



A Year of Growth, Learning, and Success

As 2025 comes to a close, I reflect on my first three months as an Office Administrator with the Mount Pearl Soccer Association (MPSA). It has been an incredibly busy couple of months filled with new experiences, challenges, and achievements.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to our Co-Technical Directors, Vic Dray and Andrew Moyst, and to the volunteer board of directors, led by President Lisa Inkpen, along with our dedicated volunteer coaches, staff members, managers, and all the parents, players, officials, and summer employees who have welcomed me with open arms. Your hard work, commitment, and enthusiasm have made the past couple of months rewarding and enjoyable. I would be remiss if I did not thank Danylo for my smooth transition into the role.

Looking ahead, I remain dedicated to providing the best possible service to our members and ensuring that our programs continue to grow and improve. Together, we aim to create unforgettable soccer experiences that foster a lifelong love for the game.

Annual Milestones

1. All-Star Program Growth

The All-Star Program (Metro League and PYL) had remarkable growth this year. The Mount Pearl Soccer Association had 681 excited athletes register for 2025 Identification Sessions, compared to 564 the previous year (an 18.4% increase). In addition, 668 players registered for the 2026 Metro and Allstar Program, compared to 545 players the previous year (a 22.6% increase). Players are excited to be part of the Mount Pearl Soccer Association.

This achievement highlights the dedication of our Co-Technical Directors, Coach Vic and Coach Andrew, along with the exceptional efforts of our directors and coaching staff. The club anticipates fielding 59 teams in the 2026 season, including 44 U7–U13 Metro League teams and 15 PYL teams, ensuring representation across nearly every age group and gender, including the Girls U17 division.

2. Club & Micro League Program Growth

In Summer 2025, we welcomed 910 players to our programs, including:

- **400 Micro League players (U3–U5)**
- **510 Club League players (U6–U13)**

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A big thank you to our youth staff and volunteer coaches for helping players learn the fundamentals of soccer and ensuring they had an enjoyable and memorable experience.

3. MPSA 2024 Camps

This year, MPSA organized 2 skills and 2 summer camps:

- **Spring and Fall Skills Camps:** Led by Steven Jamieson, these camps focused on essential skills like dribbling, passing, receiving, and shooting. A total of 103 players participated in the Spring camp, and 137 players participated in the Fall camp.
- **Summer Camps:** Two week-long summer camps for U7–U9 and U10–U13 players provided soccer-focused activities and games. Each week, the summer camp averaged 78 children.

Looking ahead, we aim to expand participation in these camps by advertising earlier and more effectively.

Key Highlights

1. Summer Employment Opportunities for Local Youth

In 2025, MPSA received more than 100 applications from local youth students seeking employment opportunities. MPSA employed a total of 55 local youth students to support its summer programs, providing many with their first work experience.

Under the guidance of our experienced coordinators – Courtney, Logan, and Adria – and with outstanding support from our Secretary Marsha Ransome, Club League Director Chris Follett, and Micro League Director Jeffery Imhanzenobe, the programs ran smoothly, offering participants fun and unforgettable soccer experiences.

2. Financial Stability and Program Improvement

MPSA has maintained a strong financial position, ensuring all accounts payable and receivable are up-to-date. Working closely with Treasurer Dean Cormier, All-Star Director Phil Quann, and Technical Staff, a sustainable budget was developed that prioritizes affordability for our members while maintaining delivery of high-quality programs.

3. Grants Secured

MPSA successfully applied for and received several grants in the 2025 season, including:

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- **Canada Summer Jobs 2024 (Federal Government)**
- **Summer Employment Program for Students (NL Government)**
- **NL Wage Support Program**

These grants have played a crucial role in maintaining the affordability of our programs, and we will continue to seek additional funding opportunities in 2025-2026.

4. Club License Renewal

The Mount Pearl Soccer Association is preparing to submit its club license renewal application in the coming months. This renewal is essential to demonstrate to Canada Soccer that our programs, policies, and standards align with their requirements, supporting soccer development in Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador.

5. Tournaments Hosted

In the summer of 2025, MPSA had the privilege of hosting the Boys and Girls U11 NLSA Jamboree Tournaments, and the Final Weekends for the Boys U13 Provincial League, Girls U13 Provincial League, Boys U15 Championship League, Girls U15 Championship League, and the Boys U17 Provincial League Semi-finals. In addition, the MPSA hosted several games for the SunSplash 2025 tournament, in addition to our regular season PYL and Metro League games. We are proud of our youth players who represented MPSA during these events and showed excellent performance and sportsmanship.

A big thank you goes to MPSA Officials Director Shannon Tobin for his dedication to assigning officials to all the Jamborees and Club League games this past summer.

MPSA aims to host more tournaments in the 2026 season to allow all club players to play, compete, and enjoy the game on our home fields.

6. Officials Development

In 2024, MPSA scheduled and hosted 2 Small-sided referee courses and one Entry-level referee course with more than 40 participants. In collaboration with MPSA Officials Director Shannon Tobin and NLSA, we are focused on offering more referee clinics to youth players next season to ensure continued referee development in the club and province, considering the sustainable growth in the popularity of the game.

7. Senior Teams – Challenge Cup and Intermediate Soccer

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MPSA has a total of 7 senior teams competing at various levels, including the MPSA Challenge Cup team and 2 Men's Intermediate teams (1949 FC, Mount Pearl FC), 2 Women's Intermediate teams (1949 FC and MPSA FC), and 2 Master's Teams (Mount Pearl Masters and Ignite FC).

With the growth and expansion of youth programs, MPSA will explore opportunities to register new teams under the MPSA umbrella in the 2026 season. Thanks to Senior Director Will Hearn for overseeing and providing support and guidance to our senior teams.

Sincerely,

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