Rotation:
2021 Venue to be decided after following COVID guidelines if still in place at the time of competition.
- b) Provincial Men's Intermediate Mega Rotation
2021 Venue to be decided after following COVID guidelines if still in place at the time of competition.
- c) Provincial Masters Rotation:
2021 Venue to be decided after following COVID guidelines if still in place at the time of competition.
- d) Jubilee Trophy
2021 Venue to be decided after following COVID guidelines if still in place at the time of competition.

e) Intermediate Women

2021 Venue to be decided after following COVID guidelines if still in place at the time of competition.

1.2.2 Youth

a) PYL – All leagues

2021 Venue to be decided after following COVID guidelines if still in place at the time of competition.

1.3 Youth

1.3.1 Clubs in PYL are only eligible to host if they have registered and played in that division for the previous two consecutive seasons. Clubs may apply to host Youth Mega tournaments provided they have a team in that year of competition.

1.3.2 Youth Soccer Levels of Play:

1.3.2.1 **PYL U13, U15 and U17** This is designed to have regional and/or club teams representing each region. The winning teams from this level will move on to represent NLSA in U13 Atlantics and U15 and U17 National Club Competitions

1.3.2.2 **Megas:**

a) **U-13: Teams will register for one of the following divisions:**

i) A/B

This division will be for the top teams within clubs and/or regions. Teams entering this level of competition will compete against tier 1 and tier 2 teams.

ii) C/D

This division is designed to have the smaller clubs compete against each other at a tier 3 or tier 4 level.

iii) E/F

This division is designed for teams and clubs in the beginning level of development.

iv) G/H

This division will be implemented only when the number of teams warrants another division of play.

b) **U-15 and U17 (U18 for 2021):**

Teams will register for one of the following divisions:

i) A/B

This division is designed for club teams at a tier 2 or 3 level.

- ii) C/D
This division is designed to have smaller clubs compete against each other.
- iii) E/F
This division will be implemented only when the number of teams warrants another division of play.

1.3.3 The NLSA reserves the right to evaluate a team's selected level of competition to ensure that all teams are competing at the best level for their caliber.

2 TOURNAMENT DRAWS FOR MEGA TOURNAMENTS

2.1 Teams will be seeded on the previous year's results

2.2 All scheduled games in a tournament must be played.

2.3 Two team tournament: The best 2 out of 3. If the two teams are tied after Game 2, Game 3 must be played to a conclusion.

2.4 **Three team tournament:**

Game 1	A v C
Game 2	B v C
Game 3	A v B
Game 4	2nd v 3rd (not for Tournament A)
Game 5	Championship

2.5 **Four team tournament:** Round robin—eight (8) games. The top two teams shall play for the championship and **in youth only** there will be a game to decide 3rd place.

Game 1	A v D
Game 2	B v C
Game 3	A v C
Game 4	B v D
Game 5	A v B
Game 6	C v D
Game 7	Consolation Game 3 v 4 (Bronze Medal)
Game 8	Championship Game

- 2.6 **Five team tournament:** Round robin–eleven (11) games. The top two teams shall play for the championship. Bronze Medal Game will be determined by the 3rd place finisher in the round robin.

Game 1	A v E
Game 2	B v D
Game 3	C v E
Game 4	A v D
Game 5	B v C
Game 6	D v E
Game 7	A v C
Game 8	B v E
Game 9	C v D
Game 10	A v B
Game 11	Championship Game

- 2.7 **Six team tournament:**

Group 1		Group 2	
A		B	
D		C	
E		F	
Game 1	A v E		
Game 2	B v F		
Game 3	E v D		
Game 4	F v C		
Game 5	A v D		
Game 6	B v C		
Game 7	2 nd Group 1 v 1 st Group 2		
Game 8	2 nd group v 1 st Group 1		
Game 9	3 rd Group 1 v 3 rd Group 2		
Game 10	Loser Game 7 v Loser Game 8		
Game 11	Winner Game 7 v Winner Game 8		

- 2.8 **Eight team tournament:**

Group 1		Group 2	
A		B	
D		C	
E		F	
H		G	
Game 1	A v H		

Game 2	B v G
Game 3	D v E
Game 4	C v F
Game 5	A v E
Game 6	B v F
Game 7	D v H
Game 8	C v G
Game 9	A v D
Game 10	B v C
Game 11	E v H
Game 12	F v G
Game 13	1 st Group 1 v 2 nd Group 2
Game 14	1 st Group 2 v 2 nd Group 1
Game 15	3 rd of Group 1 v 3 rd of Group 2 (5 th and 6 th Places)
Game 16	4 th Group 1 v 4 th Group 2 (7 th and 8 th Places)
Game 17	Loser Game 13 v Loser Game 14 (3 rd and 4 th Places)
Game 18	Winner Game 13 v Winner Game 14 (1 st and 2 nd Places)

2.9 Ten team tournament:

Group 1		Group 2	
A		B	
D		C	
E		F	
H		G	
I		J	
Game 1		A v I	
Game 2		B v J	
Game 3		D v H	
Game 4		C v G	
Game 5		E v I	
Game 6		F v J	
Game 7		A v H	
Game 8		B v G	
Game 9		D v E	
Game 10		C v F	
Game 11		H v I	
Game 12		G v J	
Game 13		A v E	
Game 14		B v F	
Game 15		D v I	
Game 16		C v J	
Game 17		E v H	
Game 18		F v G	
Game 19		A v D	
Game 20		B v C	
Game 21		2 nd Group 1 v 2 nd Group 2 (3 rd and 4 th places)	
Game 22		1 st Group 1 v 1 st Group 2 (1 st and 2 nd Places)	