



2024 Annual MPSA All-Star Report

As the new All-Star Director, I was very excited to join the board in this role. I started as the Treasurer but transitioned to All-Star Director towards the end of the 2024 summer season. Although I have been in this role for a short time, I strongly feel we are taking the right steps forward to improve our programming and better the MPSA Club overall. I am looking forward to hopefully continuing this for the next term.

We had a very successful 2024 season and shaping up to be an even better 2025 for all Metro, CL and PYL teams.

For the 2024 season we had 493 players participate in total:

- 365 in Metro
 - 199 Boys.
 - 166 Girls.
- 61 in CL
 - 48 Boys – On U12,13, and15 teams.
 - 13 Girls – On U12 team.
- 67 in PYL
 - 33 Boys – On U13,15, and 17 teams.
 - 34 Girls – On U13 and 15 teams.

Results:

This season we brought home **19** medals across all divisions and tournaments.

- CL/PL Teams
 - U12 CL – Boys (Silver), Girls (Gold)
 - U15 CL – Boys (Silver)
 - U15 PL – Boys (Silver)
 - U15 PL – Girls (Bronze)
 - U13 Metro T2 – Boys (Gold)
- NLSA Mega
 - U10 T1 – Boys (Silver)
 - U10 T1 – Girls (Gold)
 - U10 T2 – Girls (Bronze)
 - U11 T1 – Girls (Bronze)
 - U11 T2 – Girls (Silver)
 - U11 T3 – Girls (Bronze)

- U12 CL – Boys (Gold)
- U15 CL – Boys (Silver)
- Sunsplash
 - U10 T1 – Girls (Silver)
 - U11 T1 – Girls (Silver)
 - U11 T2 – Girls (Gold)
 - U12 CL – Girls (Gold)
 - U13 T3 – Girls (Bronze)

Challenges and ways to improve from 2024 Season:

- Facility Space over Winter program – It was definitely challenging fitting all our youth in appropriate spaces with appropriate number coaches this past season and seasons before as our club membership continues to rise. There were groups that had way too many players in small areas together with limited coaching staff.
 - **How we will Improve:**
 - We have secured more time in indoor facilities for the 2024/2025 winter season including more time in the Techniplex.
 - We have selected our CL and PYL teams and provided them with the appropriate time and space and coaching staff.
 - All metro groups are in training pools for the winter and have much more manageable numbers per group with their own space and coaching staff.
- Coaching Staff – It was a challenge to ensure every volunteer we had went through the proper application process, retrieved their CRC, and completed the required coaching courses outlined by Soccer Canada and NLSA. As well as proper resources for our coaching staff is not currently available.
 - **How we will Improve:**
 - With the stellar help of our fantastic Office Manager, Danylo, we are both making the best effort we can to reach out to all coaches about getting CRCs in ASAP as they are required for them to coach. Through reminder emails and personal reach outs we are both very confident we will get this from all coaches that have applied and been approved.
 - We will do the same tasks to all coaches to ensure all courses are completed as well.
 - We will be looking to provide coaches with the proper resources and offering further coaching education for those who want/need it. The use of the application AscCloud will be utilized this coming season as well.
 - I do plan to look into proper keeper training/coaching for our groups as well. This is early conversations but something I feel is needed.

- The addition of a new TD will also add to this! As we will be pushing for them to be a big part of coaches' education and development as well as developing further programming.
- **Equipment** – Since I have come on to this board it seems there was push back to purchasing needed equipment for our programs over the winter and summer when it came to purchasing balls, nets, and other equipment resulting in groups not having the proper amounts of said equipment.
 - **How we will Improve:**
 - With the help of our new Treasurer, Dean, as well as Danylo we were able to work out a new budget and purchase the equipment needed to provide the best program we can – Including but not limited to extra needed balls, Ball bags, first aid kits, cones, pinnies, and coaching white boards for many of our groups.
 - We started this past summer season in replacing goals and nets that needed replacing like at the Morris Academy field and will continue to monitor this into next season.
 - For our winter program we utilize a lot of gym floor space, and we are providing Futsal balls to these groups to take advantage of the proper ways to utilize a gym floor.
- **Turf Field** - Our turf field has needed replacement and maintenance for a very long time to the point it has been dangerous at times with parts sinking and the carpet going past its life. On top of this the field lines were made too big and this needs to be addressed.
 - **How we will improve:**
 - Our turf field is being replaced this coming spring and all groundwork needed will be done and new line sizing and color will be taken into consideration as well!

Looking Forward:

For our 2025 season we have **554 players registered** for programs with a projection of **49 teams**:

- 408 in Metro
 - 212 in U7-U9 – Resulting in 13 training pools.
 - 149 in U10-U11 – Resulting in 7 training pools to then be divided into tiers in the spring.
 - 47 in U13 – Resulting in 2 training pools to then be divided into tiers in the spring
- 83 in CL - U12-U15
- 63 in PL - U13-U17

Danylo and I have been hard at work getting the new kits and swag ready for the upcoming season:

- Brand new and much different looking designs for kits, hoodies and tracksuits.
 - This year we are allowing coaches and players to pick their own numbers for jerseys.
- Also providing training tops to all groups which will include last names and numbers on those as well.



Recommendations:

- MPSA needs to have a cap on number of players we take in registration across ALL age groups. With our growing numbers we cannot continue to grow membership without having the facilities to do so and to do so PROPERLY.
- MPSA needs to consider putting together a proper business plan to work with the City of Mount Pearl in getting our own indoor facility.
 - This would solve all of our facilities issues as well as bring in extra income for the club.
- I highly recommend All-Star and Club league directors to work together and with the rest of the board figure out a plan forward for our club league where our Metro teams do not play in club league.
 - There is absolutely no benefit to the tier 1 players or club league players to be playing together. There should be a line of where the player play “like with like” in our club league. Tier 1 players develop bad habits and club league players do not get the touches they should.
 - At the very least for the U10-U13 groups, the tier 1 groups should not be playing in club league

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