SUNSPLASH 2025 Frequently Asked Questions - Parents and Participants

Welcome to Sunsplash 2025! With 165 teams competing over 4 action-packed days, this is one of the largest youth soccer events in Atlantic Canada. Whether you're a parent, grandparent, sibling, or player, this guide will help you enjoy the tournament and support a positive experience for all.

Q: Where will the games be hosted?

A: Paradise Soccer Club is excited to host you! As SunSplash has gotten so big we have had to enlist the help of our neighbouring communities!

Games will be held at the **Dianne Whalen Soccer Complex (Paradise)**, **Peter Barry Duff Park (Paradise)**, **Team Gushue Sports Complex (Mt. Pearl)**, **Central Fields(Mount Pearl)**

Q: How will I know where and when my games will be?

A: Sunsplash schedules are posted on the Sunsplash Website (LINK!!!!). QR codes to access the schedule will also be posted on site at all four fields.

Q: How do I get to the fields?

A: Google Maps got you covered!!

Dianne Whalen Soccer Complex

Peter Barry Duff Park

Team Gushue Sports Complex

Mount Pearl Central Fields

Q: Anything I need to know about traffic?

A: Yes!! As this year NL is hosting Canada Summer Games, the torch relay will be going through our town on July 25th at 11am, starting at the Orange Store on Kenmount Road and heading to Paradise Park. While there will be no road closure, traffic will be slow moving and you will need to consider this, especially if you have games around that window of time. *This will significantly impact traffic heading to the field, so please take this into consideration.*

Q: Where do I park?

A: Parking will be available at the fields. Overflow parking is available at Paradise Intermediate School. Staff will be on site to monitor and assist with parking. Please be patient and respectful of staff and volunteers working to make this tournament successful.

Please note: The parking lot at Dianne Whalen 3, is now one way and angled parking is expected.

Q: Will there be food?

A: Yes. There will be Food Trucks (Ziggy's & Big R) at Dianne Whalen Sports Complex. Mount Pearl hosts a canteen service at the Team Gushue Complex, and we will be onsite at Peter Barry Duff for canteen service as well. You are also always encouraged to visit some of the local restaurants and eating establishments in Paradise. Tacos, Sushi, Pizza, Chicken, Burgers and brunches can all be found within a relatively short distance from the field.

Q: Are volunteers running the tournament?

A: Yes! Most of our team are volunteers! A smile, thank you, or a helping hand goes a long way!

Q: Can I get a Hoodie/Sunsplash Merch?

A: Did you miss the pre-order? No worries! Universal Corporate Wear will be onsite taking orders and printing hoodies on site. PSC will also be selling Croc Giblets and some limited edition, very cool Sunglasses at the Canteen!

Q: What about if I have a question during the tournament?

A: We have a team of volunteers and staff that will be on site to help you out. We will be out and about. Look for our bright shirts and feel free to come up to us and check in as needed. We also will be headquartered up by the Canteen (Don't worry you will quickly come to know where that is!)

Q: What kind of tournament culture are you promoting?

A: Sunsplash is about competition, community, and character!

We encourage:

- *Cheerful, supportive sidelines.
- *Respect for referees and volunteers.
- *Fair play, even in tough games.
- *A focus on fun and team-building!

Q: Why are there so many young referees?

A: Sunsplash is committed to developing local youth in all areas of the game, including officiating.

Please remember:

- *Referees are learning ~ just like the players.
- *Mistakes happen ~ they are part of the game.
- *Abuse of referees will not be tolerated by anyone.