

Newfoundland & Labrador
Soccer Association



December 2020
Newsletter

From the President

What a year.

I realize that's a bit of an understatement given the impact that COVID-19 had on our members in 2020. But I think it's a year that made us appreciate the beautiful game more than ever.

As COVID-19 wreaked havoc with our daily lives, we all had adjustments to make. Some clubs didn't offer programming at all, while others reduced their offerings. Our provincial teams program was cancelled when it became clear that we would not be able to travel outside the province, and our Premier Youth League and Johnson Insurance Challenge Cup were limited to teams in the Eastern Health Region.

But our staff, clubs and supporters rose to the occasion, moving training, coaching and referee development online, and finding innovative new ways to keep players and officials engaged through the winter. We worked closely with Canada Soccer, SportNL and the Department of Health to develop a protocol that got our teams back on the field for training, and eventually to league play. This included doing risk assessments and working with communities on their safety measures.

On Thanksgiving weekend, a time when our clubs are normally at national championships, we held our final weekend for the Premier Youth League, Breen's Jubilee Trophy and the Johnson Insurance Challenge Cup. This made us the only province in the country to declare provincial champions.

Also that weekend, we formally recognized Holy Cross and St. Lawrence Laurentians as Canada Soccer Organizations of Distinction for their outstanding contributions to sport in the province.

We also started to look ahead to the 2025 Canada Summer Games to be hosted in Newfoundland and Labrador. We've identified a cohort of players and coaches who will work together over the next five years to ensure we are ready to compete with the best in the country.

In terms of officials, three instructors attended a 16 hour on-line national instructors workshop in November, and Martin Batterson, our national assessor, video assessed CPL games out of PEI this summer. Additionally, we now have three accredited instructors to train Futsal referees. A big focus in 2021 will be referee recruitment and training.

Off the field, we added the new region of Paradise to the provincial board in recognition of that area's substantial growth. Just recently the town council announced plans for a turf field for the community. Over the summer, the Town of Gander announced plans for a turf field in its community. Both welcome additions to our growing soccer community.

Seven clubs completed their certifications under Canada Soccer's club licensing program which ensures consistent standards to support club and player development. Congratulations to St. John's Soccer Club, Feildians Athletic Association, Corner Brook Minor Soccer Association, Paradise Soccer Club, Happy Valley Goose Bay Minor Soccer, Mount Pearl Soccer Association and Conception Bay South Soccer Association.

We also had the great pleasure of making Gord Dunphy an Honorary Lifetime Member of the NLSA. Gord is well known as a former player, coach and executive member, and has brought the game into many homes, cellphones and laptops through his Facebook Live program 'The Gordcast.'

We learned a lot in 2020 and will be ready to hit the pitch in 2021, stronger and ready to help clubs expand programming.

A heartfelt thank you to all who came together to make this season possible: clubs, associations, coaches, players, parents and supporters. You did us all proud, embraced the challenges, accepted the disruptions, and found new ways to make soccer possible in the province.

Warmest wishes for a safe holiday season, and a prosperous and soccer-filled New Year!

Doug

2020 By The Numbers

- 5015 youth and senior players
- 148 officials registered at youth, regional, district and provincial levels
- 341 coaches registered at the youth and senior levels
- 11 completed first Goalkeeper Diploma course
- 8 coaches completed Active Start program (online)
- 10 coaches completed Fundamentals program (online)
- 20 coaches completed Learn to Train program (online);
- 14 completed both the online and on-field modules
- 56 coaches completed Soccer for life program (online);
- 40 completed both the online and on-field modules2 coaches completed National "C" Licence certification (Congratulations Rudy Norman and Steve Jamieson)
- 23 coaches completed National "C" Licence training (assessments pending)
- 7 coaches completed National "B" Licence (assessments pending)
- 1 coach completed the re-certification National B part 1 (Congratulations Hannah Noseworthy)

2020 PYL CHAMPIONS



Boys Under 13 - St. John's Soccer Club



Girls Under 13 - St. John's Soccer Club



Boys Under 15 - Paradise Soccer Club



Girls Under 15 - St. John's Soccer Club



Boys Under 17 - Feildians Athletic Association



Girls Under 17 - St. John's Soccer Club

2020 SENIOR CHAMPIONS



Johnson Insurance Challenge Cup – Holy Cross Kirby Group



Breen's Jubilee Trophy – Holy Cross Avalon Ford



Intermediate Women's (Tier 1) – Slayers



Intermediate Women's (Tier 2) – Browning Harvev



Intermediate Men (Tier 1) - Internationals



Intermediate Men (Tier 2) - Feildians



Masters - Holy Cross Trinity Pub

HONOR ROLL

Johnson Insurance Challenge Trophy

All-Star Team

- GK Sam Hawco, Holy Cross
- DF Mike O'Brien, Holy Cross
- DF Andrew Stanford, Holy Cross
- DF Alex Pretty, Holy Cross
- DF Marc Pittman, St. Lawrence
- M Kyle Ryan, CBS
- M Bobby Gamba, Feildians
- M Jordi Slaney, St. Lawrence
- F Tyler Kirby, Holy Cross
- F Emmanuel Dolo, Feildians
- F Owen Sheppard, Holy Cross



Individual Awards

- Bobby Breen award (First place regular season) – Holy Cross
- Alphonsus Warren, Coach of the Year – Bernie Manning, Feildians
- Wils Molloy, Golden Boot – Tyler Kirby, Holy Cross
- Jeff Babstock (Top Defender) – Alex Pretty, Holy Cross
- Jim Goff (Most spirited) – Jacob Westcott, CBS
- Dick Power (MVP regular season) – Mike O'Brien, Holy Cross
- Ed Moyst award (Rookie of the Year) – Owen Sheppard, Holy Cross
- Al Slaney award (Goalkeeper of the year) – Sam Hawco, Holy Cross
- John Breen award (Top Midfielder) – Kyle Ryan, CBS
- MVP playoffs – Jacob Grant, Holy Cross

Breen's Jubilee Trophy

All-Star Team

- Sydney Walsh, Feildians
- Keisha Young, Holy Cross
- Kristyn Lee, Holy Cross
- Jamie King, Feildians
- Briana Pender, Feildians
- Nicole Torrville, Holy Cross
- Bethany Hynes, Feildians
- Katie Joyce, Feildians
- Zoe Rowe, Feildians
- Kat Hickey, Holy Cross
- Holly O'Neill, Holy Cross



Individual Awards

- Jean Thompson award (first place regular season) - Holy Cross
- Top Defender - Briana Pender of Feildians
- Joy Burt award (Most Spirited) - Katie Joyce of Feildians
- Raeleen Baggs award (MVP regular season) - Holly O'Neill, Holy Cross
- Rookie of the Year - Laura Murray, St. John's
- Sandy Faulkner award (Top scorer) - Holly O'Neill, Holy Cross
- Sherry Morrissey award (MVP Playoffs) - Nicole Torrville, Holy Cross
- Ann Woodford award (Most effective and sportsperson like) – Bethany Hynes, Feildians

PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

August

- Senior Female – Holly O'Neill, Holy Cross Avalon Ford
- Senior Male – Tyler Kirby, Holy Cross Kirby Group
- U13 Female – Katelyn Murphy, Paradise
- U13 Male – William Whelan, Feildians
- U15 Female – Grace Nolan, CBS
- U15 Male – Marcus Patterson, Paradise
- U17 Female – Lauren Slaney, St. John's
- U17 Male – Bashar Heddo, St John's

September

- Senior Female – Brianna Pender, Feildians
- Senior Male – Jacob Dyer, Feildians
- U13 Female – Athiei Achek, St. John's
- U13 Male – Ben O'Brien, MPSA
- U15 Female – Mary Whiffen, St. John's
- U15 Male – Ronald Collins, MPSA
- U17 Female – Isabella Ryan, BPSA
- U17 Male – Taj Exley, Feildians

Whitecaps Academy BMO Players of the Month



- October 2020 – Danica Edwards
- November 2020 – Rowan Antle
- December 2020 – Bethany Lee

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NLSA Provincial Team Camps

Winter – Spring – Summer

- January 8-10, 2021
- March 5-7, 2021
- April 16-18, 2021
- April 30-May 2, 2021 June 4-6, 2021
- Pre -Atlantic Camps: TBA
- U12 -U13 August Camps: TBA

Atlantic Tournament

To be confirmed when travel restrictions are lifted

- U13/U14 Girls: NL – July 3-6, 2021
- U13/U14 Boys: PEI – July 3-6, 2021
- U15/U16 Girls: NB – June 26-29, 2021
- U15/U16 Boys: NS – June 26-29, 2021

Vancouver Whitecaps Program

- Winter Program: January 4 - March 26, 2021
- Summer Program: July 11 – September 19, 2021

NLSA Provincial Team Try-Out Dates

- U12: September 24-26, 2021
- U13 – U17: October 15-17, 2021 (Boys or Girls)
- U13 – U17: October 22-24, 2021 (Girls or Boys)

NLSA Provincial Team Camps – Fall

- U12/U13: October 29-31, 2021
- U14-U17: November 5-7, 2021

Technical Committee Meetings

- April 24, 2021
- December 4, 2021

Technical Leader Update Calls

- February 17, 2021
- May 12, 2021
- August 18, 2021

Coaching

Courses & Education Dates

Provincial Staff Workshops

- January 7, 2021
- March 6, 2021
- April 15, 2021

Coaching Education

Community Courses

Online modules are currently available

- Active Start on-field workshop: June 4, 2021
- Fundamentals on-field workshop: June 4, 2021
- Learn to Train on-field workshop: May 13, 2021 Soccer for life on-field workshop: May 13, 2021

Canada Soccer License Courses

- C License online start date: March 8, 2021 on field session May 14, 2021
- B License online start date: March 1, 2021 on field session May 21, 2021

Open Coaching Education Sessions at Techniplex

- Jan 14-21-28, 2021
- Feb 4-11-18-25, 2021
- March 11-18, 2021
- April 1-8, 2021

NLSA GK Diploma Course

- May 15-16, 2021 (location to be confirmed)

